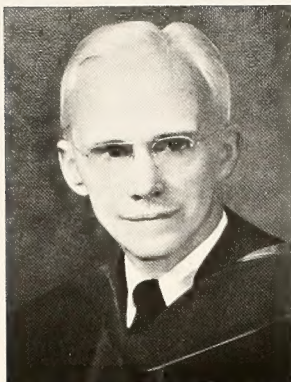


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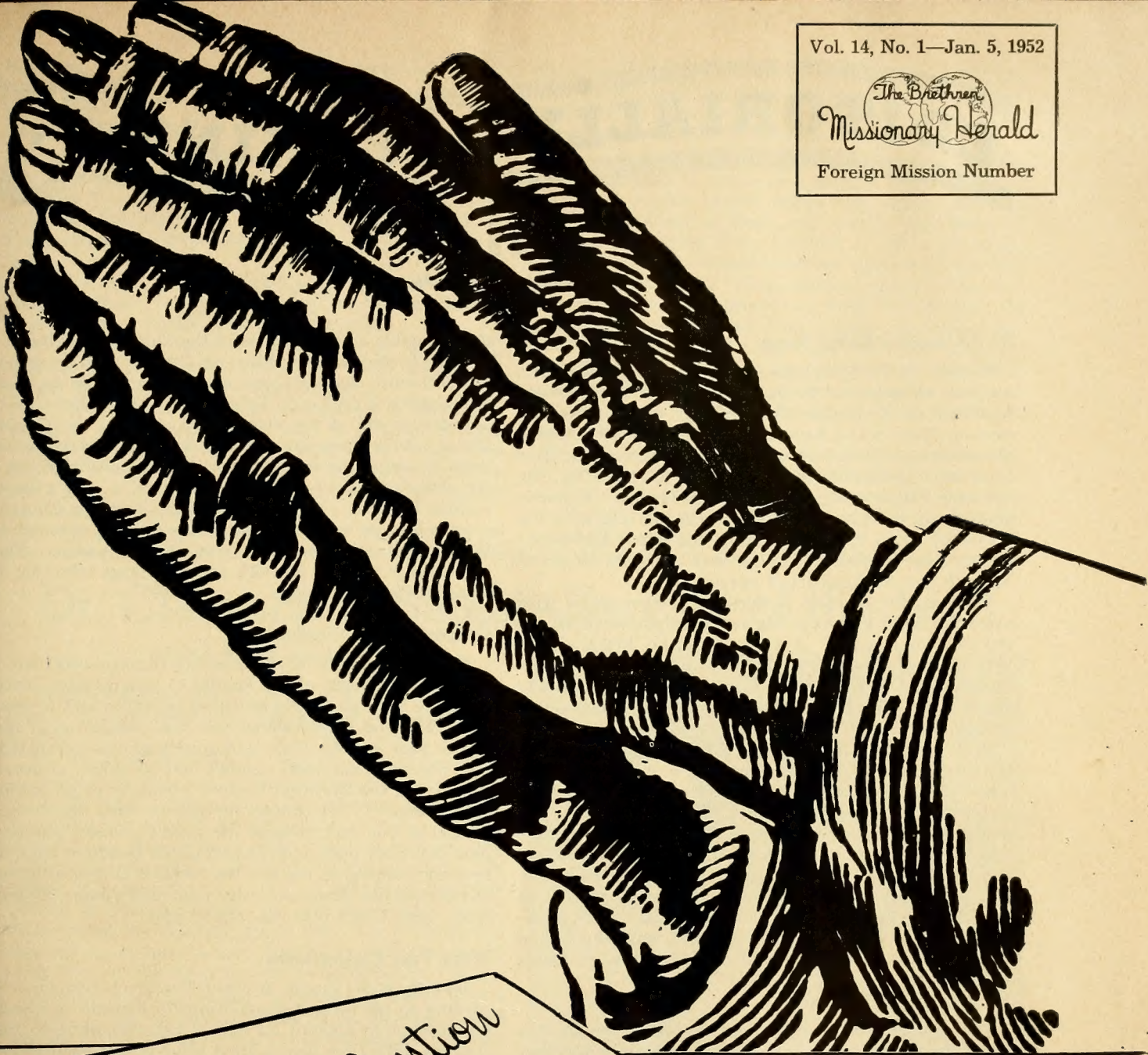
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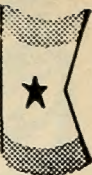
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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION
What would God
have me do
in '52?

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard
Editor, Foreign Mission Number

An Ambassador Called Home

Because of the sweetness of our fellowship together, we were all saddened by the homegoing of Dr. Clarence L. Sickel on December 10. And yet we "sorrow not, even as others which have no hope," for our brother was an ambassador here from the court of heaven and, after 32 years of ambassadorship in the land of Argentina, our heavenly Father called His ambassador home. No honor given to an earthly ambassador upon his return to the homeland could in any way equal the honor and blessing our dear Brother Sickel has been enjoying for about a month now in the court of heaven.

We recognize our loss in that our brother was a wise counselor, with a heart as big as all Argentina, or all the world for that matter. A great part of Dr. Sickel's ministry in Argentina was in difficult years. At times the Sickels stood with but few North American missionary associates. But Dr. Sickel demonstrated that even though standing almost alone he could stand faithful.

Brother Conard Sandy so graciously gave us space in last week's Herald for some messages in memorial. Another will appear in this issue, and perhaps some from Argentina in future issues. But all these words are but a slight token of what might be said in all truthfulness concerning our brother, Dr. Clarence L. Sickel. I am sure you will join with us in prayer for Dr. Sickel's immediate family, many relatives and friends, as well as for the work in Argentina. Pray, too, that others, probably now in their years of preparation, will step in and carry on from the time when Dr. Sickel was called home.

Your New Year's Question

We are indebted to Bro. Foye B. Miller for another beautiful design on this issue. You and I face a question. No Christian has a right to make a New Year's resolution until he has asked this New Year's question: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The Lord gave the answer, "GO YE."

For believers the new year will not be a time of beginning again, but of continuing on in the ministry of our blessed Lord. It should be a time when we will determine to intensify our attack on the strongholds of evil, and multiply our activities in the business of getting the Gospel out to the ends of the earth.

A Challenge

Forty-five thousand dollars this year will care for all needs of Grace Seminary, both in retiring the building indebtedness and in current operation. That is not an

unreasonable amount for our fellowship of churches.

If the Brethren Home Missions Council should receive \$100,000 more than last year every dollar could be used to the glory of the Lord. You have heard Brother Grubb and others tell of the many large cities in the United States where there are units of Brethren believers, or great opportunities to have strong self-supporting Brethren churches quickly. Well, the Council is only a home mission hand for every member of the Brethren Church.

Let's be sure we exceed last year's gift just as much as the Lord directs. As he directs, He will enable. The challenge is to walk by faith and give large offerings to these worthy institutions.

Congratulations, Graduates!

Missionaries may need to be my interpreters, but I desire in the pages of the Herald to congratulate every graduate from our Bible institutes in Africa and Argentina. The end of November saw the completion of the school year in both fields, and goodly groups graduated. I do not know the total number, but on behalf of every member of the Brethren Church I want to congratulate each graduate. It has been *our* part to carry the blessed Gospel to you and arrange for your Christian training. Now it is *your* part, and the part of the Brethren Church in your country, to assume the responsibilities of going out to give the Gospel to every town and village in your land. May God's blessings attend you.

Write Your Congressman

January is the month in which President Truman, according to his former announcement, expects to renew his attempt to appoint an official representative to the Vatican. We have paid a great price in this country for religious freedom and as an American, especially as a Protestant American, I want to protest this proposed action. I urge every reader to pray that all plans for this political affiliation shall be frustrated. It will be very worth while for you to write immediately to your Congressman, expressing your protest. A letter to the President would also help greatly.

Summer Activities This Winter

Winter is summertime in Argentina. Daily Vacation Bible schools, youth camps, conferences, and conventions are in progress or rapidly approaching. Tent meetings have been in progress at Rio Cuarto, and will probably be continued in other cities. Miss Bertha Abel, who arrived in Buenos Aires on December 17, will have

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this finest of all seasons in which to become acquainted with general field activities.

Living at the Border

Several have asked: "What is your plan for Baja California?" The article by Bro. Walter Haag in this issue will help to explain, but may we offer a few further words of explanation. A great deal of investigation of the peninsula of Baja California has revealed several things:

1. The need for evangelization and Christian testimony is great. There are between 200,000 and 300,000 people without Christ as personal Saviour.
2. The common people are favorable to the Gospel and will listen. Of course the priesthood so opposes the Gospel that the masses are often blinded.
3. Those who are pastors of churches in Mexico or who lead in Christian activity must be Mexican citizens born in Mexico. United States citizens have difficulty in living in Mexico for more than 6 months unless large investments are made in the country, or a large deposit made with the government.
4. Our desire eventually is to work about 500 to 700

miles south of the U. S. A.-Mexican border, but even there we will need trained national workers to carry the burden of the work, with the missionary helping in an evangelistic and Bible-teaching ministry.

Considering all problems, it has been judged best for our missionaries to locate at a gate of entry into Baja California, on the United States side, where there is complete freedom to teach and preach and there to establish a Mexican Bible institute or Bible school for the training of interested Mexicans who have been and will be won to Christ. These trained workers, then, will become the message-bearers to their own people. In addition to this present teaching ministry, the missionary families will make extended trips into Baja—trips for evangelization and spiritual encouragement. They will at the same time work among the concentrated groups of Mexican people along the border on both the United States and Mexican sides.

For the present at least, and probably permanently, the missionaries will live in San Ysidro, Calif., just 2 miles from the gate of entry into Tijuana, Mexico. Both the Walter Haag and Roy Howard families are now living at 439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro.

Dr. Clarence L. Sickel---Servant of the Lord

By Miss Ruth E. Reddick

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. O Lord, truly I am thy servant . . ." (Psa. 116: 15-16).

The words of the Psalmist express a true sentiment concerning Dr. Clarence L. Sickel—he was a servant of the Lord! His service was not only given in the land of Argentina, but also in his homeland as well. On two different occasions at least, when home on furlough, the Lord opened the way and used him in the pastorate. He successfully served as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif., for approximately 2 years before returning to Argentina in 1928. On a subsequent furlough he enjoyed a very fruitful ministry as pastor of the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.

During my childhood and "growing-up" days I was a member of the Whittier church; hence Brother Sickel was my pastor. It was a joy to become acquainted with the Sickel family, and it has been a joy to follow them on through their years of service for the Lord. My youthful mind listened eagerly to the stories of missionary life in Argentina. Brother Sickel's speaking voice was of a quality which held his hearers' rapt attention, and his message honored the Lord Jesus Christ at all times.

The thought and prospect of missionary service in Argentina became, as a result of his ministry, a goal toward which I aimed during the years which followed. However, I did not realize that I had been unconsciously striving for such a goal until long after the Sickels returned to the field. Brother Sickel encouraged me to make the most of my opportunities and to secure as much education as possible. In the course of years the door closed to me for missionary service in that land, but the Lord opened another door of service for Him.

The homegoing of a loved one or a beloved friend always brings to one's mind the years of acquaintanceship. Since the news of Dr. Sickel's passing came to our



Dr. and Mrs. Sickel as they appeared on last furlough.

foreign mission office, I have been thinking in retrospect concerning his influence upon my life. I can truly say that I believe my service in the office of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church has come about through the direction and encouragement of this servant of the Lord during the days of my childhood.

One of the very first letters I received after taking over the work of financial secretary on November 1 was from Dr. Sickel. Again he gave me words of encouragement and assured me that there was no joy comparable to that of serving the Lord in the place which He appointed.

Many others can say with me that they are serving the Lord today because a faithful servant of the Lord—Dr. Clarence L. Sickel—showed them the way.

Brother Sickel Laid to Rest in Rio Cuarto, Argentina

(Editor's Note—Just shortly before this issue of the Herald was ready to go to press, our foreign mission office received a letter from Bro. Jack Churchill in Argentina, giving us word concerning the homegoing of Brother Sickel. We are sharing this letter with you.)

Almafuerte, Argentina,
December 14, 1951.

Dear Brother Barnard:

Realizing that you will be awaiting further word concerning the homegoing of Brother Sickel, I will try to put in writing that which still seems unreal.

I was present for the operation on December 5; Brother Sickel came out from it feeling quite good and in apparent good spirits. Mrs. Sickel was with him there in Cordoba all the time, of course, and we talked to her by telephone from here in Almafuerte each day. On Sunday, when we called by phone, he was feeling much better; on Monday afternoon, not so well. Then about 9:30 Monday evening, one of the neighbors came to tell us that a call had come requesting us to get to the city as quickly as possible. We reached Cordoba at 11:45 p.m. (December 10). The doctor was standing in the street door and his words were: "He has just gone."

I am afraid that I was not the one on whom Mother Sickel and Miriam could lean in those first hours because I, too, felt the loss so keenly. He had been a second

father and a wonderful inspiration to me in these few years that I had known him.

We had made arrangements for burial in Cordoba, where there is a Protestant cemetery, but when the folks arrived from Rio Cuarto with the plea that he be taken down there to rest among those who knew him best and where he had served the most years, it seemed best to us, too. It was possible to make the change, and on December 12 the funeral service was held in Rio Cuarto. The esteem in which he was held was made evident by the presence of many men from the business and professional world who came to pay their respects, along with those who knew him as a brother in Christ and as a pastor. An announcement was made over the new radio station and an article appeared in El Pueblo, one of the local papers, the following day.

We are deeply grateful to our fellow workers here on the field who, while feeling the loss keenly, have helped in so many ways so that the blow should not fall so heavily on those of the immediate family. We deeply appreciate the prayers and the sympathy of the Brotherhood at home. Pray now that His grace may sustain us in these first weeks and months when the separation is so sharply felt.

Sincerely in the Saviour's name,

Jack B. Churchill.

"GO YE THEREFORE . . ."

By Miss Bertha Abel

(Editor's Note—Miss Abel sailed from New York on December 3 for Argentina, where she arrived shortly before Christmas. She graduated from Grace Seminary in the class of 1949. She is also well trained in business and in music. Her home is in Columbus, Ind., but she is a member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church.)

My sailing day is almost at hand, and at times I feel like pinching myself to make sure it isn't all a dream. It isn't a dream, though; it's a wonderful reality.

During the summer of 1945, almost 5 years after I was saved at a rescue mission in Indianapolis, I felt the need to consecrate my life wholly to the Lord and did so several weeks later. After that the Lord started speaking to my heart through missionary speakers concerning foreign missionary work. After the first time, I told the Lord I wanted to do His will and would be a missionary if that was what I was supposed to do, but I would rather do something else. My heart was touched a little more the second time, which was about 9 months later. Then I told the Lord that it didn't make any difference to me what He would have me to do. The third time, however, He spoke to me through the biography of a missionary, and from that moment on I have had no desire to be anything else than a foreign missionary. The only trouble was that I wanted to go to the field right away, and that was impossible. I didn't believe I could even wait the 2 or 3 years necessary for Bible study, and those few



Miss Abel

years of waiting were to stretch to 5 years. But how marvelous is His merciful and loving leading in our lives!

These past 5 years have been ones of learning great spiritual lessons from His hand, which have been worth many times the years of waiting, besides the abundant blessings He has so graciously bestowed upon me. It was during those years that I feasted on God's Word at Grace Seminary and was convinced of the truths of the Brethren Church and was led to place my membership in it.

In contrast, however, the permanent visa came through rapidly, for which I praise the Lord. The hands are busy packing and taking care of the many last-minute details, but the heart is set toward Argentina—a land now foreign to me. It seems to be a very appropriate place for me to be because I have always been in close contact with Roman Catholic people. For the first 23 years of my life I lived in a neighborhood made up almost entirely of Roman Catholics, and my early childhood playmates were children of that religion. Then, too, my interest in the people of that church has deepened with the passing of time, due to the fact that my sister, a nonbeliever, married a Roman Catholic man and is now a member of that church.

I thank the people of the Brethren Church for sending me forth as a missionary to the people of Argentina, and I am anxiously looking forward to serving Him in that field. Please pray for me as I sail, begin my new work, and endeavor to learn the new language, that this weak vessel might somehow be used of the Lord in reaching the lost of Argentina for Him, for "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

The Life of a Missionary's Wife

By Mrs. Solon Hoyt

A dear friend came to me the other day with a long list of questions about our life on the mission field and it made me realize how much you here at home are interested in what we do every day. Things that have become commonplace to us, to you are strange. These are the answers to some of her questions and I hope they will answer some in your mind.

What is our daily routine?

About 7 o'clock we get up, dress in a hurry (if it's winter) to be ready to get our milk from the milkman about 7:30. He comes with his horse and wagon, measures out our milk from his large milk can and goes on his way through the pueblo. We then put our milk on the stove to boil, and before long we have our breakfast of coffee made with milk, and bread and jelly. Most of the missionaries have adopted this custom of eating such breakfasts for convenience sake and because of the fact that we are unable to buy cold cereals.

After the dishes are washed the work begins. All the floors must be mopped and everything dusted. The wind has literally covered the floors with dust and dirt and if we are to live like human beings we must forever be behind the broom and dust rag. I have seen days in La Carlota when 5 minutes after I had dusted, the floors and furniture would be white with a fine dust.

The rush to get dinner begins after the house has been cleaned and dusted. I say dinner because we generally have the larger meal at noon. By that time the vegetable man with his wagon has come and gone and all the vegetables are waiting to be cleaned. We have little use for a can opener. The meat was bought earlier in the morning at the market for 15 cents a pound. We buy every day except Sunday to be able to keep the meat. This term, the Lord willing, we hope to take back a refrigerator and thus save time and energy.

We try to snatch a few minutes' rest after dinner in the "sitesta" hour, but many times it is the only time that we have to write letters, mend, read, etc. At 3 o'clock we must be on our way either visiting or off to a neighboring town with the loudspeaker. We go up and down the streets of the town for about 2 hours playing gospel records, reading portions of the Scripture, or giving short Gospel messages. As we go we hand out tracts and invite them to the evening meeting. Back in our meeting hall again we eat a little lunch we have prepared and at 9:30 in the summer and 8:30 in the winter our services begin. About 10:30 or 11:00 we gather up our equipment, pile into our car (not a '51 Buick—most likely a Model A Ford) and bump over the mud roads to our home.

The first thing we do when we get home is to run for the water. It's not hot, but we don't mind; we're only too glad to get clean. This reminds me that we do want to express our appreciation to the ladies of the WMC for making it possible for us on this term to take back a

kerosene hot-water heater. Every time we turn on the hot water we'll think of you.

At about 12 o'clock we're ready for bed, weary in body but happy in soul.

Do we have help in the home?

Almost everybody up till recently has had help in the home. Most of the missionaries now, however, are without help. Government regulations make it compulsory that every servant be paid what is called the "aguinaldo." It simply means that the last month of the year they are paid double their normal wage. This, together with other regulations, has made it almost above our reach in price. Most of the servant girls have gone to the large cities where wages are much higher.

Do we send our children to school?

From my own experience I have found that Argentine schools are not very satisfactory. I sent Rita to a native school for about 2 weeks but saw she was getting nowhere. The teachers are not allowed to punish the children and as a result one can always tell an Argentine teacher because their voices are so hoarse. It was always amusing to me to pass a schoolhouse and hear the teachers shouting above the noise of the classroom trying to make themselves heard. Rita came home one day saying that one little boy threatened to kick the teacher that day. Seeing that the noise and confusion in the classroom was such that she couldn't learn, we sent her to a private teacher. This proved to be very satisfactory.

Her first grade in English I taught as I could with the use of a set of first-grade books, workbooks, etc., which my first-grade teacher gave me when she knew I would have to teach Rita. When we return we expect to continue with the third grade in the Calvert course.

What are our stores like?

So many times we've thought of the self-service supermarkets and wished that the Argentines would introduce such stores. In the morning we set out to buy our groceries: our bread we buy at the bakery, our butter at another store, our meat at the market, our baking soda, cream of tartar, etc., at the drug store, and our vegetables at the vegetable store—that is, if we have no vegetable man who comes to the door. Instead of going to one store we go to five.

Does it get cold?

The temperature in winter hovers around freezing, not making it quite cold enough for snow but plenty cold to make us want to hang around our wood or kerosene stoves. Our homes are the Spanish-style homes with one room after another in a long line, all opening up into the yard or patio. With such an arrangement it makes it impossible to heat every room, so we only attempt to heat the living room and the kitchen. We appreciate every blanket we can put on when we go to bed in our cold, cold bedrooms. Central heating and North American types of house arrangement is just now beginning to come into the larger cities.



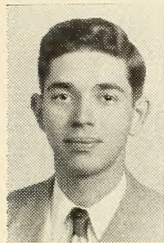
Mrs. Hoyt

Ambassadors for Christ in France

(Editor's Note—Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Fogle are now located in France and are busily engaged in language study. Their address is 32 Route de Montesson, Le Vesinet, Seine et Oise, France.)

GOING

Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The greatest work of the Church of Jesus Christ and of every genuine believer in Christ is just that. It is because of this that my family and I are:



P. F. Fogle

1. *Going to France.* God has called us to France to work for Him. France today is a nation that needs Christ. It is made up of millions who need Christ, and yet the majority of them have never heard His message. It is part of the vast world that the Lord has given to us as His ambassadors to which we must tell the story of Jesus. It has been over 2 years now since we first thought of going to France, and now the realization of that thought and the answer to many prayers has finally come. We are now:

2. *Going to Preach the Gospel.* Our work will not be mainly to study the language and the people, although it will include that. It will not be just a trip of investigation. It will not be at all to show France the American way of life. It is to preach the Gospel of the saving power of Christ in any way and in as many ways as we can. In going to give out this wonderful message, we are:

3. *Going as Those on God's Side.* This task that God has given is too difficult for us; we have many limitations; there are many adversaries. Yet, because we are Christ's, and Christ is God's, we are on God's side, and "if God be for us, who can be against us?" We know that the Lord will bless the work in France because He has promised.

In going, we wish to thank all those who have so graciously shown an interest in God's future work in France, and we wish to ask that all the Brethren pray for us continuously.—P. Fredrick Fogle.

SEND! PRAY! GIVE!

"Go send to your little black brothers
And sisters, too, over the sea,
The story of Jesus in heaven,
Who wants them His children to be.

"Go pray for your little brown brothers
And sisters, too, over the sea,
Go pray they hear the sweet story
And learn His children to be.

"Go give what to you has been given;
Give cheerfully, this is His word;
Go send the glad story of Jesus
To children who never have heard."

STRANGERS

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." Truly the Lord has been and ever shall be my strength and my shield, for I have trusted and do trust Him, and praise His precious name for all His grace and mercy to me.

As I look back over past years, I can see how the Lord has had His directing hand in every major step of my life. He allowed me to be born into a Christian home, led me to a fundamental church, chose for me a Christian husband, and now has led us to France to labor for Him.

Since folks have heard of our intention of going to France to live, many have said to me: "Are you going to like it?" "Aren't you afraid to take your children over there?" To the first I'm glad that I can say: "Yes, of course, we are going to like it because it is the Lord's will for our lives, and nothing could be better or even compare to His will." To the second: "No, thank God, I'm not afraid to go nor to take my children anywhere that the Lord leads, for He will go with us—just one step ahead."

By the time you read this we will be on the other side of the "pond," strangers in a strange land, and alienated from home and loved ones, but, thank God, not strangers to Him, nor alienated from His love and care.

Pray for us that we will be faithful to live, love, and serve Him as would please Him until He either calls or comes for us.—Maurita Fogle.



Mrs. Fogle

WHO SHOULD GIVE NOTHING TO MISSIONS?

1. Those who believe that Jesus made a mistake when He said, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations."

2. Those who do not believe that the "Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, Jew or Greek."

3. Those who wish that no missionary had come to our forefathers and would prefer to be heathen.

4. Those who believe that everyone in the world should shift for himself and ask with Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

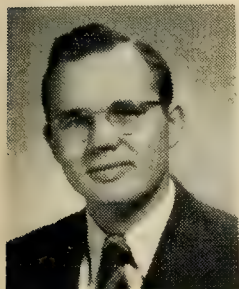
5. Those who do not care to have part in Christ's final victory.

6. Those who believe that God will not call them to account because of the way they spend their (?) money.

Wishing We Did Understand

By Rev. William J. Samarin

Comprenez vous? That is what we have continually been asked since we got to France: "Do you understand?" Most of the time we had to say, "*Non*" (no), when we wished that we really did understand. And sometimes we said, "*Oui*" (yes), when we did not understand all. We have said, "*Non*," when we should have said, "*Oui*," and vice versa. So we work on this language day after day with the hope that by summertime, when we leave for Africa, we shall be able to handle the language with ease.



Rev. W. J. Samarin

This is how we go at it. Two hours each day are spent at school, the Alliance Francaise, where we treat conversation, grammar, reading, and composition. All teaching is in French, so you can imagine what difficulty the beginners have. English is not used, for there are Norwegians, Danes, Chinese, Egyptians, and many others in the school. The rest of the day must be spent in trying to assimilate all that was said or assigned. Sometimes over a hundred words a day must be memorized. More important than this is the need for conversation, for it is one thing to know that object pronouns go before the verbs but it is another thing to get them correctly. Sometimes the sentences come out like a mixed green salad. For example, the day I called up to reserve a hotel room for the Fogles I wanted to say that I did not know how old the children were for "I have never seen them," "*Je ne les ai jamais vus*, but that is not how it came out!

One has to look for opportunities where he can get into conversations. In fact, one has to make them. This

A MIRACLE IN AFRICA

The days of miracles are not past! Recently a young heathen mother took her dying baby to the witch doctor who smeared black pomade over its body and assured the mother the child would live. Instead, it grew worse. Then the mother took the baby to her husband's Mohammedan teacher, who wrote some characters on a piece of paper, put it into water, and made the baby swallow it. Again the baby grew worse. In desperation the mother went to the pastor in the village and told him to take the child; it would die anyway, she said, and she wanted it to die in God's hands.

The young pastor, a man of faith, told her that if she would give the child to God He would heal it. He took the baby in his arms and in front of the curious crowd prayed in the name of Jesus that the child would be delivered from its paralysis. The child opened its eyes, ate, and 3 days later was completely well. Pray that the parents will accept the living Christ as their Saviour.—*Rev. S. T. Burns, in the Alliance Weekly.*

is not too easily done when one's vocabulary is still limited. How often have I plunged into a conversation only to hit the cement bottom, that is, being "stumped" by the lack of a crucial word. In situations like that we stop and say, "*Une minute*," and search for the word



The Alliance Francaise in Paris, where the Samarins, the Don Millers, and the Fogles study French.

while our friends wait in suspense. There are times, too, when we blissfully sail along until we hit a rock—we have made a mistake! I once asked for *du boeuf coupe* (stew) and almost got hamburger instead!

While all of this is going on, people look at us with that look that one only gives to *etrangers* (foreigners). And sometimes they laugh at us. Some boys who passed my wife talking English with another missionary were heard to mumble in imitation. All of this we experience for the sake of learning French, the official language of the African colony in which our mission is located.

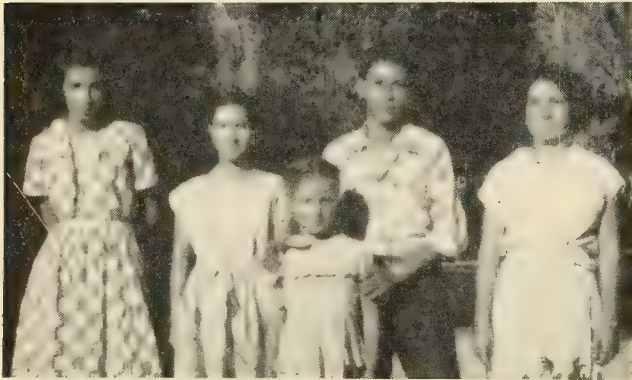
A VENERABLE COLORED MINISTER who had been pleading earnestly for foreign missions, closed with these words: "Bredren, I've heard of churches dat's dyin' of 'spectability, I've heard of churches where de souls of de people is all shriveled up with selfishness, and I've heard of lots of churches like a barren desert, with no livin' waters, no waters of 'freshment runnin' in 'em 'cause dey refuse to do de Lord's will. But, bredren, whoever heard of a church dat was killed 'cause it gave money to foreign missions? Whoever heard of a church dat died 'cause it did what de Lord said? Neber, neber, bredren! Ef anybody would tell me of such a church in all dis wide universe, I'd make a pilgrimage to dat church. I would climb up its ivy-mantled walls, and to de top of de steeple, and lay dis great black hand on de topmost stone of dat temple and say, 'Blessed are de dead dat die in de Lord.'"—*King's Business.*

FINDING A HOME

By Mrs. Walter Haag

We emerged from the last month with two facts imprinted upon our minds. They not only comforted us, but actually got behind and pushed us along, so to speak. Many times each day we reminded ourselves of the advice given by Dr. Barnard: "Time spent in investigation is time well spent." It was mostly as we saw the sun go down on another day of no definite progress that we would praise the Lord that "He creates every day anew." It gave us an assurance of the morrow.

Every day except the Sundays in the past month found the Haags driving the streets of San Ysidro and area looking for those small squares on or near a house which say, "For Rent" or "For Sale." They are rare here due to the establishment of new military airfields in the vicinity, as well as increased employment of factory workers. When one could be found, then we would start the door-knocking, telephone-ringing, and so on. After exhausting every possible clue, we would then exhaust the real estate men as well. We were always the last to be exhausted—the Lord was behind us. When



Young people of Baja California who need the Gospel.

we were, we would go home to have another prayer meeting, and restock the car with sandwiches, lemonade (the water is horrible here), and fruit, and be ready for a new start.

Sharon and Doug enjoyed more picnics, box lunches, and tossed-together meals during this short time than in all their lifetime before. It became quite unusual for them to take their naps in their beds. They are still amazingly healthy, for which we praise His name. I say "amazingly," for at times I came to the end of the day tired to the marrow of my bones and the two children still had energy to spare.

But that is all background material. I'm really bursting at the seams to tell the climax. One day we found just what we thought we should have in the way of a home base. Before doing anything definite about it, we prayed that the Lord would make it possible, if it was His will, or make it impossible to obtain if out of His will for us. Do you know what? Someone came to the owner's rescue financially and he didn't have to sell. I

wish I could honestly say I was elated right at the moment with the way the Lord led.

Thus, scratch was our starting point again the next day—that is, scratch one's head as to what to do next. The street driving yielded nothing. By noon we found the real estate man in his office. While we ate sandwiches and oranges in the car, Walt went over his listings with him. Nothing available was at all suitable. Upon terminating the list, the secretary spoke up to inform him that Mrs. ——— had just called and wanted to sell her property. It seemed to be just what we had been praying for. We certainly walked into that office at just the right moment. It is continually wonderful to us how the Lord controls each and every situation.

Later we were to learn that the other real estate office in town, with which we had chosen not to deal because of the agent's frequent intoxication, had listed that property for a week and couldn't understand why it didn't sell. It is very unusual to have a reasonably priced, three-bedroom house only one-half block from a new grammar school, and not be able to sell it in a day or two in this vicinity.

Perhaps it takes a month of trying and failing to get my emotions simmered down so that when the Lord does something so wonderful (and He always does), I won't blow up with elation, like "Old Faithful" geyser, because of His goodness. "His grace is sufficient for all."

ETERNITY WITHIN MY HEART

The One who made earth perfect at the start
Has set eternity within my heart.
The harmonies of heaven oft I hear
As signs of age and frailties appear.

So many undertakings scarce begun;
Because of tasks that I must leave undone
Make me to know assuredly that He
Ordained that I should live eternally.

Life He has imparted deep within;
His life, that has no end, no origin.
I shall outlive the ages yet to be;
As timeless as the Christ who lives in me.

—Leona Dawson Cole.

DECAY ASSURED

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, it is more blessed to give than to receive." An artist was once asked to paint a picture of a decaying church. To the astonishment of many, instead of putting on the canvas an old, tottering ruin, the artist painted a stately edifice of modern grandeur, with carved pulpit, magnificent organ, and colored windows. But suspended from a nail in the wall hung a square box, very simply painted, bearing the legend, "Collection for Foreign Missions," and over the slot was painted a cobweb!

AT THE GATE OF ENTRY

By Rev. Walter Haag

As yet, it is still a time of anticipating the blessing of the Lord on the work in Baja California. Yes, we have seen His hand working and guiding day by day in the past few months to the end that He has given us a place to call home and a base from which to work into Tijuana and then into Baja California. The response of the Mexican people to the Gospel and the beginning of an indigenous work to be carried on by the Mexicans themselves, however, is something future for which we are trusting the Lord. We could hope it might be accomplished very quickly, but we well know that there is a proper time in His work and wish to fit into His perfect plan here in Baja California.

The wicked city of Tijuana, catering to the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye of thousands of U. S. citizens daily and tens of thousands on week ends and holidays, presents a great challenge to us. The few sound testimonies there now are barely scratching the surface of the some 70,000 people who live there. The life and

an interest in the Gospel, but as yet we haven't succeeded in doing much but give a testimony here and there, and we have given out some Spanish tracts telling the reader of his need of salvation. One such contact was a Mexican who was laboring at odd jobs and at the time we met him was, with his partner, digging a septic tank and cesspool for the trailer court where we were staying. Our first meeting was merely a salutation and the giving of a tract to each of the fellows. A couple of days later as I walked near, the one called to me to ask if I had more tracts, for he wanted to read more and was interested in the Bible. I gave him some other tracts and a New Testament which he promised to read. During the week I was called several times by the court owner to translate his desires of work to be done by the Mexican, and had opportunity one day to question the Mexican about his relationship to God. He seemed to know the Lord in a personal way, for he told me how the Holy Spirit lived within him. He then told me of what he had read in the New Testament, and especially of the miracles that Jesus performed. This fellow has no direct relationship with any of the churches in Tijuana. His wife, however, attends one of the cults. We are in hopes our acquaintance with him may be one of the ways by which we may be invited into the homes of some of his friends and thus speak to them concerning the Lord. He went with us last week and directed us to most all of the churches of the city in order that we might know their location.


We thank the Lord for this small evidence of Mexicans who are interested in helping us carry the Gospel to their own people that "whosoever will" may come to know our Saviour, too.

DOES A MISSIONARY SACRIFICE?

For my own part, I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own best reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and the bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter?

Away with such a word, in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say, rather, that it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger now and then, with a foregoing of the common convenience and charities of this life, may make us pause and cause the spirit to waver and sink; but let this only be for a moment.

All of these are nothing when compared with the glory which will hereafter be revealed in and for us. I never made a sacrifice. Of this we ought not to talk, when we remember the great sacrifice made by Him who left His Father's throne on high to give Himself for us.—David Livingstone.



*A common
means of
transportation
in Baja
California.*

actions of the loose-living, betting and gambling U. S. person who makes Tijuana what it is, doesn't help the native people to readily accept our testimony concerning the power of our Saviour to save. There is the barrier, too, of the general attitude of the people toward a foreigner, and especially one who has considerable of the American accent in his speech as yet.

New houses in Tijuana are spreading over the surrounding hillsides and in some areas there are no churches or Christian meetings as far as we know. In these areas we wish to work, so as not to interfere with churches already in other parts. It is our prayer that we can reach some young men for the Lord who will consecrate themselves to carry on the most of the work of evangelism and preaching to their own people. This avoids difficulties with the Mexican law and eliminates the barriers we experience as foreigners.

Several times we have thought we had a contact that might open the way into a few homes where there was

Aids for Prayer Warriors in January 1952

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—

Pray for:

1. Mrs. Loree Sickel in these days following the death of Dr. Sickel. Also remember their daughters—Mrs. Clifford Yocky, of Long Beach, and Mrs. Jack Churchill, of Argentina, as well as Dr. Sickel's aged parents in La Verne, Calif.

2. The Churchill family in Argentina, that permanent visas may be granted for their residence. The situation may become acute if they have to leave within a short time.

3. Miss Bertha Abel, who has recently arrived in Argentina, that she may be speedily enabled to grasp the language and assume the duties for which she is so greatly needed.

4. The Paul Miller family as the time draws near for them to leave for Brazil. Brother Miller will finish his seminary training late in January and they are making preparations to leave for Brazil around March 1.

5. Miss Marie Mishler as she "mothers" the missionary children at school in Africa, and for Miss Ruth Kent, their teacher.

6. Permanent visas for the Carson Rottler family. They are making plans to leave for Argentina just as soon as these are received.

7. The Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society as plans are made for their midyear meeting in February.

8. The Bellevue-Bossangoa district of our field in Africa, that certain opposing forces at work in that area may be overcome and that the native believers may be strengthened in their stand for their Lord and Saviour.

9. The missionaries in Africa, who have now returned to their various stations following their annual Field Council meeting and who, in many cases, will assume new responsibilities.

10. The missionaries in Argentina, that they may be strengthened and enabled to carry the added responsibilities which will be theirs since the homegoing of Dr. Sickel.

11. The missionaries in Brazil—their building program—the growth and establishment of the Brethren Church in Brazil.

12. Those in language study—the Fogle, Millers, and Samarins in

their study of French; the Haags and the Howards as they endeavor to grasp Spanish.

HOME MISSION COUNCIL—

1. Pray for the young men of Taos, N. Mex., as they do house-to-house visitation work in that community.

2. Pray for the new Spanish mission at Cordillera, and especially for Tony Luna as he helps in that work.

3. Pray for a new Bible class started at Talpa, N. Mex., by a layman from Cordillera.

4. Pray for the distribution of 1,000 Gospel packets at Chico, Calif., that they might be used as a means of getting into the homes of that community.

5. Praise God for making it possible for the Grace Brethren Church,



Fremont, Ohio, to become self-supporting in 1952. Also pray that the Lord will supply every financial need of the church during the coming year.

6. Pray for a number of people attending the First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo., that they might make a decision to join that work.

GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the way He has so wonderfully cared for the needs of Grace Seminary since its beginning. Pray definitely for the annual offering as it is now being received throughout our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. The need is approximately \$50,000.

2. Praise the Lord for the strength and wisdom given to Dr. Alva J. McClain in guiding the building program to its completion. Pray for him as he takes several months of needed rest as advised by his physician.

3. Praise God for the way He has cared for the financial and physical needs of our student body. Pray earnestly for Rodney Wysong, a Junior in the seminary, who lies

dangerously ill at his home in Dayton, Ohio.

BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD COMPANY—

1. Pray that the message of this paper in 1952 may always be God-honoring, Christ-centered, and Spirit-dictated.

2. Pray that the message of the paper might be received with profit by all who read it; that it might be used to point some to Christ Jesus for salvation; and that it might be used to help the saints to grow in grace.

3. Pray that every writer might work for the glory of the Lord Jesus.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL—

1. Pray that the year 1952 will be one of spiritual victory in the lives of the members of the WMC.

2. Pray that there will be an increase in interest and diligence in prayer on the part of the prayer bands this year.

3. Pray for a liberal offering for our Grace Seminary project this year.

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA—

1. Pray for our general offering that it may be sufficient to meet the needs of our national organization.

2. Pray that each SMM girl may be strengthened in Christ, that she may be able to withstand the daily temptations of the world.

3. Pray for each patroness that she will walk worthy of the leadership of SMM girls.

BRETHREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray for the youth director as he works among the churches in Virginia in January. Pray especially for the youth rally at Buena Vista January 4-5.

2. Pray for the development and use of the new BYF lessons and program ideas we are now sending out monthly. Pray especially for the writers of this material.

3. Pray for the young people who want to enter college or Bible school this second semester, that funds and

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The Tracy, Calif., church reports 92 in Bible school on December 9, with 3 decisions for the Saviour during the day. The pastor, Rev. William Clough, preached the union Thanksgiving sermon. Rev. R. I. Humberd will hold a prophetic Bible conference at this church January 10-13.

The Altoona, Pa., First Church had a week of special meetings, December 9-16, with the pastor, Rev. Mark Malles, as the speaker. There were 13 reaffirmations of faith, 1 conversion, and 1 baptism. The attendance averages at all services have been upward since Brother Malles arrived on the field. The congregation had been without a pastor for several months.

The California District sponsored a Young People's Retreat in the mountains of southern California, at Forest Home, during the first week of January.

The Leamersville, Pa., church will begin a Brethren Boys Club for the boys of the congregation on January 7.

The Jenners, Pa., brethren have now put the roof on their new building. Pray for this church, that the building may soon be completed, for it is needed to care for the growth of the work.

The Harrisburg, Pa., church had 100 present for the morning service on December 9, when Rev. L. L. Grubb was the speaker. There were 131 present at the evening service when Rev. Nathan Meyer spoke. On December 16 there were 6 decisions for Christ and 9 persons were baptized. This was the closing day of the midwinter Bible conference conducted by Rev. Conard Sandy. Dur-

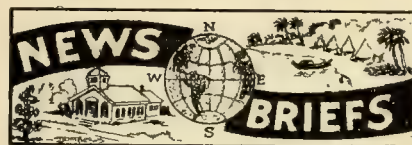
ing the first three Sundays of December 10 persons were received into the church membership, and 1, Mrs. Donald C. Byers, was lost to the membership through death.

Rev. Robert Ashman will be the evangelist for a series of meetings at the San Diego, Calif., church January 6-20. Rev. Gilbert Engelman is the pastor of the church.

Praise the Lord for the ministry of this paper—*The Brethren Missionary Herald*. The copy you hold in your hands is the first number of the 14th year. For 13 years the paper has been used of the Lord to carry forth a part of His work. Pray that the copies yet to be issued will be used to even greater advantage in the work of the Lord.

The Los Angeles, Calif., First Church heard Rev. Roy McKeown on December 23 at the morning service and a Christmas cantata in the evening service.

The Clay City, Ind., church received an electric clock as a gift from Mr. A. P. Megenhardt, and the installation work was a gift of Mr.



Eddie Killion. A new master console 40-inch Gulbrandsen piano was given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Luther, in memory of their son, Major John J. Luther, Jr.

Rev. George Gardiner preached to the congregation of the First Church, Dayton, Ohio, on December 23.

New address for Rev. and Mrs. Walter Haag and Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Howard and their families is 439 Sunset Road, San Ysidro, Calif. (Change Annual, pp. 73 and 74.)

New address for Rev. Leo Polman and family is 120 North Pine, San Gabriel, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 69.)

A Men's Brotherhood was organized at the San Diego, Calif., church with a dinner meeting on December 11. Rev. Grant McDonald, pastor of the Grace Community Church, Romona, Calif., was the speaker. Missionaries Walter Haag and Roy Howard also helped with the meeting.

Rev. Sylvester Lowman has preached the Gospel in the Brethren Church for almost 35 years and has helped to organize three Brethren churches. But now he must retire from the active ministry. He has some dispensational and prophetic charts, 12 feet to 16 feet long, and some oriental robes and tapestry he secured in Palestine that he can no longer use. These he would like to sell. If interested, write direct to him at Camden, Ohio.

On December 13, Miss Alyce Ann Schaffer, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Schaffer, Spokane, Wash., was married to Mr. James A. Quigley. The bride's father performed a double duty—he gave away the bride and also performed the ceremony, assisted by the bridegroom's uncle, Rev. Fenton Duval.

Rev. William Schaffer was recently elected vice president of the Inland Empire Association of Evangelicals. This Association sponsors the Northwest Christian High School and the Spokane School of the Bible.

At the watchnight services at the North Riverdale Church, Dayton, Ohio, Rev. John Balyo, of Kokomo, Ind., preached the sermon. Rev. John Balyo is the brother of Rev. Clyde Balyo, pastor of the North Riverdale, church.

The Canton, Ohio, church will hold its annual conference on Jewish evangelism beginning January 6. The speaker will be Rev. Harry Flumbaum, of Louisville, Ky.

The months of December and January are set aside in the calendar of the Brethren churches as the time to place special emphasis in our praying and giving for *Grace Theological Seminary*. Remember, the ministry of this school is carried forth by God as His people pray and give. By these two means every member of the denomination can have a definite part in the training of the future leaders of the church.

The Ashland, Ohio, church will hear Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt and Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson during January.

An extension class of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles now meets in the new church building at Beaumont, Calif. The work is progressing rapidly on the building.

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn O'Neal and family spent the holiday season with their families in the Yakima Valley in the State of Washington.

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

One Day in Heaven

The Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America issued a letter on December 3, 1951, in which an appeal was made for blood donations for our fighting forces. The letter was entitled, "The Miracle of One Day in Heaven."

The letter continued: "On Wednesday, November 28, the people of the world spent one day in Heaven. There were happy hearts extending completely around the earth. An easy quietness enveloped every human soul because it was announced to the world that the shedding of human blood had stopped in Korea. Death-dealing weapons were silent."

Though the fighting on the Korean battlefield was at a standstill, yet it was not "one day in Heaven." In other parts of the world people did not love one another any more than before, jealousy was still rampant, people were still telling lies and killing people over the least provocations, and other people were dying from all kinds of diseases.

When we have "one day in Heaven" we will see universal peace, love, and brotherly kindness with all men. Heaven will never know anything of our diseases and deaths. Friend, this one day proved to be a false armistice—it was not "The Miracle of One Day in Heaven." However, for the saints the dawning of "The Miracle of Eternity in Heaven" is not far distant.

Haircuts Again

Under the title "Haircuts" there appeared on this page in the December 8 issue of this magazine these words: "The sheriff of El Paso County, Tex., Jimmy Hicks, believes that a short haircut for all long-haired juveniles arrested will 'take the conceit out of the juvenile gang members.'"

Today (December 21) Rev. Blaine Snyder, assistant business manager, received a letter from Rev. William Schaffer, Spokane, Wash., concerning some matters of business. In the letter is this paragraph:

"You may relay the following to the editor. In a recent issue on his editorial comment page he quoted the decision of a sheriff by ordering

some young sports to get haircuts. Well, I was sitting (as a visitor) in a juvenile court last Friday morning when a young fellow came swaggering in with one of these hairdos. He was caught stealing cars, etc. The judge ordered a haircut right off in an effort to take some of the swagger out of him."

Again, let the reader turn to Judges 16:20 and read it carefully in this connection.

Now Is the Time

In an editorial the New York Times (December 13, 1951) declared: "In a busy world when a busy person searches for a word that would impart the feeling of urgency, of importance and of the need for action, immediate and decisive, he usually resorts to the simple order: 'Now.' It is a three-letter word that best tells all involved that there is no time to be lost if results are to be achieved. . . . It is a three-letter word the coach uses to spur his team when victory is so near. It is a three-letter word a mother uses to let her child know she wants actions. It is a three-letter word the whole world can understand."

The Holy Spirit has used this same word to illustrate the present work of the Lord Jesus Christ and of His saints. He wrote: "But now hath he [Christ] obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. . . . Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (Heb. 8:6; II Cor. 5:20). Christ's present work is to represent us before God and it is our work to represent Him before men. Now is the time for both of these.

Study Led to Release

In December 1934 Abraham Davis was sentenced by a Brooklyn, N. Y., court to spend a 30-years-to-life term in the Clinton Prison, Danmora, N. Y. He was found guilty as a fourth offender in the crime of robbery.

In December 1951, at the age of 40 years, he walked out of the prison

after spending 17 years there. His release came about on this wise:

While in prison Davis attended classes and won a high school diploma. He then subscribed to several law journals, and from them he learned that on a technicality the three robberies he committed in Philadelphia were not considered as felonies in New York. He pleaded his case before the New York Court of Appeals, which ruled in his favor. Thus he was released from prison.

But, friend, this release did not absolve him from the four crimes he admitted having committed. This the Court of Appeals could not do. His freedom was from jail, not from the stain of having committed the crimes.

Christ Jesus alone can forgive sins and He is anxious to do so for every sinner (Mark 2:5; I John 1:9). He not only restores citizenship, He also gives sonship and its blessing to all who receive Him (John 1:11-13; Acts 4:12).

Hungry for Righteousness

Mr. Walter Hoving, president of the Salvation Army Association of New York, in presenting to General of the Army Douglas MacArthur the Association's "annual citation for distinguished service," said:

"The people of this country are hungry for righteousness. They are tired of the sort of conduct in high office and low office that tears down the ideals upon which this country was founded."

We hope Mr. Hoving is correct—that the people do want genuine righteousness to prevail in this country. If so, then the Lord Jesus Christ has a message for the people, for while on earth He declared: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6).

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CLUBS

The Moody Student (December 14, 1951) carries this item: "You ought to know that high school Bible clubs are coming into existence all across the country. Already there are more than 700 clubs. A goal has been set for 2,500 by June of 1952."

SO—HERE WE ARE IN 1952!

By Rev. Ord Gehman, Berne, Ind.

It has been well said that time and tide wait for no man. Today we stand on the threshold of a new year. It stretches before us, untried and empty as of this present moment. What 1952 holds within its confines no one of us knows.

Man is by nature an inquisitive being. Fortunes have been spent as men have tried to unlock the future's secrets. They have sometimes tried to profit by their past mistakes, but the very best are none too adept at that sort of thing. We try to correct our present and prepare for the future in the light of past experiences, whether they be good or bad. But we can do nothing about the past—it is forever a closed book as far as alterations are concerned. The future is locked against us.

A Sure Fact

But—here we are in 1952! That fact we can neither deny nor reject. We are a part of this new year as surely as anything in the world. Many times have we heard the statement: "If I could only have another hour's sleep!" or "Six o'clock came too soon this morning!" But if the previous day and night were wasted in unprofitable experiences, we were thrust into the new day, whether of our choosing or not. Wouldn't it be a handy gadget if we could just press a button and alter the situation as regards time? Or would it? The poet has expressed this longing of the human heart something like this:

"Backward, turn backward, O Time
in your flight,
And make me a child again just for
tonight!"

It is the writer's sincere conviction that if God so chose He could flash a panoramic scroll before us in a moment of time with every scene depicting some future act in our lives. I wonder how many of us would profit by the experience? The joyous experiences we would rush into headlong, perhaps unprepared to enjoy them to their very fullest extent. Then there would be those trying times and experiences which test the very mettle of a person's makeup. Such we might foolishly try to avoid. Yet those very experiences might be

the ones God, in His infinite wisdom, has ordained should be for our good and His eternal glory. How many blessings of His sovereign grace would we miss had we the opportunity to choose in the matter? No, beloved, I do not care to know all the intimate details of my life ahead, for there are too many blessings I might not receive if I had the power to do the choosing. How we do praise God that we walk by faith and not by sight!

A Sublime Fact

Well, here we are in 1952! What are we going to do about it? I think the Apostle Paul must have faced a like situation in the résumé of his own life as we find the record in Philippians 3. Paul had every right to be justly proud of his human past. Every possible advantage had been his from the human standpoint. But hear him say, by the Spirit: "What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ" (vs. 7). There was no doubt in Paul's mind as to his future with Christ. There was a definite attitude, however, which he manifested toward the future. He summed it up in these words: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (vss. 13-14). Small wonder Paul could say, as he faced execution at the hands of Roman authority: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:7-8). Paul had confidence in the One who holds the key to 1952!

A Solemn Fact

Yes, we are here in 1952! It is a solemn fact. What lies ahead we do not know, but we know Him who holds it in the hollow of His hand! To know Him aright is life eternal. In this day of uncertainty and un-

rest it is often said: "It is not *what* you know that counts, but *who* you know!" How true that becomes from a spiritual standpoint! Again Paul said: "For the which cause [the cause of the Gospel] I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Tim. 1:12). Yes, to know Him who holds the key to the blessings of the experiences ahead for us is worth more than all this world offers.

A Sobering Fact

So, here we are in 1952! It is a sobering fact. We welcome and face this new year with sobriety and calmness. The world sees it in with hilarity and frivolity. Yet their hilarity would be turned into sobriety as in the case of Belshazzar if they would pause for a moment's reflection and read the handwriting on the wall concerning this hour in which we live. The world resolves to do better, and makes resolutions, only to break them shortly. I need no resolutions as a child of God. All I need is a wholehearted desire to do His will in my life as He leads me in every small detail in the working out of His own will through me. In the words of that little chorus let us say:

"Only to be what He wants me to be,
Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day;
Yielded completely to Jesus alone,
Ev'ry step of this pilgrim way;
Just to be clay in the Potter's hands,
Ready to do what His word commands,
Only to be what He wants me to be,
Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day.

If the sentiment of that little chorus becomes the guiding factor in our lives in 1952 only the Lord of Glory Himself knows how much we shall be able to accomplish for Him as we await His coming. But one thing is reasonably certain: we shall be able to accomplish more for Him in 1952 than we have accomplished in 1951!

Here we are in 1952! Let's make the very best of it for Him for His eternal glory!

The Brook in the Way

By Rev. Russell H. Weber, Harrisburg, Pa.

The 110th Psalm tells of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, but ere He comes into His glory, He must share our humanity, and taste death. The seventh verse of this Psalm speaks of the life and ministry of God's anointed One: "He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head."

In this article we are dealing with application rather than interpretation. To discover the mind of God in "the brook in the way," we offer three thoughts. First, it tells of—

Christ Being Made a Curse for Us

The wrath of God running in the channel of the curse of the law was "the brook in the way," of which the Lord Jesus Christ drank, and concerning which He said: "The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?" (John 18:11). Paul, in Romans 3:19-20, said: "Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith . . . that every mouth may be stopped, and . . . become guilty before God . . . For by the law is the knowledge of sin." All of us are guilty before God, and the law, which is holy and just, condemns every one of us because we have transgressed—broken the law. The unchangeable justice of God stands in plain view of our unrighteousness and disobedience, and we are hopelessly lost. The law performs a distinctive work in the lives of all of us—it condemns us; and it is not possible for us to claim injustice, for it is holy; we are failures in respect to the law, and our condemnation is just. In our awful plight we hear the words: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13).

Our Lord had to drink of "the brook in the way" which runs in the channel of the curse of the law. It took His self-emptying and death for God to be able to bring us to glory. The text says: "Therefore shall he lift up the head."

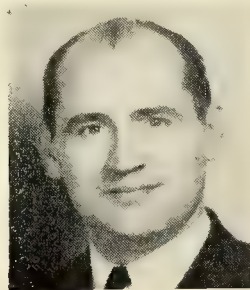
How can the drinking of the curse bring the lifting up of the head? His experience did not end with being made a curse; Calvary was not the end, it was only the beginning of the

victory. In His death He destroyed him that had the power of death; in His burial He removed our sins far from us; in His resurrection He is become the firstfruits of those that slept; in His ascension He is the everlasting Intercessor. His is the uplifted head! He drank from "the brook in the way"! He was made a curse for us!

Secondly, we suggest to you that Christ drank from "the brook in the way," and the brook contains the waters of death. In death—

Christ Destroyed the Works of the Devil

Hebrews 2:14 tells us: "That through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." From this purpose our Lord would not be deterred. His



Rev. Russell Weber

mind was continually on this great task. "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened until it be accomplished" (Luke 12:50). He remembered the words spoken by God to the Devil in the garden of Eden: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15). It was this eternal purpose that carried our Lord to the cross where the works of the Devil were fully and completely destroyed. In this task we see the Lord Jesus Christ drinking from "the brook in the way."

Gideon's men, in the seventh chapter of Judges, were qualified for the battle only if they drank water from the brook by lapping it out of their hands. This enabled them to keep

their eyes on the enemy; there was no defeat for these men. Our Lord never took His eyes from the enemy; He had no rest until the enemy was completely defeated.

Finally, we consider that "the brook in the way" speaks of—

The Humiliation of Christ

Was it not humiliation for the Son of God to stoop to the need of men? The Lord Jesus Christ, who is the eternal One, spoke the word and the worlds came into existence; He does not need to rely upon anyone, nor upon anything for His strength. However, in the text, we see Him drinking from "the brook." It speaks of the humiliation which He chose that He might become our deliverer. His humiliation was brought to the full at Calvary (Phil. 2:5-8).

As Philip spoke to the eunuch he quoted an Old Testament passage: "In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth" (Acts 8:33). He drank from "the brook in the way" that He might accomplish the eternal redemption of mankind. He is become the victor over sin, the Devil, and all the combined forces of the demons.

The "brook" for you and me is not death. It was death for our Saviour, therefore, we may drink of the water of life. In the shedding of His blood He "obtained eternal redemption for us." "He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). "He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head."

DAY OF PRAYER

Dr. Robert A. Cook, president of Youth for Christ International, has announced that "Youth for Christ leaders and groups in 76 countries will mark Saturday, January 5, as an international day of prayer. . . . Special prayer will be requested in behalf of the Billy Graham evangelistic crusade in Washington, D. C., starting on January 13."

Forty-Five Years in Revelation

By Rev. R. I. Humbert, Flora, Ind.

"Flood." Just one word, but uttered by a little lad who was thumping about on the floor behind the stove.

There was a revival at the little church 3 miles away, and my father was attending, but my mother was unable to go, so to keep me awake until his return she would read "Swiss Family Robinson" to me. But this evening I had to wait until my father read the 12th chapter of Revelation. My father was in front of the stove, my mother on the north side, and I was on the floor behind.

"And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as 'blood' after the woman." I let him continue a moment and then I uttered just the one word, "flood." How surprised my father was when he learned that the little fellow thumping about behind the stove, who seemed not to hear a word, really knew more about that mysterious book than he did with his eyes on the page.

It seems that God had given me a special love for the book as I would shut myself in my room and read it through and through, wondering at the fearful beasts, fairly trembling at the awful judgments, and hoping for a place in that beautiful city described in the last two chapters.

Years have passed, and my love for the book has led me to read it countless times and memorize several of its chapters, and as the years passed, its mysteries began to take form and I found that it was indeed a most wonderful book with a most wonderful message.

It Is a Revelation

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John" (Rev. 1:1).

"The concealation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to hide . . ." No, not that, although many people take it that way. It is a revealing, it is an unveiling. The Old Testament presents our Lord in covenant, in symbol, in type, and in prophecy, but this is His unveiling.

In January 1946 Collier's magazine presented a picture of Eisenhower. My son worked in the printing shop and brought me a sample of the way the picture was made. First they printed a yellow picture of Eisenhower, then a red, and on top of that a blue, and on top of that a black, but the picture you saw was Eisenhower in all his glory.

Matthew presents our Lord as King, Mark adds his testimony as Servant, Luke sets Him forth as Son



R. I. Humbert

of man, and John adds his angle as Son of God; but the last book of the Bible is His unveiling. It presents Him as the great Head of the Church, as Lamb of God, as Lion of the tribe of Judah, as Kinsman-Redeemer, as the great Bridegroom, as the Hero of Armageddon, as source of illumination for the New Jerusalem—verily, it is His unveiling.

"To shew unto his servants." Verily, there is no comfort to an unsaved person to read the Book of Revelation.

Signified

"Signified." This is a key word. Many complain that the book is so full of pictures and symbols, but that is exactly it. It is written in picture language. Find the meaning of the picture and you have the message. I have seen people work on a crossword puzzle for hours, but here is a puzzle that promises rich reward for him who has the interest and the determination to learn the meaning of its pictures and fit them into its message.

This is being written in December. Soon the newspapers will present the

cartoon of an old man with a scythe and a little fellow with an hourglass tripping in behind. We need no word to solve this "signified" cartoon, but immediately recognize Father Time and the New Year taking his place.

A friend of mine gave me a picture of statuary that was erected in San Francisco when the nations met there a few years ago. There was a dragon, a bear, a lion, and a flying eagle, all hitched to a chariot, and in the chariot was an angelic creature holding high a torch. We need not a word to know that China, Russia, England, and the United States are bringing in the New Freedom.

And so with Revelation, it is written in picture or signified language. Find the meaning of the picture and we have the message. Most of the Revelation is on Old Testament ground, thus a thorough understanding of the Old Testament is necessary to its understanding.

Illustration

We find one illustration in the 12th verse. "And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks." Let us remember that we must get the true meaning of the picture. Some approach this book in this way. "Candlesticks give light; automobiles give light. Isn't it wonderful how the Bible predicts automobiles?" But such is not the way to get the message of Revelation.

The answer is usually found somewhere in the Bible. This is an easy one, for in verse 20 we read, "The seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches." It is impossible in this brief article to give more, but anyone interested can secure my book on "The Revelation" at the Herald Company for \$1.

An Outline

We have space to give but a brief outline of the Revelation from the fourth chapter on. Let us say that a man buys a farm and pays for it, but cannot take possession until the 1st of next April. On April 1 the old renter refuses to give possession. The new owner goes to the courthouse and gets his title deed and, in

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company with the sheriff, goes to his farm, enters the front gate, and declares possession.

But there is a fight. They break a few windows, kill a few chickens, and destroy some property. Finally the old renter is handcuffed and led off to prison and the real owner takes possession.

This is the story of Revelation. Our Lord redeemed the world at the cross, but will not take possession until "the day of redemption," or April 1. At that time, Satan will refuse to give possession, so there will be a fight. Christ will go into the court in heaven to get His title deed (chapter 4 is a description of the court and in chapter 5 He receives His deed). He then opens the seals (chapter 6 speaks of certain judgments that follow along in the line of natural consequences), and begins to force possession. Chapters 8 and 9 tell of supernatural judgments. Then in chapter 10 He walks in the front gate and, with title deed in hand, He declares possession.

But there will be a fight and the next few chapters give us various angles of society as they gravitate toward the last showdown. Things will get so bad that if God is to have any testimony at all, He must keep it

by supernatural power, so He measures off a portion in Jerusalem and sends two men as witnesses, and keeps them for the next 3½ years. This is chapter 11.

In chapter 12 we have the Jewish angle of society for the same period of time. In chapter 13 we have the political situation for the last 3½ years of this age; in chapter 17 it is the religious angle, while in chapter 18 it is the commercial angle for the same period of time.

Chapter 14 gives us certain admonitions and foreviews; chapters 15 and 16 give us the vial judgments, which ripen the grapes of earth and gets them ready for the winepress of the Lord. Chapter 19 gives us the final clash of Armageddon; chapter 20 is the clearing away of the rubbish of this age gone mad against its Creator; chapters 21 and 22 are a description of the new Jerusalem.

Verily, "Blessed is he that readeth" the Book of Revelation (Rev. 1:3).

so on may be worked out. Pray also for a few who are finishing in January, that they may have the leading of the Lord, too.

MISCELLANEOUS—

Let us "enlarge the place of our tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of our habitations, and spare not," but remember all of our Brethren who are working full time for the Master in various parts of His vineyard, not directly under our boards. Remember them with our prayers and our gifts. Some of them are:

Pearson's Sailor Work, 386 W. 5th St., San Pedro, Calif.

Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Goodman, Sr., 2 Jubilee Rd., Poona 1, B. P. India

Miss Grace Allshouse, Seeley Lake, Mont.

Rev. Paul Eiselstein, Golden, Colo.

Mr. Arthur Nickels, British Isles.

Chaplains Donald Carter and Floyd Shiery in Korea.

SILENT WITNESSES

With samples of heaven to wave at my feet,
Where yellow and red and other shades meet,
They witness in silence of something more grand
Than much-learned man ever can understand.

Oh! Maker of flowers, whose beauties excell,
Unstop our ears lest we miss what they tell!
For they have a message that should be received;
It would soften each sorrow with hope, when believed.

What is now this message in flowers that bloom?
They last but one season, then comes winter gloom;
The frost overcomes them and the fairest one dies—
But wait until spring, and again they arise!

You may visualize heaven by the flowers if you can—
Yet God terms them as grass when comparing with men.
We're made for eternity, not for the tomb.
We shall rise in His likeness beyond death's dark gloom.

But flowers are sinless; they're perfect; they're pure;
While we are all sinful, defiled.
Is there such a hope; how may we be sure?
The answer is "by faith, as a child."

Believe God today that He said, "Look and live!"
Then look to the cross where Christ died.
Receive Him as your Saviour; your sins He'll forgive;
And you'll awake in His likeness, at last satisfied.

—Mrs. Ida Lowery, Spokane, Wash.

CONVERSIONS IN FORMOSA

According to a recent report from the headquarters of the Youth for Christ International, more than 34,300 Formosans, Nationalist soldiers from China, and aboriginal people on Formosa came to Christ Jesus for salvation during the 12-month period that ended with October 1951. At least 10,000 of these converts have enrolled in follow-up Bible study courses.

Rev. Richard Hillis, one of the leaders in this movement, returned to Formosa in the first week of December with his wife and family. Also he took with him the "Billy Sunday Unit." This is a Chevrolet carryall complete with loudspeaker and sound projector, given to the work by Mrs. W. A. (Ma) Sunday.

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A Prayer for 1952

Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves around me roll,
Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal;
Chart and compass come from Thee,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild.
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea;
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar,
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me:
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

—Edward Hopper.





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A son, Dennis Lee, was born to Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Myers, of Martinsburg, W. Va., on December 22.

The date for the evangelistic meetings at the San Diego, Calif., church have been changed to February 4-17. Rev. Robert Ashman will be the evangelist.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, executive vice president of Grace Theological Seminary, will visit some of the California churches, beginning January 13. These visits will be in behalf of the school.

At the Clayhole, Ky., church 235 people heard and saw the Christmas program presented by the children on December 23. This was a new high for recent months. In the evening of the same day the young people presented a play. Six baskets, filled with food, were distributed by the church to needy families in the community.

Rev. William Clough, of the Tracy, Calif., church, wrote: "Praise the Lord, we had 152 present for the Christmas program presented by the Sunday school" the evening of December 23.

Because of housing difficulties in Philadelphia, Rev. John Aeby will continue as pastor of the Fort Wayne, Ind., church during the month of January.

The Beaumont, Calif., church will hold its midwinter evangelistic campaign in the new building, beginning January 13. Evangelist Robert Ashman will be the preacher for these meetings.

The New Troy, Mich., church watch night services lasted 4 hours: 1 hour in charge of adults, 1 hour for

a picture, 1 hour of social fellowship, and 1 hour of meditation and prayer in charge of the young people.

The executive committee of the board of directors and the editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald are happy to announce that Bro. Jesse Deloe, who had resigned as linotype operator of the company, will continue his work there. For 7 years Brother Deloe has served in this capacity and much credit must be given to him for the general character of our denominational literature.

The Ghent Church, Roanoke, Va., will hold a youth rally January 13-15 under the leadership of Rev. Ralph Colburn, national youth director. He will also speak to the men and boys meeting January 18.

Grace Theological Seminary should have a very definite place in the



praying and giving of every member of the denomination during the months of December and January especially.

Dr. Billy Graham and his evangelistic party begin special meetings in Washington, D. C., on January 13. See, elsewhere in this paper, a timely article by Mr. Graham.

The First Church, Long Beach, Calif., will entertain some of the sessions of the Torrey Memorial Bible Conference during the week of January 13-20. This conference is sponsored by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Speakers include Dr. Clarence Roddy, Dr. Herbert Lockyer, Dr. Vance Havner, Dr. Jack Mitchell, and Dr. Walter Montano.

Rev. Glenn O'Neal, while on a brief vacation from his pastorate in Los Angeles, visited and preached at his home church, Sunnyside, Wash., on December 23.

The Washington Heights Church, Roanoke, Va., had 43 people in Bible school, 31 in morning worship, 27 in Junior BYF, and 67 for the evening Christmas program on December 23. The congregation has bought and paid for lots costing \$2,000 and is

beginning a building fund. The offering from this group for home missions was \$166.01.

The new address of William Carl Miller, acting pastor of the Washington Heights Church, is R. R. 2, Box 108, Roanoke, Va.

The people at the Bethany Church, Dayton, Ohio, request that the members of the Brethren Church remember their pastor, Rev. Rodney Wy-song, in prayer. Brother Wysong lies seriously ill in the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Dayton. Bro. Homer Lutz is caring for the pastoral work of the congregation at this time.

Rev. R. I. Humberd, of Flora, Ind., spoke recently at Grace Theological Seminary, the Evangelistic Center, Huntington, W. Va., and Grace Brethren Church, Flora. During January he is scheduled to speak at the Brethren churches at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Manteca, Modesto, Tracy, Los Angeles (Second), and Fillmore, Calif. Also he spoke at the monthly meeting of the American Prophetic League, in Los Angeles.

Rev. Robert Dell, with several families from the Glendale church, began the new year by starting a fundamental testimony in La Crescenta, Calif. At the same time Brother Dell terminated his work as youth director for the Glendale church.

The Waynesboro, Pa., church is sponsoring a Bible school attendance contest during the first quarter of 1952.

Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson are ministering to several of the churches in northeastern Ohio during January.

The Kittanning, Pa., church gave more than \$1,300 to home missions this year, and at Christmas time a gift of \$50 was given to their pastor, Rev. Gordon Bracker, and family.

Mr. Irvin Miller, Junior at Grace Seminary, preached at the Harrisburg, Pa., church the last Sunday evening of 1951. There were 98 people present at the service.

The Harrisburg, Pa., church is 100 percent in Missionary Herald subscriptions. To this list have been added the names of 12 people who are prospects, but not members of the church. (A suggestion for other churches.)

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February BBC Books Deal With Testings

For the members of the Brethren Book Club a choice is offered this month between an exposition of First Peter and a novel about Richard Baxter, both of which deal at length with the problem of the testings of the saints.

First Peter

Under the title, "Tried by Fire" (\$2.50), Dr. F. B. Meyer has written an exceptionally fine, easy-to-read book based upon Peter's first epistle to the saints. This is our first-choice book.

Richard Baxter

The second-choice book, "No Darker Rooms," by A. Morgan Derham (\$2.25), centers around the life of the Rev. Richard Baxter, one of England's greatest preachers and spiritual writers.

Members

Members of the club, if you want the first-choice book for February, you need do nothing until the book arrives in your home. It will be mailed early in February. But if you want the second-choice book or no book in February you must notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company of your desires before February 1.

New Members

Anyone may become a member by sending for either of the above two books and sending remittance for the same. The only agreement the new member makes is to remain in the club until he has purchased at least four books. For joining, the new member may have a choice of the following as a gift from the club: Dr. Florence Gribble's "Stranger Than Fiction," or Andrew Bonar's "The Biography of Robert Murray Mc-Cheyne," or Lewis S. Chafer's "Major Bible Themes," or O. E. Phillips' "Out of the Night," or Elise Fraser's novel, "The Emerald Necklace."

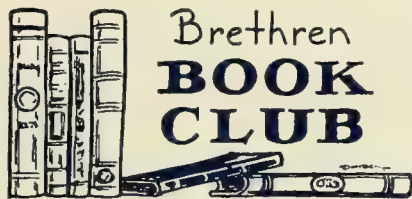
After the member buys four books another book is given as a premium.

This procedure continues as long as one is a member of the club.

TRIED BY FIRE

By F. B. Meyer

Where is there a believer who at times does not have to pass through the experience of trial? Many of God's choicest believers have had to pass through the most severe trials. In them God has refined His servants and made them more useful than they could possibly have been



before. In the book before us, Dr. F. B. Meyer deals with the subject of suffering and trial as they relate to the child of God. It is an exposition of the First Epistle of Peter, which book is mainly concerned with the sufferings and sorrows of the saints.

Dr. Meyer, in a very simple and devotional manner, deals with God's purposes in allowing His children to pass through the fiery furnace. Though presented in a style that can readily be appreciated by both preacher and layman, it is nevertheless a work that deals carefully with all the problems of the book. It is very satisfying in that it treats every verse in the epistle. Some commentators skip over many of the difficult passages in their treatment of certain portions of God's Word. This is not the method of Dr. Meyer. He seeks to give the clear meaning and application of each passage. Especially careful is he to bring out the secret as to how the Christian can live triumphantly and gloriously in spite of experiences that bring him into the "refiner's fire."

This book of 192 pages deserves to be read by a host of God's people in these trying days through which we are passing. In some respects the days and conditions of Peter's time were parallel to ours. Therefore, there is a message of special impor-

tance in this book, "Tried by Fire," for such a time as this.—Reviewed by Dr. Homer A. Kent.

NO DARKER ROOMS

By A. Morgan Derham

Here is an interesting novel that is both different and worth while. The author did much research before writing it, but his finished product is by no means dull factual reading.

The Rev. Richard Baxter, one of the greatest of English preachers in his day, or any day, is the hero of the book. By his life and ministry he led a city—Kidderminster—to be known throughout England as a city of men and women who were different.

Mr. Baxter did not stand alone in his work; he was ably assisted by others, especially by Mrs. Charlton and her daughter, Margaret. These two people had a very important place, in fact, in the life, the work, and the thoughts of the preacher of Kidderminster.

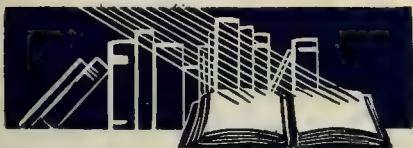
There is plenty of political plotting and personal planning to hold the reader's attention to the end of the story.

If you want an exceptionally fine novel, then do not miss this one.—Reviewed by Conard Sandy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

"Christian Teachers — In Every Community — In Every Nation," has been selected as the theme for "the world's largest denominational Sunday school convention" which will convene on March 25-28, 1952. The 10th national — first international — Sunday school convention of the Assemblies of God will be held in Springfield, Mo., and is expected to attract 10,000 delegates.

Rev. Paul Copeland, director of the national Sunday school department of that denomination, in calling the convention, said: "The decision to make the 10th Sunday school convention an international convention comes because we see a new interest in Sunday schools on the mission field and in many foreign countries. There is no surer way of combating Communism than by providing Christian teachers in every community of every nation of the world."



THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

Communist Ratings

The daily newspapers have recently brought to the attention of the public the classification of the people of China, according to their usefulness. These ratings were made by the "People's Republic of China," which is both Communistic and atheistic; and these ratings are based upon the usefulness or importance of the people in relation to the godless government and society they are introducing into that land. Here is their list in the order of importance:

1. Soldiers.
2. Laborers.
3. Farmers.
4. Government workers.
5. Artisans.
6. Intellectuals, teachers, and students.
7. Craftsmen.
8. Business.
9. Prostitutes.
10. Missionaries.

One is compelled to wonder, in the light of facts like these, how any citizen of this country could ever want to be under Communistic rulers, whether they be from Russia, China, or the United States of America. Communism is godless and therefore has no place for those who do the work of God. (Note that the prostitutes are of more value and importance than the missionaries.)

A Refreshing Testimony

Dick Kazmaier, a resident of Maumee, Ohio, and a student at Princeton University, is the most honored college football player in this country at the present time. He has been selected as the "back of the year" and as the "outstanding" athlete of the year. Yet Mr. Kazmaier seems to have no further ambitions in the realm of football.

"Money doesn't interest me at all right now," said the 21-year-old All-American. "I probably could sign a pro contract and make a lot of quick cash. That's not for me. I don't want to live a fast life. I want a quiet, normal life."

In a day when so much corruption has crept into sports it is refreshing to learn of one outstanding athlete, as reported through the daily press, who has not been unduly turned by

the glamour of this world and the enticement of an "easy dollar."

Paul wrote to young Timothy along this same line of thought: "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition" (I Tim. 6:9).

Out of This World

A communication from England by International News Service indicates that "at least a thousand people want to take a trip to the moon."

Arthur Clark, secretary of the British Interplanetary Society, said this urge "to get out of the world is undoubtedly due in part to national and international conditions today."

"People in Britain are obviously fed up with rationing, insecurity, regimentation, and red tape. The membership of our society has increased by leaps and bounds since the war. It now numbers more than a thousand—most of whom would like to make that first trip to the moon or Mars."

The Christian, because he is not a part of this world, also would like to leave it, though his desired goal is not the moon or Mars. Christ Jesus said concerning the saints: "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 17:16).

Our Lord is now preparing homes in heaven—not on the moon or Mars—for His own (see John 14:1-6). Knowing this the Apostle Paul declared: "I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you" (Phil. 1:23-24).

Double Standard Wanted (?)

Gilbert Highet, a professor at Columbia University, New York, said recently: "It's rather unfair to ask a professional lawyer to present the whole truth and nothing but the truth, because that isn't what he is supposed to do."

What kind of reasoning is this? When a witness is called before the court he is compelled to swear or affirm that he will tell "the whole truth and nothing but the truth." That is expected of him, but accord-

ing to Mr. Highet it should not be expected of the lawyer who is pleading the case. It is no wonder that we have so much injustice in the courts of our land.

At Sinai God gave 10 commandments to govern the life of His people under law. The ninth of these commands is: "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor" (Ex. 20:16). This command, or its equivalent, is repeated many times in the New Testament—yet never once does it make an exception for lawyers, or for any other group or class of people.

Suppose some particular group were given immunity from telling the truth at all times, where would that place our society? Resting upon such immunity these people could tell lies to their loved ones, to their business associates, to anyone, and the hearers would never know when the truth was being told and when it was being withheld. This writer is not able to imagine what the outcome would be if such a policy were followed.

Proper Dress

Some excitement was created at the close of the year 1951, as at the end of previous years, over the announcement of the names of the women who were reckoned as the best-dressed during 1951.

The headlines in the daily newspapers stated: "Those Who Know Name World's 14 Best-Dressed." This is followed by the 14 names of the women selected as having been the best-dressed during the year. We are not told by what standards the selections were made.

We do know, however, of a day in the future—not too far distant, it seems—when dresses of wool, silk, or nylon will be of little value. In that day it will be "smart" to be dressed according to God's standards. The Apostle John wrote of this in these words:

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints" (Rev. 19:7-8).

The Story of Nathan and Mary Meyer

By Conard Sandy, Editor

On Sunday, December 16, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan M. Meyer united with the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa. However, there is more to their story than those few words indicate.

Brother Meyer had been for some time an elder in the Big Swatara congregation of the Church of the Brethren. On the evening of October 8 he and his convalescing wife were given a "surprise visit" by a committee of elders from the denomination of which he was then a member. Certain charges were placed against him and certain questions were directed to him. He was asked to write the answers to the questions, which he did on the night of October 15-16, and then had them printed in an open letter to the presiding elder of his local congregation. After expressing some general observations he continued thus:

"In essence I have been charged with disloyalty to the program of the Church of the Brethren. This charge is correct. I have never, to my knowledge, been accused of disloyalty to Christ. I have been charged with doing 'damage' to the Church of the Brethren and its program. This charge may or may not be true, but I do deny doing any harm to the church of which Jesus spoke when He said, 'Upon this rock [Himself] I will build my church.' The true church is the body of Christ. The body of Christ is composed of all true believers regardless of their denominational affiliations.

"... Man's organization is not infallible and therefore the church as an organization is capable of committing sin just as are individuals. To deny this is to advocate 'Popery.' I am not condemning the Church of the Brethren for being fallible, a characteristic of all churches. I am condemning her for refusing to repent of her sins and for 'stoning the prophets' who call her sins to her attention."

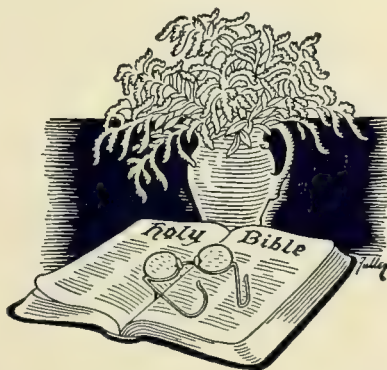
This is followed by an argument for the Scriptures as the final authority, as given and interpreted by the Holy Spirit. Also, he pointed out how the leaders and the official paper of the Church of the Brethren have a tendency to deify man and

humanize God, how they speak much of the universal fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man. Then he asks some very pertinent questions:

"Why do we attempt to have spiritual fellowship with groups that exalt Christ-denying modernists and elevate them to the highest positions of honor?"

"Why are Bible teachers in our church camp taken to trial for giving campers the greatest invitation in the world—to accept Jesus as their own personal Saviour? Why have our church colleges strayed away from a real Bible-centered curriculum taught by a faculty composed of spiritual, consecrated Christians? . . .

"Why do most of our younger members attend movies and fail to



see the harm involved? Why does the Messenger change the Biblical meaning of the word 'lost' (from that of a soul eternally separated from God and headed for hell) to social bewilderment, tension, and frustration?" After raising these and other questions, he proposes some answers as to why these things are true in that denomination.

"Our un-Biblical, man-exalting preaching has resulted in adding many names to the church roll that have never been born again. It is true, we may not judge individuals on this subject, but by their fruits ye shall know them. A dead man bears no fruit; he needs to be born spiritually. . . .

"Satan is trying in every way to get rid of the powerful Word of God. . . .

"Spiritual illiteracy is another cause. When people study their Bibles prayerfully, regularly, and diligently, something is bound to happen. The Lord pours out His blessing, the Spirit produces spiritual illumination and the babe in Christ grows spiritually."

This is followed by a section in which Mr. Meyer says that he is not accusing every member of the denomination, nor does he claim that there is not some good being done by the denomination. Then he adds:

"Finally, I have been charged with arousing strife and contention and disturbing the peace in the Hanoverdale Church (another name for Big Swatara). If this be true it is only because the Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword when it comes to the subject of good and evil. People are either saved or lost. Either they belong to Christ or to Satan. Everyone is either for Christ or against Him. There is no middle road. When preaching the Word produces strife, it is only strife between the forces of Christ and the forces of Satan.

"In effect the committee of elders has given me, unofficially, the choice of being loyal to the program of the Church of the Brethren or finding a church where I can be loyal. Actually this is giving me no choice at all. I could never preach again and hope to deliver a message from the Lord if I should fail Him by sacrificing my convictions, which are based on His Word and many hours alone with Him. We are dealing with time and eternity—issues that concern the destiny of men's souls. These we cannot treat lightly. I am therefore forced to part company with the denomination of my forefathers which until now I had hoped and prayed would be spared the awful tragedy of being found in the great apostasy when Jesus comes. If the church would only pause in her feverish activity to recognize the direction in which she is traveling, there would be hope; but when those who are the leaders desire the 'critics' to leave them in 'peace,' the low ebb of spirituality can only get worse. (See Laodicean church, Rev. 3:14-19.)

"Let no one say that I made other

plans before this decision was made. I have no plans from here on except to teach at the Harrisburg School of the Bible as I have promised. But I have a Book that I enjoy taking literally. It says, 'The steps of a righteous man are ordered of the Lord.' I have sought His will and waited for His answer. It has come, very definitely. In tears I said, "All right, Lord. My blood and sweat and tears are in Hanoverdale, but I am happy to do your bidding." I also sought His will concerning the proper time. It too came quickly, clearly, definitely. It was not my choice—it was His. . . .

"One thing more: My wife and I and the Lord are the only ones until now who have any knowledge whatsoever of the contents of this letter or the circumstances that necessitated writing it. I thank the Lord that Mary and I are one in Him and with Him. All that I have said may be considered as coming from her too. No decisions were made hastily. I know that I shall be misunderstood but I shall leave that to the Lord. . . . At 11 o'clock last night I sat down to write an answer; it is now 4 o'clock in the morning. . . .

"Finally, Brethren, farewell."

Beloved, this is not written to "take a shot" at any person or denomination. Rather, it is written to urge the members of the Brethren Church to pray for those believers who are still affiliated with those churches and denominations that are a part of the National and World Council of Churches—two bodies that have grown big, but which have strayed from the pure Word of God.

Brother and Sister Meyer remained without a church home for 2 months. On December 16, after much counsel with Rev. L. L. Grubb, Pastor Russel Weber and the editor, this young couple entered into the membership of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church.

PROTESTANT PILGRIMAGE

The American Council of Christian Churches, under the supervision of its general secretary, Dr. William Harllee Bordeaux, has planned a Protestant Pilgrimage to "march" on Washington, D. C., January 24, 1952, to sponsor a rally of protest against the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. The rally will be held in Constitution Hall, with delegations expected from every State in the Union.

FEAR! -:- -:- -:- By Billy Graham

Whether you will admit it or not there are few of us who do not experience fear in one way or another. Man is the only creature on earth whose existence is passed in a state of dread, who is prey to constant fear of one sort or another. Some people are possessed of physical fears; they live in constant dread of the loss of health and go to great lengths to keep themselves in the best possible physical trim. Some have social fears; they are afraid of contact with other people, or they are fearful lest they will not receive due recognition.

Many a man doing business on Main Street operates his business with fear surging through his heart; he has fears concerning his competitor, the loss of business or money. Still others are possessed of political fears; politicians fear their constituents and only too often trim their principles to suit the opinions of the voters. There are others who have fears regarding their appearance; they are afraid of being kept out of fashion and because of this they will almost bankrupt themselves to keep up with the latest fads and fancies and literally sell every virtue to keep themselves in style; to them, "keeping up with the Joneses" is the biggest thing in life. There are thousands of people who are afraid of death; to them death is completely a mystery and an unknown. They shudder and break out in beads of perspiration at the very thought of dying.

A doctor said some time ago: "Fears are the most disruptive thing we can have." I know a lady who is in mortal dread of germs. She stays inside the house, the prisoner of her own fear, lest she meet one. She doesn't realize that fear itself is 10 times more deadly than the germ. I know a school teacher who had a basic fear which brought on a stomach ulcer; when she got rid of the fear, she got rid of the ulcer.

A former psychologist says, "Fear is not natural, but faith is. I am so made and constructed that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of life. Faith is oil. I live better

by faith and confidence than by fear, doubt, and anxiety."

A Johns Hopkins doctor says that we do not know why it is that the worriers die sooner than the non-worriers. But that is a fact. We are inwardly constructed in nerve and tissue and brain cell and soul for faith, and not for fear. God has made us that way. Therefore, the need of faith is not something imposed on us dogmatically, but it is written in us intrinsically. We cannot live without it. To live by worry means ultimate destruction of body as well as of soul.

Jesus said we are not to fear; we are not to be anxious; we are not to fret; we are not to worry. The Bible teaches that this type of fear is sin.

The greatest fears are those of death, judgment, and eternity. And these are indeed well-grounded fears, but confidence in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary and in His Word will conquer all such fears. If we trust Him we do not need to fear judgment, for He shows us that the believer shall not come into condemnation.

The Bible declares that for those in Christ there is no judgment. The Bible declares that the sting of death is gone for those who are in Christ. Your fears are banished, your frustrations quieted. Your worries can flee if today you give your heart and life to Jesus Christ. Right where you are now you can say "yes" to Christ. You say, "What do I have to do?" All you have to do is at this instant submit your will to Christ and accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. You must acknowledge that you are a sinner and then by faith let Christ come into your heart. —From a tract published by the American Tract Society, 21 W. 46th St., New York 19, N. Y.

FUNDAMENTALS ASSOCIATION

Dr. Claude A. Watson has announced the dissolution of the World Christian Fundamentals Association and the discontinuance of the publication of the Fundamentalist, the official paper of the association.

Dr. Paul W. Rood, who has been president of the association since 1929, suffered two strokes recently and no one has been found to carry on his work. Therefore, the board of directors took this action.



NEWS from the CHURCHES

Kittanning, Pa.

We praise God for His blessings in our Home Mission Revival meetings conducted November 5-18 at the First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.

Home Mission Season. Since the meetings came just before Thanksgiving it was decided to have the meetings emphasize home missions along with the soul-winning effort.

Home Mission Evangelist. Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Juniata, Altoona, was the evangelist. His messages were greatly appreciated. There were nine decisions; with three more the Sunday following the special meetings.

Home Mission Letters. During the meetings letters from home mission pastors were read that told of God's blessings in other places.

Home Mission Prayer Partners. During these meetings a local system of prayer partners with home mission workers was revised and enlarged. There are now 61 persons in the congregation who have prayer partners on the home mission fields.

Home Mission Offering. Our church voted by faith to increase our home mission offering 30 percent over last year's offering.

Home Mission Pictures. Pictures and snapshots of home mission fields and workers were displayed during the meetings. These encouraged more intelligent praying. — Gordon W. Bracker, pastor.

San Bernardino, Calif.

Greetings from the Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church. So that those who have prayed and given for this work might rejoice with us we give this report.

On December 23 we used our chartered bus for the seventh Sunday, bringing 26 people to Sunday school. Only 9 used the bus the first time it was used, though invitations were given to 500 homes.

We had another record attendance in Sunday school last Sunday—120. One year ago there were 66 in Sunday school, and 37 the year before.

In the morning worship service (December 23) there were 89 people present and 6 came forward at the invitation—3 young ladies to accept the Saviour, a father to confess his backsliding, and a couple who had held the offices of deacon and deaconess in another church came for membership. Four of the last five Sundays someone has come to the Lord.

Our auditorium seats 110 people comfortably, yet there were 120 in Sunday school and 137 at the Sunday night Christmas program. To help alleviate this condition the congregation is purchasing the lot next to the present church building, which will give us a piece of ground 150 feet by 135 feet. Some rearranging in the present building is being made to help the situation for the present time.—Lyle W. Marvin, pastor.

North Buffalo, Kittanning, Pa.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psa. 126:3). We can also say of the work of the North Buffalo church what the Psalmist said of the people of Israel in possessing the land of Canaan: "For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but by thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them" (Psa. 44:3).

We came to this field 11 months ago at the unanimous invitation of the group meeting at North Buffalo. During these months of service we have continually sought the mind of the Lord regarding the organization of a Brethren church here. There are conditions, peculiar to the community, which caused us to move slowly. But we were led definitely to plan for and execute the organization on December 11.

There were 18 names presented for membership in this original organization, and we are fully persuaded that this was the Lord's time "to go forward." He placed in this group those of His own choice.

We were happy to have the assistance of Rev. Clyde Landrum, of Uniontown, and Rev. Gordon Bracker, of Kittanning, in framing our constitution and in the actual work of organization.

At the time of the organization the church voted to pay the rent on the pastor's home, to give him a vacation of 2 weeks duration, and to aid financially in attending the denomina-

tional conferences. Further evidence of the generosity of the people was shown on December 23 at the close of the Christmas program, when they gave to the pastor the money that was used to decorate the Christmas tree. This amounted to \$53.72—a very pleasant surprise for the pastor and his family.

A week ago one of the friends of our group, though not a member, won a contest sponsored by a local furniture establishment. He was given the privilege of designating some church or charitable organization as the beneficiary of a \$100 donation. He named our church and we received the check.

Since the organization another person has joined our membership.

As the pastor of this recently organized Brethren church I am praising God for the spirit and vision of this small nucleus of believers. They are faithful to the Lord and to their pastor, and have increased their offering to home missions 64 percent over the amount given last year.

Satan has been busy. He has attacked the pastor, his family, and the believers in the community. He has sought to frustrate the work from every angle. But we praise the Lord for the victory He has wrought in North Buffalo. We covet your prayers for yet greater victories for Christ's glory in this part of His vineyard.—Ulysses L. Gingrich, pastor.

Martinsburg, W. Va.

Greetings in Jesus' precious name.

Prior to the semiannual communion service at the Rosemont Brethren Church the pastor preached a sermon on "The Value of Self-Examination," from I Corinthians 11. At the invitation 28 people responded in public confession, several being first-time decisions.

November 18-25 the church held a youth revival under the leadership of Evangelist Bill Smith, now a Senior in Grace Seminary. The attendance was good, requiring extra chairs at one of the services. Brother Smith expounded the deeper things of the Word in a manner that all could understand and everyone was blessed.

This meeting was followed by a prophetic conference under the direction of Dr. O. E. Phillips, who recently returned from Palestine, where he had been a guest of the Israeli government. Most of his messages dealt with the prophecies that center in the Jews. These meetings



CHURCH LETTERS

By Dr. Charles W. Mayes

did much to make the church known in the community, and many people came for many miles to hear this teacher of the prophetic Word, and no one was disappointed in his ministry.—*Pastor M. L. Myers.*

Berrien Springs, Mich.

Revival services of 1 week duration, ending December 9, were conducted in the Berrien Springs, Mich., Grace Brethren Tabernacle, under the leadership of Rev. Ward Miller, of Osceola, Ind. There were no public decisions, yet the meetings produced results in the church.

The theme of our meeting was, "Do You Know?" or "Answers to Vital Questions." The verse for this theme was II Timothy 1:12, and the theme chorus was, "In My Heart There Rings a Melody."

Believers from both the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind. (Bro. Miller's church), and the New Troy (Mich.) Brethren Church, under the leadership of Rev. Leslie Moore, aided much during the week with testimonies and music.

The attendance averaged 47, with a high of 72 people present at the closing service. The interest was keen and the people were greatly blessed.—*Arthur F. Collins, pastor.*

OPPOSE TIE-UP WITH VATICAN

The opposition to President Truman's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican goes deeper than the differences that exist between Protestants and the Roman Catholics. The Jews of this country also see the danger in such representation.

Recently the American Jewish Congress, at its biennial convention in New York City, voted to oppose President Truman's "nomination of an ambassador to the Vatican. An adopted resolution urged the President to recall the appointment 'in the interests of fundamental American democratic principles and interreligious harmony and accord within this country.'"

Pray, brethren, that the Senate will refuse to confirm the appointment of a political representative to a religious body with headquarters in the Vatican at Rome, Italy.

We would never want to be so narrow as to refuse to give church letters for people to go to some other denomination. We have never claimed that the Brethren Church was the only church teaching salvation or the deep truths of the spiritual life. The fact that the Brethren have been known as cooperative and friendly to great men of God, regardless of their denomination, should make this clear. In most Brethren churches, fundamental teachers and preachers from other denominations are not only welcome, but are invited to come in.

The Danger of Sleep

Our very fairness and cooperation may sometimes become an anesthetic to put us to sleep. Let us not forget that modernism still exists among churches, even though it may be compelled to parade under a different banner. When our people find it necessary to join some other church, they should by all means search out a congregation which is *not in any way affiliated with the modernistic National Council of Christian Churches* (formerly the Federal Council) or the World Council. We realize that the heads of most people swim when they try to figure out the councils of our modern day. Perhaps this may be used by the enemy to confuse as many as possible. Those who want to stand for the faith and obey the Scripture should look more deeply into a church than the present preacher, the entertainment, or the social life. Congregations affiliated directly or indirectly with these modernistic, un-Scriptural movements are certain to be influenced thereby. Representatives of these superorganizations have a way of infiltrating a local congregation. Besides, churches affiliated with the modernistic National Council *make certain financial contributions* to these organizations, which money goes ultimately to the destruction of the faith. Besides, those who give their money to foreign missions should be very careful to see that the missionaries who are supported are not only true to the Word but *free from these modernistic entanglements.*

Just last week a godly man who regrets that his denomination is affiliated with the modernistic National Council made a sizeable contribution

to Brethren foreign missions to be sure that his money is used in a work separated from modernistic influences.

Investigate

On a number of occasions some of our people from Fifth and Cherry have moved to locations where there are no Brethren churches. Feeling they should be affiliated with some local work, they have contacted the pastor relative to a church which stands separated from worldly alliances. In many cases these people have found churches in their respective cities which are set up for the defense of the Gospel and are free from modernistic superorganizations.

One of our members unknowingly joined a church tied up with the Federal Council, but as soon as the facts were learned, found another church home immediately. This is what we call conviction and it is the kind of conviction for which Brethren should be noted.

Some People Are Fickle

Too many people choose a church by looking only at the outside, the immediate activity, or the entertaining features. Yet, who would judge a restaurant by the beautiful awning on the outside, or who would judge the quality of an automobile by the paint? The Brethren may sincerely thank God that our national organization and all our organizations are *not* members of any modernistic councils. These superorganizations are not an answer to the prayer of our Lord for Christian unity, but rather they are the fulfillment of the dark prophecies of the New Testament that in the latter days some will depart from the faith, eventually ending in Satan's false church. Read about this in Revelation, chapter 17.—*Editorial in Fifth and Cherry Light, December 14, 1951.*

A REMINDER

In making your summer vacation plans remember to plan some time for attending the National Conference of Brethren Churches at Winoona Lake, Ind., August 18-24 (one week earlier than last year).



“Occupy” IN PREACHING

By Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Intensely a townsman, Paul was not a stranger when he found himself walking the crowded streets of Corinth. To stand in its prosaic theaters, to read the Grecian inscriptions, to tread the mosaic floors of imperial villas, or to visit the forum where Gallio sat in the judgment seat, were not new things to Paul.

Corinth was the capital of Greece, therefore it was the seat of the proconsul, and was the source of local and imperial authority. Corinth was the hub of Grecian Jewry, for the chief synagogue of the province was located there. Corinth was the center of wealth. In fact, Corinth was so rich that Roman nobility obtained their marble, paintings, and statues there for the adornment of their villas. The wealth of Corinth was revealed when the Roman consul, Mummius, destroyed Corinth with fire and later exploited it of its wealth. There was so much gold, silver, and bronze in Corinth that after that great fire an amalgam was retrieved which became known as “Corinthian brass.”

The Apostle Paul was only too well aware of the wealth, luxury, lust, licentiousness, and lasciviousness of Corinth. Paul was only too well aware that Corinth was a synonym for profligacy and vice, even from the days of Homer.

Knowing these facts, Paul was dismayed to learn that the church at Corinth was being invaded by the sinful spirit of the city. This disturbed Paul to no small degree, for whenever the church of Jesus Christ turns to the world for wisdom and adheres to the philosophies of men, the message of the cross of Christ is rendered powerless. Such a church is not “occupying” for Christ in preaching.

The Purpose of Gospel Preaching (I Cor. 1:18-20).

The supreme purpose of Gospel preaching is to present Jesus Christ as God’s answer to the sin problem in the human heart. Any teaching or program that smothers this purpose is satanic in origin.

The secondary purpose of Gospel preaching is to reveal those who are saved and those who are lost. “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of

God.” The verbs “perish” and “saved” are both in the present tense. Thus we must conclude that every sermon preached is used by the Holy Spirit of God to determine those who are saved and those who are lost.

There is still a third purpose of Gospel preaching. Fundamental Gospel preaching reveals the foolishness of human wisdom without God. The patience of the Lord is not soon exhausted, therefore God Almighty lets human wisdom run its natural course. But in the end God “will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” Thus God declares that He will some day set aside the understanding of the judicious ones, whose wisdom is restricted to the age in which they live. All worldly wisdom is of a temporary nature. Such wisdom is in constant flux. “And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (I John 2:17).

The Theme of Gospel Preaching (I Cor. 1:23).

Paul proceeds to explain how it is that the Gospel has made the world’s wisdom appear foolish. In the all-wise providence of God, allowance has been made for worldly wise men to seek a way of life, but their seeking always ends in a blind alley, for they bar God out of their thinking.

As an antidote to such thinking God proceeds to use preaching as the means of giving to man the only answer to his quest for the real way of life. The supreme theme of genuine preaching is the cross. The cross was and is the expression of the very wisdom of God; and it was the cross that revealed the foolishness of human philosophies. “Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” (I Cor. 1:20).

The People God Uses in Gospel Preaching (I Cor. 1:27-30).

God, in His manifold wisdom, does not choose those He purposes to use in the same way the world would choose men to places of responsibility. The wisdom of the world seeks out the shrewd, clever politicians “who

have a pull," or who have distinction. God declares that such are not the essential constituents of His program. God's work does not depend upon some silver-tongued orator to be His mouthpiece. To the contrary, God often selects the supposedly sick ones ("weak things") and the low-born ("base things") to perform the ministry of preaching.

Many are the saints that have been mightily used of God whom the world considered handicapped. The name of Fanny Crosby stands out like an "old Gibraltar" in the army of believers whom God has used. Though blind, from the pen of this "sick one" came many of the hymns that God has used to preach the Gospel into thousands of souls.

Indeed, there must be a reason why the Lord selects the despised things of the world (vs. 28), and the beggarly things in preference to the wise and mighty. I Corinthians 1:29 affords the answer: "That no flesh should glory in his presence." God can only use men and women who are boasting in the Lord to proclaim His message. To the genuinely born-again child of God, Jesus Christ is everything. A true knowledge of God's grace will cause the true child of God to shout:

"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers 'round its head sublime.

"When the woes of life o'er-take me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy."

Someone asked Mr. George Mueller the secret of his great service for God. In reply, Mr. Mueller said: "There was a day when I died, utterly died," and as he spoke Mr. Mueller bent lower and lower until he almost touched the floor, and then continued: "died to George Mueller, his opinions, preferences, tastes, and will, died to the world, its approval or censure, died to the approval or blame even of my brethren and friends, and since then I have studied only to show myself approved of God." This is the secret of "occupying in preaching" as a regenerated saint of God.

FAREWELL

By Althea S. Miller

Farewell, dear old year, thy days are yet few;
The record is written; we cannot renew.

We weep over failures, and pray from our heart:
Dear Lord make this new year Thine own from the start.

Let each project and effort, dear Lord, we implore,
Reap vict'ries unnumbered and souls by the score.

We are Thy servants, Thy good news to give
To men, by sin blinded, so they, too, might live.

Farewell then, dear old year, and welcome thou new;
We enter with gladness, thou are fresh as the dew
With challenge and blessing 'til He break through the
blue.



A new year is upon us. Many a resolution lightly made has by this time been lightly cast aside. And many a resolution born out of the need of the hour and in all seriousness, has been washed away under the impact of temptation pin-pointed on the weakness of the human will. The days ahead are freighted with infinite possibilities for the performance of good and evil. The trackless course must be charted by the believer's Commander if the potentialities to evil are to be avoided. If you and I ignore or resent the guidance of our Father as He seeks to lead through His Word and prayer we will assure defeat unto ourselves. I challenge you as my own heart is challenged to take your hands off the reins of your life that He may perform in and through you His good pleasure.

Our 8-year-old daughter asked me one day why I cry sometimes after I've disciplined one of the children. How could I explain to her, or if I could explain adequately, how could she possibly understand that my grief as the administrator of the discipline is greater than the grief of the one disciplined? God takes no pleasure in having to discipline me, His child. His grief over the folly of my willful disobedience is greater than I can understand or experience. His pleasure does come, however, when He sees the result of His teaching and disciplining in my life. "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12:11).

This new year through whose doors we have just entered can become a pean of praise unto Him daily as we allow God's strong hand and mighty arm to chart the course of our lives. And this is in spite of tumult, strife, and uncertainty without; this in spite of the burnings of lust and passion within. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:13-15).

This new year, dear Lord, be it Thine to work in me and in WMC Thine own pleasure. By Thy grace, may my home, my church, my WMC, my nation be helped and blessed because I have responded to Thy leading, Thy disciplining, and Thy hand of love upon me. Hear Thou my prayer.

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Mirror, Mirror on the Wall . . .

A LAYWOMAN LOOKS AT PREACHERS' WIVES AND THEIR CHILDREN

When a laywoman starts holding the mirror for the preacher's wife and youngsters, the view is apt to be distorted by the angle of personal prejudice. So it seemed a good idea to listen carefully to the present comments of others and dig into memory for the past ones, in the hope that this article might be as unbiased as any individual work can be.

Since the positive approach has always seemed twice as profitable as the negative, let's consider a few attributes which people most desire in a pastor's wife.

On the practical down-to-earth side, they want her to be a good housekeeper and manager. As a speaker once put it: "Cleanliness is not *next* to godliness; it is godliness." So people appreciate a tidy, well-run parsonage on the grounds that it is a good testimony in the community. Good management avoids a lot of unpaid bills on the same basis.

They want her to be a good mother. While she is being faithful in giving her children spiritual instruction, they want her to remember that her offspring is the same sort of clay that constitutes theirs. Pastor's children who can avoid any attitude of superiority because of their position are to be commended.

Manners are the oil that keeps every-day machinery running smoothly. Their presence or absence seems to be especially noticed in ministers' children mainly because they are more in the public eye. Like all vicious circles, this in turn makes their mother's task all the harder.

In the church, folk expect the pastor's helpmate to be a spiritual leader. They are delighted if she possesses outstanding talents like singing, playing an instrument, or speaking in public. But they are ready to forgive a lack of this if her daily life is spiritually strong enough to be leading in its example.

Ability to mix with everyone in the church is a quality that rates high. The lady of the parsonage should be above small cliques. Church members are just human beings and human beings like to be noticed.

Hospitality that starts at the parsonage will soon spread through a congregation. It's amazing how people react to example. While the members of the church have no right to treat the parsonage with all the freedom of Grand Central Station, they do like to feel that a warm welcome awaits them there, especially if they have a real need on their hearts.

What a wonderful virtue is tactfulness! Tactless remarks about clothing, furniture, education, speech, etc., though often unintentional, seem to drive a harder blow when they come from a minister's wife.

To be a good listener is second to only one other virtue—the ability to keep to herself what she hears. Repeated tales can ruin the effectiveness of her testimony for those involved. If she has a criticism to make, most people would rather hear it from *her* in a spirit of love. If she herself needs a confidant, and most human beings do at some time or other, she should be sure that the tongue of that individual is as willing to stay still as the ears are to be active.

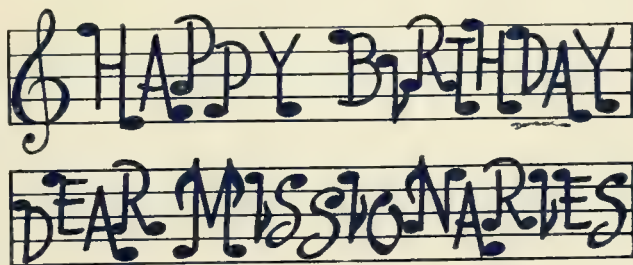
But perhaps what people want most of all from the pastor's wife is warmth and understanding. They want her to love them even when they don't deserve it, encourage them in their undertakings whether large or small. She must be interested in Sister's music lessons, Johnny's runny nose, Dad's sick cow, Mother's prize recipe, and Grandma's rheumatism.

In short, what most of us want from our pastor's wife is that she be a paragon of all the virtues we are finding it hard to develop in ourselves.

But it is up to us to help her be that kind of a person. We should pay her husband enough that being a good housekeeper and manager will not wear her to a frazzle. We need to show her the same love and understanding which we expect from her. Often this could mean lending a practical helping hand.

Praying for her is no small help. We pray long and loud for our missionaries, and that is commendable. But how long is it since you prayed for not only your pastor and his wife but all those throughout our Brethren churches? "But the missionaries have gone so far away and given up so much, while my pastor's wife has all the conveniences and comforts that I do," I hear someone say. Perhaps, but the same Devil is operating here as anywhere else in the world. Wherever God's servants are battling the forces of evil (even where it dons so-called respectability), they need our prayers.

So let's help this lady from whom we expect so much. Some of the most effective Christians I have ever known have been pastors' wives. God bless them every one!



Africa—

Mr. Albert Balzer.....	March 1
Mrs. S. Wayne Beaver.....	March 2
Mrs. Chauncey B. Sheldon.....	March 21

Argentina—

Mrs. Hill Maconaghy.....	March 21
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Missionaries' Children (Africa)—

Verna Marie Dunning.....	March 10, 1945
Paul Marvin Goodman.....	March 25, 1951

Missionaries' Children (Argentina)—

Kenneth Paul Churchill.....	March 5, 1947
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Missionaries' Children (France)—

Beckie Maurita Fogle.....	March 17, 1948
(32 Route de Montesson, Le Vesinet, Seine et Oise)	



Dear Mrs. Miller:

I received a letter from Brother Etling today thanking us for our gift for the National Sunday School Board. Here is part of it: "We want to express our appreciation for the very fine gift of \$152.77 for the work of Sunday schools in the Brethren Church. It is hard to fully express our gratitude for the lift you have given us in this work. Will you convey our thanks to your executive committee and the ladies of the WMC? Pray with us and for us that we shall spend the money wisely in the expansion of Sunday school work."

In His name,

Mrs. Chester McCall.

Findlay, Ohio.

Dear WMC Coworkers:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. This is our first news item. The Women's Missionary Council of the new Findlay Brethren Church, assisted by 11 women from the Fremont Brethren WMC, was organized Monday evening, September 21, 1951. Mrs. Jason Thomas was elected president; Mrs. Ethel Moffitt, vice president; Mrs. Marion Thomas, secretary; Mrs. Jessie Cornwell, treasurer. An offering of \$5.84 was received.

The first regular all-day meeting was held in the home of our president on October 22. The day was spent in rolling bandages to send to Africa, mending clothing, and filling gift purses to send to Taos. Two boxes of clothing were sent to Clayhole, Ky.

An evening meeting was held November 16. We praise the Lord for His mercies upon us at Findlay.

In His service,

Mrs. Marion Thomas, Sec.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

We thought that you would like to hear about a project that our Senior council is working on here in Canton. Mrs. Sarah Rice, our tract chairman, obtained a list of the names and addresses of prospects from the pastor. Each lady has been given a name. She is to pray for this person every day and also send a selected Gospel tract to her in the mail each week for 8 weeks and is requested to call on this person and endeavor to get her to come to church. She is to witness for the Lord and try to get her to accept Christ as Saviour. The Lord has already blessed this program and several of these people have come to our church services. Our ladies are quite enthusiastic about this method of personal evangelism.

In His service,

Mrs. Jesse Hall, Cor. Sec.

WMC DEVOTIONAL TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY

Bible Study—"Consecration . . . and Then What?"

Mission Study—"Occupation of the Field—the Center."



January, and we are in the second month of the offering for Grace Seminary. How are YOU and your own WMC helping to contribute so as to help meet the national goal of \$2,000? If you pray sincerely that this goal will be met you will give to please Christ.

Pray each day for our missionaries, but don't forget the 15th of each month in uniting your prayers with the entire brotherhood on behalf of foreign missions of the Brethren Church.

Are you praying for Sisterhood? What are YOU, personally, doing to help both the individual girls of Sisterhood as well as the national organization?

ADDITIONAL SISTERHOOD ITEMS

ABANDONMENT

Just a thistle-down for Jesus,
Nothing here to call my own.
At the Spirit's inclination
Willing to be held or blown.

Just a thistle-down for Jesus,
Simply that and nothing more.
Perhaps to drift along the wayside;
Perhaps to rest . . . perhaps to soar.

Just a thistle-down for Jesus,
Empowered by the living air
Passing through, and all around me;
Sometimes here . . . sometimes there.

Just a thistle-down for Jesus,
Lifted from the rigid pod.
Unearthed from the things that held me—
Just abandoned unto God.

—Leona Dawson Cole.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray for home mission points—for the pastors and their churches; for the unsaved in each city.
2. Pray for fellow SMM girls that they will be vessels for the Master's use.
3. Pray for the girls that your SMM group can reach for Christ.
4. Pray for your own pastor and church.

"IN HIS VINEYARD"

SISTERHOOD OF

MARY and MARTHA

"FOR WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD..." I Cor. 3:9a



Lot's Wife, Noah's Ark, and a Crowded World

By Rev. Ralph Colburn

There are a lot of stories in the Bible that people used to laugh at, and there are some who still scoff at the Book. But the more we discover about science and history, the less we find of ridicule concerning God's Word. For instance, they used to laugh at the story of Lot's wife turning into a pillar of salt. "How did that fable ever get into the Bible?" they said.

The whole story of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah seemed incredulous enough, without the pillar of salt part. But you know, God uses natural means in a supernatural way many times. And in modern times it has been discovered that there is much evidence in the area of the Dead Sea, where Sodom and Gomorrah were situated, of volcanic eruptions. And it is perfectly plausible that those two cities were entirely wiped out by a rain of fire and sulphuric ash, which certainly seemed to come from heaven! And it is equally plausible that Lot's wife, because of her yearning for the things of the cities which were being destroyed, was fully encased in what seemed to be a freak falling of volcanic salt from the eruption. Jesus believed the story, for He referred to it in the New Testament (Luke 17:28-32), and if He trusted it, certainly you and I can.

They used to laugh at the story of the flood, too. "Imagine, a flood that covered the whole earth—that even rose above the highest mountains," they ridiculed. "Impossible," they said. "Ridiculous," others answered. But they're not laughing any more. Every ancient civilization has a story, legend, or record of a universal flood, and the details and date are remarkably like the Bible story. In the Chinese language even the word for "flood" is made up of a combination of characters signifying eight people in a boat!

Then there is plenty of geological evidence for the flood, especially in Bible lands, which may have been the only place it was needed to wipe out human life on the earth. And there is plenty of other evidence concerning the changes that the flood brought on the topography and life on the earth, all of which are beautifully timed with the Biblical account. We may never know for sure, this side of heaven, how much change the flood did bring on the earth, but it did shorten man's life span. And there is much evidence that it tremendously changed the climate of the earth, and possibly even altered the shapes of continents.

But one of the most remarkable proofs of the flood is from the field of mathematics. The estimated population of the world now is about 2,000,000,000 (two billion). And allowing for local catastrophes, wars, high death rates, etc., the population of the world doubles about

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY

SING TIME—"For God So Loved the World,"* "Love Lifted Me," and other songs and choruses on "love."

OPENING PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE—II Peter 2:1-9.

SHARPENING YOUR TOOLS—"Lot's Wife, Noah's Ark, and a Crowded World."

SPECIAL MUSIC—"The Love of God."

AFRICAN VINEYARD—"Stranger Than Fiction."

Senior—"First Term and Home Again."

Junior—"Answers to Prayer."

THEME CHORUS—"Missionary Prayer."

AMERICAN VINEYARD—"Our Vast U. S. in Great Need."

AMERICAN VINEYARD REVIEW.**

CIRCLE PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

*Sing the following as the second verse of "For God So Loved the World."

Since God so loved the world,
Then we must love it too.
And strive to live like Him;
Lost sinners seek to win
So they'll be ready when
The Saviour comes again.
Happy will that meeting be.

**Tell the girls that you are going to have this review so that they will have an opportunity to become familiar with the pictures of our collaborators in the home vineyard. Have the girls check each other's papers and give 2½ points for each correct name and 2½ points for each correctly named place.

every 140 years. Now if population increase had been normal since Adam's time, the world would now have about 3,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (three octillion) people! That would make it a little crowded, wouldn't it? And if it were dated back when most evolutionists wanted the beginning of man, the figures would be ridiculously astronomical! Mathematics points to the fact that there was a new beginning of the human race about 4,400 years ago, which was just about the time of the flood!

Yes, the evidence keeps stacking up in favor of the accuracy of the Bible. And if it is accurate in these historical and scientific matters, then it is accurate in spiritual matters, and you and I had better read and heed what it says!

ARE YOU GROWING SPIRITUALLY? There's a little chorus tells us how; it goes, "Read your Bible, pray every day . . . if you want to grow." The best proof of a "yes" reply is the faithful keeping of Mary goals No. 2 (Bible reading) and No. 3 (quiet time observed daily).

ADVENTURE! BLESSINGS! CHALLENGES! If that is what the girls in your SMM have found in the reading of the Christian literature, whether fiction, missionary, or devotional, have them share it with the other girls by telling a little about the book they have read in Sisterhood. Of course, don't tell *everything*. Just enough to whet their appetites and cause them to read it too.

DON'T DELAY. Send that post card item about the activities in your Sisterhood to the general secretary, Helen Small, right away.

NEXT TIME your SMM has a *bandage rolling*, send each bandage with a prayer. Place a box in another room than the one in which you are working. Then as each roll is completed, it is placed in the box with a word of prayer that it may be used of God to reach the natives of Africa for Him.

BEGINNING WITH OUR MARCH PROGRAM the events in "Stranger Than Fiction" will take place on our own African mission field. Maps of the field and pictures of the missionaries as they appear will make your study more interesting. Some material on our African field can be secured from the Foreign Missionary Society, Winona Lake, Ind.

"STRANGER THAN FICTION"

Senior—

VI. "First Term and Home Again (Chapters 12-15).

- A. Chapter 12—"Uganda and Kenya."
 1. God's Provision (99-100).
 2. Doctor's Orders (100-102).
- B. Chapter 13—"First Visit to South Africa."
 1. God's Purpose (103).
 2. "Hand to Mouth" (104-106).
- C. Chapter 14—"A War Voyage."
 1. Sea Voyage (107-108).
 2. The Studds (108).
 3. Second Class (109).
- D. Chapter 15—"In America Together."
 1. Reunion (110-112).
 2. Newcomer (112).
 3. New Mission (114-115).
 4. Departure (115-117).

Junior—"Answer to Prayer."

The Kenya Colony in Africa was the first place that Dr. Newberry served the Lord in Africa. She not only helped the sick at the mission station but visited the surrounding villages helping the sick there. On these trips her method of transportation was a mule. Her first mule, named Teddy, was a stubborn animal and threw Dr. Newberry so many times that he had to be destroyed. Her next mule was very gentle and because of her coal-black coat was called "Koli."

The Africa Inland Mission decided to take the Gospel to the people of the Belgian Congo. Dr. Newberry was one of the members of the first group of missionaries to

RECOIL, by Henry W. Coray, \$1.50.

This is a most unusual book woven around a fascinating theme—football. The hero, a young football coach in a mining town, is faced with some real problems as the school board demands that he use the sons of two prominent citizens on his first team—not because of their ability, but because of the influence wielded by their fathers in the city's government.

Other problems arise as the coach, because of his Christian principles, refuses to show favor to the "American" players on his team while at the same time giving the boys of foreign parentage the "raw deals."

To the horror of the town's "socially elite," Coach Standish accepts the privilege and responsibility of teaching a Sunday school class in a small church where "foreigners" attended and were cordially welcomed. Joy fills the heart of the coach as "his" boys accept Christ as their Saviour, and as he watches them grow in the faith.

It seems that all hopes are blasted as the school board at a specially called meeting requests the resignation of the athletic director.

What shall he do? Where can he go? To whom may he turn? Even the "special" girl does not seem to be his! Is it possible for him to stand more adversity?

You will not want to lay this book aside, once you have started to read it, until you have read the last word.

TEDDY AND THE "WITCH'S" LAMP, by Edith Snyder Pederson, 75c.

This is a story that the Junior Sisterhood girls will find most interesting.

Teddy is a little girl who loves both of her parents, and she realizes that they are facing a crisis in their lives about which she seemingly can do nothing. Teddy prays that she might have a "real" home, and that she may not be just a burden to her mother and father.

The many lives that are changed because of the moving of Teddy and her parents into the suburbs is really amazing. One precious find for Teddy is a friend, Tommy.

The mystery of the "witch" and the knowledge that she will not harm children leads to many mysterious circumstances for Teddy and Tommy.

Oh yes, Teddy's prayer is answered in a wonderful way and we hear her say: "I'm so glad that He had the power to make my mother a stay-at-home mother and to make my father a believing father."

help start this new work. When they first arrived in the Belgian Congo all of the missionaries themselves were sick, but soon they were able to build houses in which to live.

Now read pages 93 to 97 and tell about the following things that happened in the work in the Belgian Congo.

1. How the missionaries tried to learn the African language (pp. 93-94).
2. How a little boy helped them to learn the language (p. 94).
3. Why Dr. Newberry was not happy to have Mr. Gribble at the mission (pp. 94-95).
4. How God answered Mr. Gribble's prayer (p. 95).
5. What was wrong with Dr. Newberry's wedding clothes (p. 96).
6. What happened to Mr. Gribble's wedding outfit (p. 97).

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How many of these pictures can you identify? Besides knowing the names, can you tell in which place they are serving the Lord? (See next page for the answers.)



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OUR VAST U. S. IN GREAT NEED

By Cashel Heckman

Why home missions? Why build more churches? Aren't there enough? There's a church in every block!

Maybe so, but if there are enough churches, why are there 70,000,000 unchurched people, nearly half of the total population of the United States? Someone is failing to reach them. Shall we do nothing about it either?

A radio pastor told of a sign he had seen hanging in front of a church. It read: "The Way to Heaven." Beneath this sign was hung another: "Closed for the Summer." Recently a slide was sent to the Home Missions Council office which was the picture of an outside bulletin board of a church. On the board were posted these words: "Sunday is our last service until Sept. 9th." What kind of a Gospel is preached in these places? These churches could take John 5:24 and make it read: "He that heareth my word in the fall, winter, and spring . . ." And what do they do with Hebrews 10:25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together"?

Should not we who believe "The Bible, the Whole Bible, and Nothing but the Bible" go forth and establish churches where the message of salvation is proclaimed continually. How many of the 70,000,000 unchurched people do you think the two above-mentioned churches and their kind (and there are many such churches here in the United States) will reach? Think, if you will, of the 50,000,000 who are members of cults and those who attend such churches who "entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way," who are not redeemed "with the precious blood of Christ," and you will have a vision of the need of proclaiming the Gospel and establishing churches right here in the United States.

And this field is one in which you can each share a part in three ways. You can pray that the Lord will guide in the establishment of each new church. You can give that funds will be available to enter into new areas with the Gospel. Are you going to sit back and let the churches that preach not salvation by grace through Christ enter into vast new sections of our cities? And in the third place, how many of your friends at school, neighbors, and other acquaintances are included in these figures? Why not allow the Lord to use you to reach them and make home missions *home* missions!

ANSWERS TO AMERICAN VINEYARD REVIEW

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| 1. Angie Garber
Navaho Mission, New Mexico | 11. Rev. Ray Martindale
Navaho—New Mexico |
| 2. Rev. Russell Williams
Pastor, Yakima, Wash. | 12. Rev. Russell Weber
Pastor, Harrisburg, Pa. |
| 3. Grace Grauel
Kentucky—Clayhole | 13. Rev. Sam Horney
Spanish—Taos, N. Mex. |
| 4. Rev. Lowell Hoyt
Pastor, Denver, Colo. | 14. Rev. Kenneth Teague
Pastor, Alexandria, Va. |
| 5. Rev. John Burns
Pastor, Johnson City, Tenn. | 15. Rev. Sewell Landrum
Kentucky—Clayhole |
| 6. Evelyn Fuqua
Kentucky—Hell for Certain | 16. Rev. Vernon Harris
Pastor, Portland, Oreg. |
| 7. Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum
Pastor, Cedar Rapids, Iowa | 17. Rev. Clarence Gutierrez
Spanish—Albuquerque, N. M. |
| 8. Celina Mares
Spanish—Taos, N. Mex. | 18. Rev. Glen Welborn
Pastor, Albany, Oreg. |
| 9. Rev. Bruce Button
Jewish—Los Angeles, Calif. | 19. Isobel Fraser
Jewish—Los Angeles, Calif. |
| 10. Rev. Adam Rager
Pastor, Artesia, Calif. | 20. Rev. J. Lincoln Oliver
Negro—Los Angeles, Calif. |

BEAN BAG TOY: Easy-to-throw toy (cat) that is easy to make.

Materials needed: ½ yard of 36-inch-wide felt will make two toys, chalk, saucer, and teacup for patterns, beans, pinking scissors. (Suggested in *Everywoman's* magazine.)

What to do: Saucer is used as a pattern for the body of cat and teacup for head. Chalk out pattern on felt (four of each for two toys) and cut out with pinking scissors. Make your own pattern for tail, feet, and ears in proportion to body and head. Chalk on felt, making four each of ears and feet and two of tail; cut out. Sketch and then stitch faces on two of small circles. Now put two pieces of each size circle together, and pin ears, feet, and tail in proper place between thicknesses. Stitch around the circles about ½ inch from pinked edge, leaving 2-inch opening for filling with beans. Sew head to body by overlapping the two circles. Fill each bag with beans—not too full. Sew up 2-inch openings.

BUTTONS, BUTTONS: Some simple and novel things that can be made with buttons (suggested in *Family Circle* magazine).

Materials needed: buttons, wire, screw backs, glue, small hatpins, felt, gift cord.

What can be done:

1. An effective necklace is made of jewel-like buttons sewed on a double row of gilt cord. Use the loop end of the cord as a simple fastener.

2. For a belt, use a strip of colored felt any width desired. Pink edges. Cut out medallions of contrasting felt; pink edges; sew on jet buttons to make a simple design. Glue to belt.

3. Beautiful buttons make beautiful scarfpins. To make, slide a short hatpin through the shank of the button, flatten shank, secure with glue.

4. Make your blouse look dressy or tailored with a change of buttons. Glue corkscrew pins to buttons and use as studs.

LETTER FROM MRS. KOONTZ

Dear Sisterhood Girls:

As I write this note to you it is the Christmas season, and I have been enjoying the Christmas greetings sent to me by several Sisterhoods and districts. I appreciate this thoughtfulness more than I can say, and I want to thank each one for remembering me. I hope that the Sisterhood work and the national officers are also in the prayers of each girl, not only at Christmas, but all the time.

Now another year is before us, a year that may be gladdened by the coming of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. While there is still time, let us be faithful to Him in our personal lives, in our service to others, and in our Sisterhood work. Then we shall not be ashamed at His coming, but shall rejoice to see His face.

Yours in Christian love,

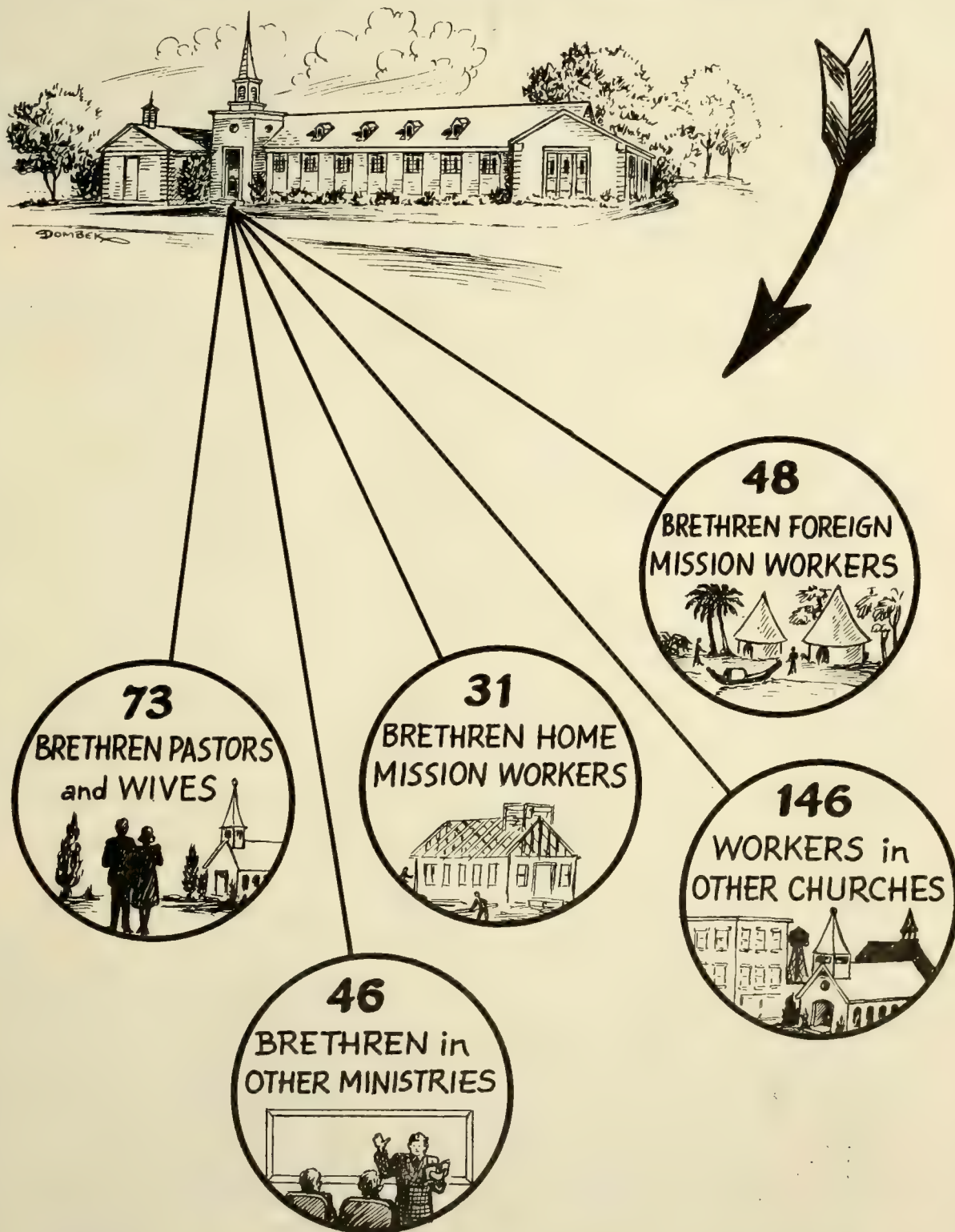
Mrs. Koontz



Myra Koontz.

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HERE ARE THE DIVIDENDS ON YOUR INVESTMENT!



**WHAT YOUR GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY HAVE PRODUCED IN 14 YEARS!**

EDITORIALS

Alva J. McClain and Paul R. Bauman, Editors

What We Owe on the New Building

The new building has been completed and officially accepted by the local building committee. What a wonderful blessing it has already proved to be! Now all we have to do is *enjoy it*—and *finish paying for it*.

As stated before, we now have a property worth close to *half a million dollars*. Upon this we have secured a loan of \$140,000. This loan is to be paid off in 10 years or 120 months. The payments will be \$1,435 each month and the first payment will be due January 26.

The monthly payments of \$1,435 will not seem very large if we recall that during the construction period our friends in the churches supplied from \$4,000 to \$8,000 each month. And if we had to lease the space we have in the new building today, it would cost about \$30,000 per year.

According to arrangement with the bank, we can pay all or any part of the loan at any time. Every dollar given to the seminary above the regular operating needs will be applied on the building loan. Let us pray earnestly that God will enable us to clear the property in much less than 10 years.—A. J. M.

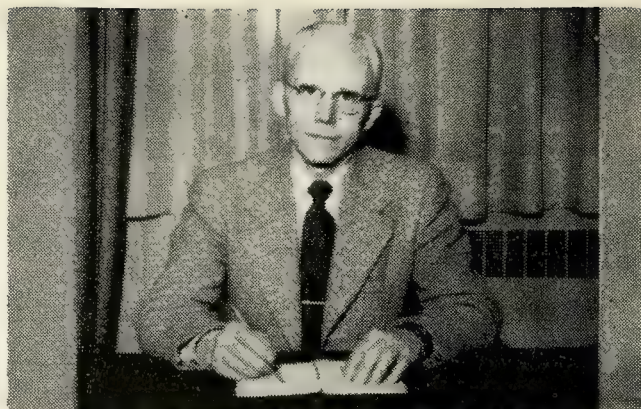
"And Rest a While"

Our Lord once said to His disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). Following the good counsel of this text, and also the advice of my physician, I am planning to be away from the seminary for several months. Mrs. McClain and I are ready (January 3) to leave for the South and Southwest, pulling a 26-foot house trailer, unless we are delayed by snow and ice. A "desert place" would be welcome after the cold weather we have had here in Indiana. I want to express sincere appreciation to my colleagues for undertaking added responsibilities so as to make my absence possible.

Our address will be published later when we know what it is. For the present, personal mail will be forwarded if sent to us at *Winona Lake, Ind.* It is important that all mail for the school be addressed to Grace Theological Seminary and not to me personally, as is sometimes done.—A. J. M.

Our Cover Picture

Through the doors of Grace Seminary and out into a dark world in need of Christ through the past 14 years has passed a steady stream of students. The total number of students registered in the school during that period is 541. This number does not include the new students now enrolled in the school. As careful a computation as possible shows that Grace Theological Seminary has had some part in the training of (1) 73 Brethren pastors or pastors' wives; (2) 31 Brethren home



Dr. McClain

mission workers (including wives); (3) 48 Brethren foreign mission workers; (4) 46 Brethren in other ministries, such as teachers in seminaries, Bible schools, and colleges, foreign missionaries working under other boards, workers in the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, etc. This makes a total of 198 graduates or former students of the seminary who, during the 14-year period of the school's existence, have gone forth to places of service in the Brethren Church. In addition 146 are serving the Lord in other church groups, as accurately as it has been possible to compute the number. The total number of the five groups represented is 344. This number is less than the total number registered, inasmuch as some are still in school elsewhere, some have not yet gone into some specific Christian ministry, and the school has lost contact with some who are working in other church groups.

It is certainly evident that Grace Theological Seminary has wielded a mighty influence, not only upon the work of the Brethren Church, but upon the church of Jesus Christ in general. We ought to praise God that He has blessed us with such an institution. We ought to realize that many denominations, much larger than our own, have been denied the privilege of possessing such a school. We ought to remember that "to whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48). Let us not be slack in our responsibility at this time.—P. R. B.

A Thrilling Story

It will thrill you to the very depths of your soul to read this issue of the Herald through. Most of the contributions have been made by the students themselves. Their testimonies have been spontaneous and from the heart. You will be amazed to learn how much these students, many of whom are married and have families, and most of whom are working their way through school, have contributed to the building program and the furnishing of the school. Have you done as well as they?

—P. R. B.

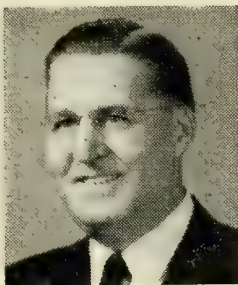
Dr. McClain's series on Law and Grace will be continued in next week's Herald.

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From Wheels to Foundations

By Rev. W. A. Ogden, President of the Board of Trustees

Soon after Grace Seminary was brought to Winona Lake it was described, by one not too friendly with its aims and program, as a seminary on wheels. Well, it is not "on wheels" today! It cannot be called a "one-horse school" either, for we have passed that stage long ago. God has been good to us. In the days when we were "on wheels" we had two professors, and some little rent, to pay. We also had a small student body—but there was great vision and a great faith.



Rev. W. A. Ogden

That God's hand has been upon this school is a fact that has stamped itself upon me most convincingly. Because God was honored and His wonderful Son was exalted as the only Saviour, and because the foundations were laid deep within His Word, He has placed His stamp of approval upon our school. And He has builded for us a school, literally and spiritually, upon firm foundations, with walls high and strong.

Today we have our own beautiful plant. It is a building adequate to meet our needs for the present. We have a staff of teachers who love the Word, and who love the souls of men. These are capable instructors in their several fields. Our student body has been multiplied by 10 since the days of the "wheels." Throughout the Christian world Grace Seminary is known as a school where scholarship is properly blended with a sincere and simple faith, and where the English Bible is the heart of all that is taught. Today this school is sending young men and women out through the channels of the church into the missionary fields at home, and to the regions beyond. Their devotion and zeal is honored of God and blessed to the saving of souls and the building of that Church which is His body. A gift

to Grace Seminary is a gift to every missionary interest of the church. Let us not forget this.

This is the first year for us to receive our annual seminary offering in our new building. We believe that the running expenses of the school will be but little higher than they were in rented quarters—and we have many times more room. However, we are faced with the necessity of reducing our building debt by some \$14,000 each year. This amount must be added to our income for running expenses, which means that we must receive \$45,000 to \$50,000 this year—not too much, surely, for a people blessed of God as we have been.

"Our churches," said Robert W. Youngs, "are like our children—when we love them they are reasonable at any price." Grace Seminary is reasonable at any price. It is surely reasonable at the price we are asked to pay for its support. If you love the Word of God; if you love the souls of men; if you love young men and women who go forth with the Gospel of saving grace; if you love God—then you should love Grace Seminary, for God has manifested His love and grace upon it, and upon its ministry. Because we love it, we will support it with our prayers and our gifts.

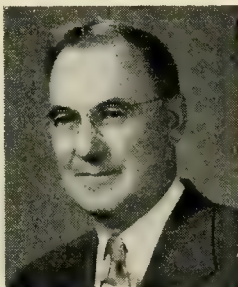
I want to close with a note of praise to God for the fine spirit that prevails on our campus. All reports indicate that the students are happy and grateful for the opportunities offered them at Grace. The instructors are doing good work in the classrooms, and there is harmony and peace among them. The courses offered are being expanded to meet the demands that are constantly arising to properly train men for their work today and tomorrow. We have a good school, but it will continue to grow better as we have time and means to devote to its development. We ask, then, for your hearty and generous support of Grace Seminary as we gather in our annual offering.

Making — Breaking — Forsaking — Taking

By Dr. Charles H. Ashman, Vice President of the Board of Trustees

The Bible teaches that a covenant is most sacred. It declares that it is better never to make a covenant than to make it and break it. Some break their covenants about as soon as they make them. Others soon forsake them, ignore them, forget them, bury them under other things. But the Lord intends that we shall take our covenants as sacred and serious. So we have the making, the breaking, the forsaking, and the taking seriously of covenants.

Some years ago in a home in Ashland, Ohio, a group of Brethren made a sacred covenant with the Lord, with each other, and with the ministry of the Brethren Church. I was one of that group. We covenanted together to provide a seminary for the teaching and training of the Brethren ministry. It was a covenant of faith!



Dr. Ashman

The blessing of the Lord was upon it from the very beginning.

Some years later the Brethren Church made a solemn covenant before the Lord to provide an adequate building and equipment and teaching staff for the performance of and fulfillment of this original covenant. This has been fulfilled, as to the building, in the structure which was dedicated last August.

Involved in all this is the covenant to provide the money to pay for this building and to properly care for the operating cost of the seminary. We are responsible before the Lord for the fulfillment of this present part of our covenant. By the "we" I mean every minister and member of the Brethren Church.

"Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have" (II Cor. 8:11). Brethren, let us not break, nor forsake our covenant, but let us take our covenant seriously and perform the doing of it. It is a covenant of prayer and pay!



The Field Is the World



PREPARING FOR THE MISSION FIELD AT GRACE

By J. Paul Miller

Note—Mr. Miller is a member of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif. He will finish his work at the seminary this month.

Within 2 or 3 months from the time that I am writing this, my family and I hope to take up our work on the Brethren mission field in Brazil. We anticipate this venture for Christ with joy and thanksgiving, treasuring in our hearts many confirmations from Him that this is His will concerning us.

In preparation for this work, I am just now finishing my final semester of study at Grace Seminary. By these words I would like to give expression to my feeling about the training I have received here. In short, I feel that God has been particularly good to me. I came here with some reservations regarding the value of such training. With each passing semester, however, these reservations have been overruled, and now, in writing as honestly as I know how, I feel sure that in my own case the Lord, in leading my life, made sure that my path to the mission field was to lead through seminary training. I am equally confident that no school would have been better able to offer the training I needed than Grace.

I do not hesitate to say if there are among God's people those who have means with which they wish to help advance Christian education, that they can apply this effort through Grace Seminary without fear that what they give will be misused, or find application in any channel that does not fully honor God and His infallible Word.



J. Paul Miller examines a Foreign Missions Fellowship display in the seminary library.

PREPARING FOR A BRETHERN PASTORATE

By Richard P. DeArmey

Note—Mr. DeArmey came to Winona Lake from the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., and has been serving as pastor of the Brethren church in Sidney, Ind. He is a Middler in the seminary.

Serving a Brethren pastorate while preparing for a Brethren pastorate at Grace Seminary is an experience I could wish for every Brethren student in the seminary. This unique experience has helped me to appreciate more and more the down-to-earth practicability of the entire seminary course. It would be impossible for the faculty to anticipate every peculiar problem that might arise in the pastorate or on the mission field, but I thank God that we have a staff of men who are capable of teaching the Word of God so that the students might be thoroughly furnished in the Word and thus prepared to meet the problems that do arise.



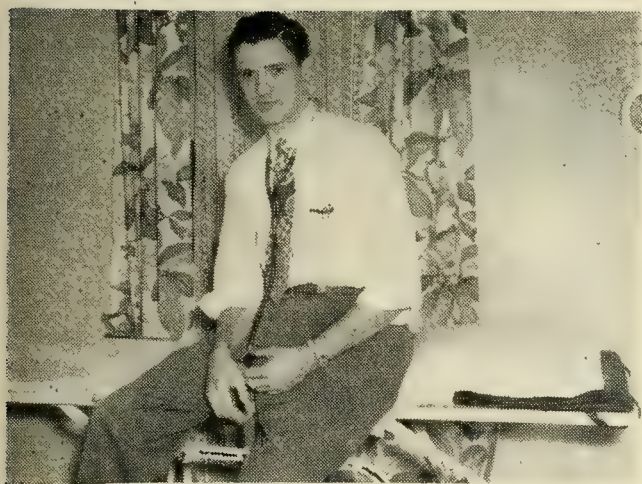
The classroom lecture, that to some is just more information to be stored up for future use, is many times just the thing I need to help me with some phase of my pastoral work. However, problems have no respect for classroom schedules, and very often arise before we get to discuss them; this is no real difficulty because the office and home of every professor is open to the student who needs some particular help. It is hard to express in a few words what a real help Grace Seminary has been to me, but to sum it up briefly, I am thankful that the spiritual training we are receiving is with all else practical.

THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1952

As you study the front cover of this issue of the Herald and the statistics given on the editorial page, you will find real occasion for thanksgiving to God. He has graciously blessed our school and has provided for its needs. We cannot be content, however, to rest on the laurels of the past. Let us remember that 176 students have been enrolled at Grace Theological Seminary during the first semester of this year; 137 of these are in the seminary proper, and 39 are in the collegiate division. These are our *present responsibility*. Many of these have turned their backs upon the tempting offers of other occupations. Some have left business success to prepare for service which offers very little monetary remuneration. We dare not fail them at this time.—Ed.

\$50,000—THE SEMINARY'S NEED FOR 1952—\$50,000

Medical Training and Christian Service



Dr. Harold A. Mason in his office in Winona Lake.

SHOULD AN M.D. ATTEND A THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL?

By Harold A. Mason, M. D.

Note—Dr. Mason came to the seminary this year from the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind. He and his wife are approved candidates for the field in French Equatorial Africa. In addition to his work as a theological student, he is a practicing physician in Winona Lake.

The answer to this question depends upon the aims of the physician. If he plans only to practice medicine, the answer is "No." If he wants to present an effective testimony for Christ, the answer is "Yes." Of course it is not necessary for any Christian to complete a course of formal training in order to witness to the truth and power of Jesus Christ; it is rather the privilege and the duty of each believer to do so. But on the other hand, some well-arranged, efficiently taught, Bible-based courses of study help the believer to understand and recognize many truths from God's Word which otherwise might be overlooked or misunderstood.

I have been a Christian for 8 years and have during that time sat under the ministry of some very good Bible-teaching pastors, but there are many things during those 8 years which either were not mentioned or else I did not fully understand; many of these things have become much clearer in the few weeks so far spent at Grace Seminary. I am certainly thankful for the recommendation of the mission board to take some training at Grace Seminary before going to Africa. In my opinion, any M. D. planning to present Christ to his patients will derive great benefit from training received in a sound theological school.

WHY A NURSE SHOULD ATTEND SEMINARY

By Mary Ann Habegger, R. N.

Note—Miss Habegger, a member of the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind., is an approved candidate for the field in French Equatorial Africa.

If a person desires to become a lawyer he studies law, or if he desires to become a teacher he studies in the field of education. One must prepare to do the task the Lord has called him or her to fill.

The Lord saved me when I was 8 years old. He also gave me the privilege of being reared in a Christian home. As my parents entertained friends and relatives who were foreign missionaries, many were the times when I was brought face to face with the need of more missionaries to reach the people across the ocean with the Gospel. Finally, at the age of 13, I presented my life to the Lord for full-time service.

The need for more medical missionaries had been stressed often in my presence and the Lord led me into nurses training. Someone might think that after finishing 3 years of training and passing state board examinations, the preparation for service as a medical missionary is completed. But we must not forget that the chief work of the missionary is to give out the Gospel. The medical angle of the work is just the wedge one uses to befriend herself to the natives. The nurse is the foreigner on the field, so medical aid administered to those in need makes them more willing to listen to God's Word.

The Lord has very graciously led me to Grace Seminary, where I do not spend my time studying about the Word, but actually studying the Word of God. My own soul has been feasting, as I study for classes in His Word, and I find His mercies are new every morning. I truly thank the Lord for permitting me to study at Grace Seminary.



Miss Habegger at work in the McDonald Hospital, Warsaw, Ind.

IF YOU WANT THE BEST, YOU MUST GIVE THE BEST



Pictures from left to right show (1) the large hole just northeast of seminary building (this is a "front view" of the school never shown till now for obvious reasons); (2) students in front of building, looking across hole to hill at front of campus; (3) heavy machinery at work loading dirt from hill; (4) "putting hill into hole."

We Are Trying to Do Our Part

Note—A member of the First Brethren Church of Washington, D. C., "Bill" Smith is now a Senior in the seminary.

The Lord has led to Grace Theological Seminary a consecrated group of students who are willing to do their part financially for the Lord's work even though they are struggling to work their way through school. In almost every case sacrifices have been made by the student in the first place to attend seminary. Soon after their arrival they come to feel a bond of responsibility for each other and for the school.

It has been my experience to witness the way the student body is quick to respond to a need. When, for example, a student is in dire need of finances, an offering is taken; when a student is ill, every opportunity to assist him is taken. When the local Red Cross organization appealed for blood to be sent to Korea, the seminary student body offered a capacity group of volunteers.

The same spirit has been shown by the student body in regard to our new school building. For example, as this is being written there are large earth-moving machines leveling off the campus in front of the building. We have been told that the operation cost of each one



Members of Student Council, left to right: Richard Grant (Akron), Clair Brickel (Rittman), R. Paul Miller, Jr. (Berne), "Bill" Short (Long Beach), and "Bill" Smith (Washington, D. C.).

By William W. Smith, President of the Student Body

of these great machines will be \$16 an hour, and as I look out front I see three machines at work. The student body is paying to have this work done. We already have more than \$900 in cash, which is approximately half of the amount necessary to do the work. The students are expecting to pay this.

Our student body realizes the great importance of a well-equipped school. We are praising God daily that a dream has become a reality. As a member of this wonderful student body I can say that we are trying to do our part.

WHAT I HAVE APPRECIATED MOST ABOUT GRACE SEMINARY

By Glenn E. Smouse

Note—A Senior in the seminary, Mr. Smouse is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Altoona, Pa.

As I look back over the past few years I see so many good things that it is indeed difficult for me to pick out any one and say: "This is what I have appreciated most." There is one, however, which stands out above the rest. The way in which the Bible has been faithfully upheld throughout the curriculum as the inspired Word of God has been a constant source of joy to me. I came here with this truth firmly implanted in my thinking from my childhood and am glad to be able to say that its roots have gone deeper since then. This emphasis upon God's Word as God's Word has helped me to clear away many prejudices which I used to hold dear.

The truths taught have usually not been new to me, but the sound, scholarly teaching has enabled me to understand them more clearly and has as well cleared up many of the problems of interpretation. Such a school as this well merits the faithful support of God's people, not only among the Brethren churches, but also from other groups who believe in God's eternal truth. May God grant always that His people may rise to the challenge to support, by their prayers and gifts, the ministry of Grace Theological Seminary.





Pictures from left to right show how hill hides building, which may be seen (1) in background beneath boom of shovel; (2) removing gravel for school drives; (3) grading gravel on enlarged parking lot; (4) campus as it now appears completely across front.

STUDENT NEWS

By Richard Jackson, Reporter

Note—Mr. Jackson is a member of the First Brethren Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

At noon on December 21 the great Christmas exodus began with students leaving for many parts of this nation. The cloakrooms were cleared out, the halls quieted down, the sound of automobile motors faded away, and for this page news became as nonexistent as the proverbial dodo bird. However, before we left school there were three or four events that merit reporting, so—

VITAL STATISTICS—Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Dalke became the parents of a fine baby boy, Daniel Ray. Congratulations.

CHAPEL SPEAKERS—On December 11 Rev. R. I. Humberd, well-known speaker and author, was the chapel speaker and brought another of his fine messages in conjunction with a graphic chart. . . . Though we sit in his classes every day it is always considered a genuine treat when we have Dr. McClain as our chapel speaker and the week before Christmas we received a double blessing when the president spoke to the chapel twice. On Tuesday, the 18th, Dr. McClain brought the Christmas message. Then on Friday, the 21st, at the last chapel of the year, Dr. McClain again addressed the student body. It was upon this occasion that he took formal leave of the rest of the faculty and the student body in anticipation of his departure for a much-needed rest. For the

Seniors, who will not again have the privilege of sitting under the spiritual teaching of Dr. McClain, this was a farewell message. As one of those Seniors, I believe I speak the sentiments of the entire class when I say, "Thank you, Dr. McClain, for the years you have given us and may God bless you with rest and strength and health and a blessed future in his service." . . . And for all of the readers of this page, may you have a victorious and soul-winning year in 1952.

THE BLESSINGS OF SEMINARY CONFERENCES

By Alvin Showalter

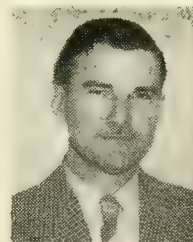
Note—Mr. Showalter is a member of the Church of the Brethren in Hutchinson, Kans., and is a Middler in the seminary.

In reviewing the years since the Lord saved me, certain phases of special blessings are imprinted upon my mind. I recall how God spoke concerning the decision to train at Moody by reading about Abraham and Lot; and again through Old Testament prophecy, and the 11th chapter of Romans, He revealed the need and my call to the Jews.

Then through the providence of God and assurance of His Word, I was led to come to Grace Seminary through contacts with Rev. Conard Sandy and Rev. R. I. Humberd. Since then, these 2 years at the seminary have been a revelation in broadening my understanding of God's precious Word, and our study has revealed the depth of His true inspired revelation.

Ephesians 2:20 states that we as fellow citizens "are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." Truly, our prophetic conference last December has been an enlightening education concerning Christ and the prophetic Word. The challenge of the Jews, the coming of Christ, and our responsibility of prayer lives on in our hearts.

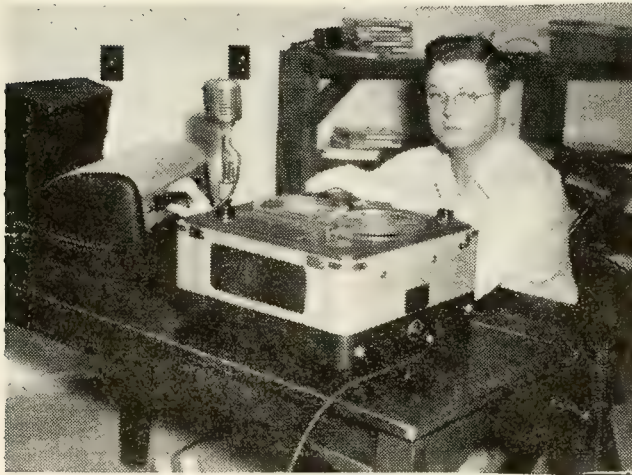
My desire is to be in God's will, so I rejoice that His will has included this seminary. Certainly in these days of apostasy, God's hand of approval on this work is being manifested all around us.



Dr. and Mrs. McClain prepared to leave for "parts south and west."

"SOUND" BUSINESS AND STUDENT ENTHUSIASM

By James D. Hammer, Student Sound Engineer



James Hammer at recording machine.

Note—Coming to the seminary 2 years ago from the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., Mr. Hammer was one of the organizers of the new Riverside Brethren Church at Johnstown, where he now holds his membership.

Grace Theological Seminary is a "sound" institution, not only theologically but also physically. Since occupying the new building, we have been using sound amplifying and recording equipment to great advantage in the many and varied activities of the school.

For sound amplification we operate a paging system and two public address systems, one in the chapel and one in the large ground floor auditorium. The paging system, operated from the administrative office, is used to call persons wanted in any part of the building and to make general announcements to the entire faculty and student body. The chapel and auditorium systems, each equipped with three microphones, provide adequate amplification for all services. They also transmit the services to any other part of the building either by direct hook-up or through the paging system. Thus we are equipped to serve any size overflow crowd we may ever have by simply tying the three systems together in any desired combination.

The other side of our "sound" picture is the use of magnetic tape recording. Here we are limited by a lack of proper equipment. But with that available, we regularly record the chapel messages of the faculty and visiting speakers. We recently recorded the entire mid-winter Bible conference and are now transcribing and editing the messages preparatory to mimeographing them for the students and other interested persons. One of our important weekly assignments is the recording of the seminar messages of members of the Middler Class who then listen to their sermons, in company with a faculty member, and discover that some of the speaking

faults which their wives have been cautioning them about really exist.

As soon as funds are available, we hope to install a broadcast-type high-fidelity magnetic tape-recording system in our sound room above the chapel. This will enable us to greatly expand our activities and outside influence. With the wealth of talent now present in our student body we should even now be broadcasting a weekly program over a local radio station and producing records for albums which can be profitably used in gospel team work and in advertising the school. The desired equipment could also serve as the heart of a tower chime system, and would make possible the recording of radio programs right here on the campus. From an educational standpoint, the recording system and allied equipment would provide facilities for voice and speech training for the entire student body and would give them an opportunity to learn the operation of these modern facilities which many of them will be using as pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers after they are graduated from the seminary.

Thus it can be seen that your Brethren training institution is aware of and making use of these many new facilities which are proving to be of great value in Christian work. Your continued, generous financial support of the seminary will enable us to install the additional equipment needed to expand our educational and promotional facilities.



"Bill" Short, of Long Beach, Calif., First Church, listens in upper hall as Miss Magnuson (inset) operates paging system in office. Students paid a large portion of cost of both paging system and interoffice communication system.

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THE SEMINARY "HAM SHACK"

By **BILL A. BURK**

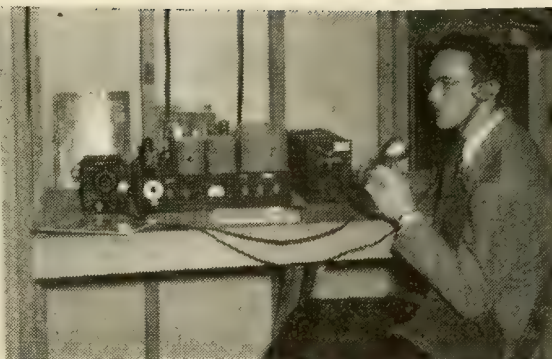
Note—Mr. Burk, a Junior in the seminary, is a member of the Third Brethren Church of Los Angeles. He and Mrs. Burk are both licensed amateur short-wave radio operators and have used this means of keeping in touch with their home in California.

"Hello CQ CQ CQ—W9OCO calling CQ—W-9-Ocean—Charlie—Ocean—Winona Lake, Indiana, calling any 75-meter phone station—What say someone, please?"

The above is neither Greek nor Hebrew, but the common vernacular emanating from the "ham shack" located under the eaves of Grace Theological Seminary. The equipment housed in the shack and used by members of the seminary radio club consists primarily of war surplus radio equipment constructed for use in military aircraft. This equipment is that which has been found most satisfactory by the Wycliffe Bible Translators in their jungle work in Peru.

It is the hope of many here that in the near future short-wave radio may be used as a means of quick, dependable communication between our missionaries on the field. For example, in Africa, with a set at each station, there could be a regular daily schedule when each station in turn could call in to the central station, report any problems, illness, or special needs. Missionary parents could also talk with their children at school, etc.

However, for this to be possible there must be, besides the equipment, men with the technical knowledge and training to set up and maintain such stations. With this in mind, several of the students at the beginning of the school year began studying the necessary code and radio theory to pass the examination of the Federal Commu-



Operator Bill Burk at seminary transmitter.

nications Commission which would give them a license to operate on the short-wave amateur bands. Three of the fellows have taken the exam and are awaiting an answer, and a fourth is ready to take it when the opportunity presents itself.

Altogether there are nine students (three of whom already have their licenses and are the present members of the seminary radio club) representing four foreign mission fields including Africa, Argentina, Brazil, and India. Six of these are now engaged in a technical study of radio theory under the direction of one of the "hams." This is not a course in radio engineering, but has as its aim the teaching of sufficient radio theory and the practical application of that theory to the end that these men can build and maintain their own stations.

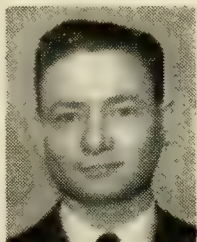
"Well, thanks for the QSO (contact), my friend. We'll be seeing you on the air again. Good afternoon and 73's (best regards) from W9OCO."

What Grace Theological Seminary Means to My Spiritual Life

By **Cornelius Dalke**

Note—Mr. Dalke is a Middler in the seminary and a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif. Mrs. Dalke was formerly Miss Wanda Goodall.

I believe that I am one of the newer members of the Brethren Church. I became a member of the Long Beach First Brethren Church in August of 1950. The following month my wife and I left Long Beach, sunny California, for Winona Lake, Ind., and Grace Theological Seminary. At present I am in my second year of seminary, and although the scholastic standards of Grace Theological Seminary are very high, I have enjoyed each semester so much, including the periods of examination.



In the years to come I may forget some of the details learned in class, yet the spiritual lessons of perseverance and learning how to use the Word of God profitably in His service will never leave me. I am beginning to learn the importance of searching more deeply into the hidden truths that are to be found in God's Word. Grace Seminary has been a

means of making the Bible, God's holy Word, much more precious and meaningful to my spiritual life.

The strong Christian atmosphere here at Grace Seminary is very conducive to living daily the Christian life. I shall always thank God for the Christian fellowship both with the students and faculty members. Each time that I have had occasion to consult with any one of the professors I have left his office feeling that I have been in the presence of one who is walking in close fellowship with God the Father and His holy Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Truly the Holy Spirit is guiding Grace Theological Seminary in training men and women to be used in God's service for His utmost glory.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All gifts for the seminary, whether by church or in other form, should be made and addressed to *Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana*, and not to individual officers of the administration. In this way, gifts can be acknowledged without delay.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS SPEAK

The three young men who speak on this page are members of other denominations. What they have to say about the seminary is, in some respects, more significant than similar testimonies from our own Brethren students.—Editor.

MY FIRST YEAR IN THE COLLEGIATE DIVISION

By Lawrence Lawlor

Note—Mr. Lawlor is a second-generation student. His father, Rev. Lawrence Lawlor, graduated from the seminary in 1944 and is now pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Buck's Run, Pa.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

I thank God for the privilege that he has given me to attend the collegiate division of Grace Theological Seminary. One need not be present long before he realizes that the college, though small in comparison to others, is Christ-centered. It provides for its students the wonderful privilege of studying about Christ's greatness and glory. It helps a student to attain and achieve a higher standard, like that of the Apostle Paul's—constantly moving forward or "pressing toward the mark." It provides the realization of close Christian fellowship with other students, and its chapel services, prayer meetings, and studies in the classroom ever tend to help a student have a closer fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Its program of personal witnessing and evangelism puts to use what you learn in the classroom.

Studying the Word of God and things related to it is a great privilege. I thank God that through the shed blood of Jesus Christ He saved me, and that He sent me to this institution to study His Word. I highly recommend it to any Christian young person contemplating future training in God's Word for His service.

"I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies" (Psa. 119:125).



WHY I CHOSE GRACE SEMINARY

By Leonard Meznar

Note—Mr. Meznar, a Junior in the Seminary, belongs to a Baptist church in Cleveland, Ohio.

It was only 2 months after I learned of salvation through faith in Christ that I learned of Grace Seminary. Saved in July 1947, I entered William Jennings Bryan University at Dayton, Tenn., that September. There, in that fine Christian college, I heard students speaking of Grace Seminary, and several were laying plans to attend that school. The Bible message had won my heart, and it was an early and supreme aim of mine to give my life to its study.

My introduction to Grace Seminary, in this manner, was augmented as my pastor, a man of God, counseled

me on the choice of a graduate school. He had never attended Grace, but through acquaintance with faculty members and graduates had been won to its support. Several evangelical seminaries lay before me for consideration, but he, with a background of knowledge, laid claim for Grace. Spirituality was not submerged by scholarship; there was a God-honoring balance, he said.

I have been here for 3 months. The Word of God has been central. It has been impressed upon my mind and heart. I do not question that other men find such blessing in other seminaries, but I am completely glad and thankful I was led to this particular place.

MY FIRST YEAR IN GRACE SEMINARY

By John Strom

Note—Mr. Strom is a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Elyria, Ohio.

When one emerges from a degree of darkness into sudden light, he is dazzled by the change, the very contrast adding to the brilliance of his new surroundings. Thus it has been in my intellectual and spiritual life. College years were spent in a very liberal church school. There, definite and extensive effort was made to remove the so-called supernatural element from Christianity, to discredit God's Word and the basic doctrines of our faith. With both mother and father unsaved, home life was also barren of true Christian warmth.

However, the past has swallowed these shadows of darkness. God has wonderfully changed the picture by bringing my wife, myself, and our two children to Grace Seminary. The very fact that for the first time we are acutely aware of our complete dependence on Him for material well-being, has deepened our Christian experience immeasurably. The privilege of watching God work out the minutest details of everyday life is worth any worldly sacrifice we might have made.

Such a blessing, though, is only the beginning of God's goodness to us. The structure and capstone of our present joy is in the ministry of Grace Seminary. How fully God is using it to supply our intellectual and spiritual needs! The thirst for accurate and intensive Bible study is being satisfied. The desires of my logical and philosophical self are being amply met by a Bible-based study of theology in which the eternal truths are presented with keen perspicacity. The unique, distinguishing mark of the seminary, however, is the high tone of its spiritual life in every aspect of its function. Christ and He alone is the ultimate subject of study, praise, prayer, and witness.



OTHERS REALIZE THE VALUE OF OUR SCHOOL! DO WE?



Center: the Gospel Team, with Chairman Sibley Edmiston (inset). Left and right: scenes at Alfran Nursing Home, near Warsaw, Indiana.

Opportunities for Personal Work at Grace

By Sibley M. Edmiston, Gospel Team Chairman

Note—A Middler in the seminary, Mr. Edmiston comes from the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.

I praise the Lord for Grace Seminary and its sound Biblical training, and as well for the open door it provides for practical Christian work through the gospel team. Most of the students are so busily engaged in classes, work, and study through the week that the activities of the gospel team in the winter is limited to Sunday afternoons. But each Sunday a group of students go to the Alfran Nursing Home and minister to the aged folk. A number of souls have turned to the Lord, and the hearts of many Christians have been comforted and strengthened through this ministry. Also, a large new county hospital with transient patients has welcomed us to come each Sunday to visit the sick. Several of the men (and sometimes women) work in the jail at Warsaw and at Columbia City. We praise Him for eight decisions thus far this school year from these two jails.

In the past several weeks the gospel team has been engaged in a personal house-to-house visitation program in order to reach the entire community of Winona Lake and Warsaw with the Gospel. This has provided an example of what can be done in any pastor's community. Although a preliminary census of the community has occupied most of the time, four have professed faith in Christ, and many prospects have been found. Some of these have said they realize their need of the Saviour and we trust shall make the step of faith. Pray especially for them.

During the summer and warmer months the gospel team has had a fruitful ministry in street meetings, and among migrant farm and railroad workers. At least 25 are known to have professed faith in Christ from last summer's activities. Most of them were Mexican Catholics (see picture on page 44). Pray that these will take an all-out stand for Christ and be effective witnesses as they move from place to place.

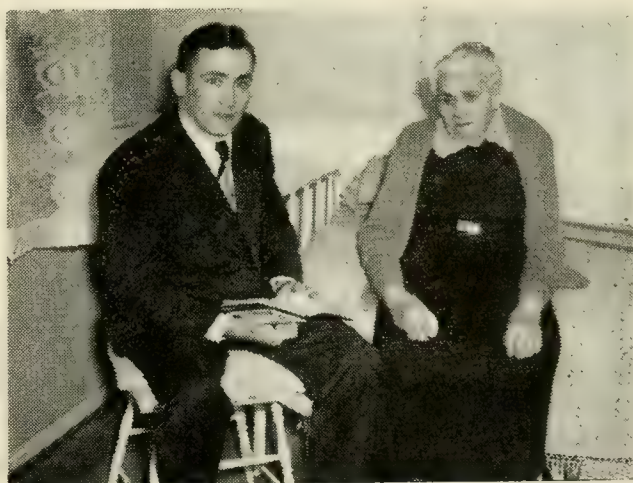
Why I Am Thankful for Your Gifts

By Maynard G. Tittle

Note—Mr. Tittle is a member of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Penn's Creek, Pa. He is a Senior in the seminary.

Someone has said that the best things in life are free. As the last semester of my Senior year at Grace Seminary approaches, I am more than ever aware of that fact. Foremost, of course, is the gift of eternal life which I have through the vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ.

In connection with the gift of eternal life, I am thinking of the tuition-free theological training which I have received. Words cannot adequately express my appreciation for the sacrifices on the part of God's people which have made this training possible. Even though I am a member of another denomination, I have had all the privileges and advantages open to Brethren students. I am more acutely aware of the fine work being done here when I observe other schools, including all those in my own denomination, where men are given "stones for bread." Grace Seminary merits your fullest support.



Maynard Tittle and patient at nursing home.

176 STUDENTS—OUR 1952 RESPONSIBILITY—176 STUDENTS

YOUNG WOMEN ALSO BENEFIT FROM SEMINARY WORK

By Mary E. Dukeshire, M. A.

Note—Miss Dukeshire, whose picture appears below as a member of the jail team, is a graduate of Houghton College. She received her M. A. degree from Yale University. She has an additional year's work toward a Ph. D. For 3 years she was instructor in English at the New Jersey College for Women. She is a member of the New Brunswick (N. J.) Bible Church.

"How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth" (Psa. 119:103). As I attend classes here and rejoice in learning more of the Scriptures day by day, it is hard to realize that a year ago I had never heard of Grace Seminary. In the spring when I told my pastor (George Boyajian, of the New Brunswick Bible Church, New Brunswick, N. J.) that

the Lord was definitely leading me to seminary, he strongly recommended Grace as a school where I would learn much of the Bible itself, taught by Bible-believing men. Through correspondence with the school I became convinced that this was the place where the Lord would have me, and have enjoyed rich blessings in this decision.

Nothing has been more thrilling than Dr. McClain's class in Romans. The consideration of our great salvation, of the marvels of justification and sanctification, has made these truths more precious than ever. In fact, the study of the sixth chapter has revolutionized my Christian life. No course has been without blessing; every one opens up the Word in a new way, and increases my love for Christ. Although I do not yet know the specific work to which God has called me, I cannot think of better preparation for doing His will than knowing His Word.

FAR-REACHING GOSPEL TEAM ACTIVITIES



THE JAIL TEAM

Left to right—J. Paul Miller, Gilbert Hawkins, Mary Dukeshire (who has written the article above), and Sharon Gunn.



VISITING A MEXICAN HOME

The Vasquez family, Mexican Catholics who are tomato pickers near South Whitley, Ind. Instructor John Whitcomb is pictured with the group. The Gospel Team of Grace Seminary has been dealing with this family for months. They have received Christ as Saviour and are now making the decision as to whether they should abandon Rome completely. Pray for them.

WHAT THE NEW BUILDING HAS MEANT TO ME

By Evan Adams

Note—A member of the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, Mr. Adams is a Senior in the seminary.

Every renter looks forward to the day when he will move into that new home which he can call his own. We students at Grace Seminary have had the joy of realizing the reality of this during the present school year.

School buildings are usually taken for granted by those who occupy them day by day. But our new home on Seminary Hill is not just another school building, it is a standing monument to faithful friends and a faithful God—friends who have offered prayer and financial support, and a God who has heard and answered those prayers and honored that giving.

This new building has meant much to me as one of the family of occupants. Included within the building are the ideal surroundings for seminary life, spiritual and academic. The two end wings on the building house the centers for these two aspects, the chapel and the library. The chapel is the center of our daily fellowship in worship, and the library is the storehouse of information for the daily assignments.

Three things I have noticed about our new building which have meant much to me as a student. The functional simplicity of the classrooms is conducive to good study, the good heating system keeps the building at fairly constant temperatures for comfortable conditions, and the large library, with its well-arranged lighting system, has meant better hours spent in lesson preparation. All this makes the new building "a home away from home" where we students spend most of our day.



News From Our Alumni

Edited by Rev. Harold H. Etling, President of Grace Seminary Alumni Association



We are told that "old men shall dream dreams, and young men shall see visions," and the Word of God reminds us that "where there is no vision the people perish." Whether this was the dream of a group of old men or the vision of some younger men we will let you decide, but now it is to become a reality!

You say, "What?" Just this: the first annual Grace Seminary Reunion, Tuesday through Friday, February 26 through 29—four glorious days of renewed fellowship, plus real inspiration and blessing through the teaching of the Word of God. We are happy to announce that Dr. Ralph Stoll, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Altoona, Pa., has accepted the invitation to become the Bible teacher for the reunion. Dr. Stoll, as many of you will recall, was given the degree Doctor of Divinity by our school with the class of 1949. He is well known to most of our alumni and nothing more need be added, but to those of you who do not know him, suffice it to say that he is in constant demand all across our nation as a Bible teacher. He is the pastor of a large congregation in Altoona, and always sends his audience away with a feeling that they have had a rare privilege. In addition to the Bible teaching of Dr. Stoll, other features already in prospect include some real inspirational challenges by members of the Alumni Association, some fine music by the present student body, and real times of fellowship, definitely planned to send us back to our work with new enthusiasm.

There will be a banquet! What would a reunion be without a banquet? There will be some time for just plain old-time visiting. Business will be kept at a minimum so that all of us may enjoy the reunion. Now come along; fix those dates in your date books; take a few days off from the routine. Come meet with us at "Grace" in Winona for our first reunion.

From other items which we know will appear in this number you just will not forget it, but we believe the alumni ought to be the most thankful for what the school has done. We know most about the fine work that has

been done, and the preparation the school has given us. But so often, I fear, we are like a group of folk mentioned in the New Testament. After they had received their healing, they were so happy about it, so anxious to get out and show others what had happened to them, that they forgot to come back to say, "Thank you!" So it is with many of us after we completed the work. We were so happy to be finished with school, so anxious to go out and tell others what we had learned, that we haven't even slowed up enough to really come back and say, "Thank you." But here is our opportunity: just slip an extra gift into the offering envelope on Seminary Day, and let's make it a large "alumni" thank you to the Lord for our school.

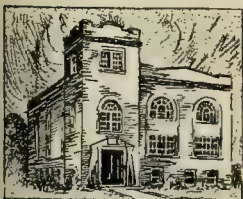
Seems to us that a lot of you alumni have really changed—or is it just because you are so busy you haven't even time to tell us what's going on in your part of the world? Actually, we want to keep this Alumni Page an up-to-the-minute report on happenings of those who have walked the halls of "Grace," but we have had such a little bit of information. Are you just bashful? If so, get your wife to write the note, and let's "swamp" the editor with "newsy news" from the alumni for next month's page.

Mark Malles and family are now settled in the parsonage of First Church, Altoona, Pa., and report that they are rapidly becoming acquainted with the new field of labor.

Wesley Haller and family are now well established in Ankenytown, Ohio, and report things are shaping up in fine fashion, and they are looking forward to a real time of blessing.

Kenneth Ashman, graduate of the first class of Grace Seminary, and pastor of First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, is well-known throughout northern Ohio because of a daily radio broadcast which features musical numbers from his church, and the message by the pastor.

FOURTEEN YEARS OF GROWTH AND SEMINARY EXPANSION



AKRON, OHIO, 1937-1939



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WINONA LAKE, IND.—1939-51



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The *Sterling, Ohio*, congregation heard Rev. Wayne Weber on November 11, and Rev. and Mrs. Orville Jobson on December 16 at the homecoming services. Rev. Dingman Teuling begins a 2-weeks meeting there on January 27.

The new address of Prof. Robert D. Culver and family is Box 266, Palatine, Ill. Brother Culver teaches at the Trinity Seminary and Bible College, Chicago. (Change Annual, p. 72.)

Earl Poysti spoke to the Men's Brotherhood at the *Whittier, Calif.*, church at the first meeting of the men in the new year.

The Grace Theological Seminary Foreign Missions Fellowship held a memorial service for Dr. Clarence Sickel on January 9, with tributes by Lynn Schrock and Solon Hoyt, missionaries, and Dr. Russell Barnard, general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

During the last 6 months of 1951 there were 21 persons who attended the Bible school of the *Winona Lake* church without missing a Sunday.

A suggestion for other readers of the Brethren Missionary Herald. A lady in Ohio, in renewing her subscription, wrote: "I enjoy reading it very much. After I'm through reading it I send it to shut-ins and hospitals."

At the *Grafton, W. Va.*, church 25 persons were honored at the end of the year for having perfect attendance records in Bible school for a period of 3 months.

The *Fillmore, Calif.*, church heard Rev. Meredith Halpin preach for them on December 30. The pastor, Rev. Foster Tresise, was one of the speakers at the Ventura-Santa Bar-

bara-Kern Counties Christian Endeavor Retreat, December 29-31. Rev. R. I. Humberd will be the Bible lecturer at this church January 28 to February 10.

Bro. Joseph Dombek, chalk artist of Winona Lake, will draw and speak at the *Middlebranch, Ohio*, church January 19-20. Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson will be at the church January 23-24.

Rev. Leslie Moore, pastor of the New Troy, Mich, church, had an accident on January 8 when his station wagon upset after hitting an icy place in the highway near Berne, Ind., where he had attended a meeting of ministers of the Central District. Brother Moore was able to continue the journey home, though the station wagon was not. X-rays showed no serious injury to Brother Moore.

The *Meyersdale, Pa.*, church had a goal of \$450 for an offering received



at Christmas time for the building fund. The offering amounted to \$1,000.

Recent speakers at the *Flora, Ind.*, church have been Mr. Clair Brickel, Rev. Charles Turner, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, and Mr. Dean Fetterhoff.

There were 214 people in attendance at the watchnight service of the *Waynesboro, Pa.*, church. Last year 76 attended a similar service. The program this year was presented by the Eppley Sisters. a Gospel quintette. The home mission offering of the church exceeded \$2,500, or more than \$400 over last year's offering.

The *Northern Ohio District Youth Rally* will be held January 25 at the *Middlebranch, Ohio*, church with Dr. Orville Jobson as the special speaker.

The *Dallas Center, Iowa*, church held a 2-week evangelistic campaign beginning January 1, with Rev. Walter Lepp, of Hagerstown, Md., as the evangelist. Speakers at Hagerstown during this time were Rev. Dennis Holliday and Rev. Edgar Beckley.

The *Canton, Ohio*, church holds services at the Stark County Home on scheduled Sunday afternoons.

Mrs. Roy Snyder is again reported as ill and will require special medical treatment, and possibly surgery. Immediately after the first of the year, she and Brother Snyder, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Tyson as nurse; were to have left our field in Africa for the American Presbyterian Hospital at Elat for this necessary treatment. Please pray for healing for Mrs. Snyder.—R. D. Barnard.

The *Uniontown, Pa.*, church will hold a Sunday school rally on January 11, with Rev. Harold Etling, of Akron, Ohio, president of the National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church, as the special speaker.

The young people of the *Harrah, Wash.*, church attended and helped with the services in the Yakima church on December 9. On December 23 Rev. Glenn O'Neal, of Los Angeles, preached at Harrah.

Special notice! Due to an oversight on the editor's part the *Index* for the Brethren Missionary Herald for 1951 was not prepared in time to be included in the last number of the year. The *Index* is now ready, having been printed separately. The company will be glad to send free of charge to anyone requesting a copy of this *Index*. Send in your request at once and the *Index* will be sent to you by return mail. It is especially valuable for those who keep or bind their *Heralds* each year.

Mr. Charles Jones, father of Miss Gail Jones, student in Grace Seminary and an approved candidate for missionary service on our field in Africa, died of coronary occlusion on December 30 at a hospital in Akron, Ohio. The memorial service was conducted from the Henderson Funeral Home, Johnstown, Pa., by Rev. John Neely.

Married: Mr. John Samuel Teeter, of the Mundy's Corner, Pa., church, and Miss Maurine Eleanor Bucklein, of the South Pasadena, Calif., church, on December 28 at the Mundy's Corner church. The honeymoon was spent at Accident, Md., where Brother Teeter served a summer pastorate, and at Dayton, Tenn. The Teeters now live in Winona Lake, where Brother Teeter continues his studies in the seminary.

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

Homes for DP's

Joseph Grillo, a florist of Meriden, Conn., has offered displaced persons an opportunity to build their own homes in this country. He has promised to give 20 acres of ground to any group of displaced persons who will build their own cooperative housing project. That is fine as far as it goes—but then it is of the earth earthy.

Every child of God is a displaced person, in that while he is still on the earth he is not in his final, glorious home. But it is not required of any child of God, nor any group of them, to build their home or homes in the place of their final destination. This is being done now by the Master Architect and Builder who declared just before He entered upon that work:

"In my Father's house are many mansions [homes]: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2-3).

For the believers in Christ, therefore, there are homes in heaven heavenly, in contrast to the homes here which are of the earth earthy.

Hour of Sharing

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America is sponsoring again this year its "One Great Hour of Sharing." The purpose of this "hour" is to collect money, in the name of the council, to be used in helping to alleviate the physical and mental needs of the people of other lands.

We do not favor the program, however, because it places too little emphasis upon the spiritual needs of the people of the world. The purpose of the church is to share the Bread of Life and not just physical bread. We do not oppose Christian giving, in fact we encourage it. But we maintain that God's people should give their money where it will accomplish spiritual results, under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Another thing! Where does one get the idea that this matter of sharing should be for "one great hour"

only? The command of the Word of God is for believers to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God" (Rom. 12:1). This is not for just one hour.

The Christians in Macedonia sent a gift to the Apostle Paul. He thanked them for the gift and then commended them to the whole church in these words: "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God" (II Cor. 8:5). Giving and sharing are easy, joyous, and continuous for those who have first given themselves.

Death for Dope Sellers

Students at the Modesto, Calif., high school demand that the death penalty be meted out to all people found guilty of inducing young people to use narcotics.

These students, according to the National Voice (December 20, 1951), drew up a petition that was signed by 2,200 of their number, and then they sent copies to the governor, to their state senator, and to their assemblyman.

A portion of this petition stated: "We believe that inducing minors to become narcotic addicts is equivalent to first-degree murder. We urge the State Legislature to make the sale of narcotics to minors punishable by death."

Jesus Christ, in talking about older people causing children to stumble in matters of the faith, said: "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! . . . Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish" (Matt. 18:7, 14).

Communism or Garbage?

Matthew Cvetic, who as an undercover agent for the FBI in the Communist Party for 9 years had ample opportunity to study the teachings and ways of Communism, said: "I'd rather sit in the city dump, picking garbage, than live under Communism."

About 29 centuries ago the wise man, Solomon, wrote: "Better is little with the fear of the Lord than

great treasure and trouble therewith. . . . Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right" (Prov. 15:16; 16:8).

"I'm Gonna Get Mine!"

Mr. Charles E. Wilson, Director of Defense Mobilization, at the dedication of the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation's new \$150,000,000 plant near New Orleans, La., declared that if any segment of the country's economy should adopt in this critical period a philosophy of "I'm gonna get mine," it would impair national security and "bring joy to the hearts of the Communists."

The Lord Jesus, in a parable, told of a man who set out to get and to keep all that was "his own." He determined to build bigger barns to have adequate space in which to store away that which was "his own," and this decision brought joy to the Devil and his demons.

In that very night God spoke to that man: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" To this Jesus made this observation: "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:16-21; esp. vss. 20-21).

Moslem Zeal

According to word received in our country, the members of an organization of Moslem women in Pakistan are giving their jewelry to provide funds for the building of mosques in Europe. A very modern mosque was built recently in Finland and one is now under construction in Washington, D. C. Mohammedanism is on the march because of the sacrifices of its adherents, yet it is false religion.

Brethren, what are we doing to make the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel known to the people of Europe? The Mohammedans are reaching toward Europe from Asia; we should be reaching from North America in the same direction, and we should get there first with the Gospel.

There are two things each member of the Brethren Church can do

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Absent From the Body---Present With the Lord

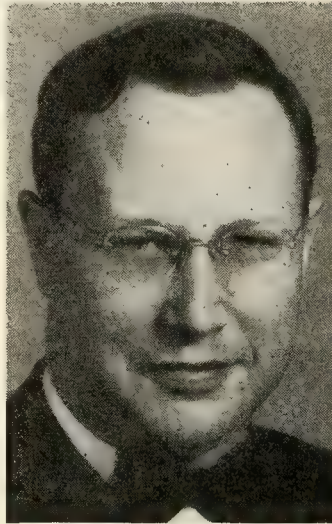
By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean
Grace Theological Seminary

Rodney Wysong, a Junior in the seminary, went home to be with the Lord Friday, January 4, at 9:30 a.m. His funeral was held in the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, Tuesday, January 8, at 2 p.m., Rev. William Steffler, his pastor, bringing the message.

This is the first student of Grace Seminary to pass away during the school year. Many have come very near to departing, but God in His grace and wisdom saw fit to raise them up. In His wise and good providence He took Rodney to be with Himself after weeks of prolonged illness.

Without doubt the Lord is counting the zeal and ardor of Rodney, in what would have been a long, fruitful, and earnest ministry, as though it had already been realized, but decided that He wanted this choice saint for Himself and in His very own presence. After weeks of suffering, he was loosed away upward into the presence of the One whom he loved so dearly and served so untiringly, never losing an opportunity to witness for the Lord even while upon his bed of illness. Doctors, nurses, friends, relatives all testify to the consuming passion of this young man to make every moment count for the Lord.

It was the privilege of Dr. Paul R. Bauman and the writer to visit him in his hospital room on the Sunday before he died. Though he had wasted away to a mere shadow of his former self, and his strength was failing, the joy of the Lord radiated in his face. He was confident that he would live, and he was making plans how he would give himself more unstintingly to study and witnessing. He related upon his bed of illness how he had reflected upon his past efforts and regretted that they were so feeble. He firmly resolved to put himself into the work for



Rodney Wysong

which the Lord in sovereign grace had saved and called him.

Before graduating from Bob Jones University, he corresponded with the writer about coming to Grace Seminary, and then again talked to me personally about entering in the fall of '51." When registration day arrived he was on hand. It became quite evident that he was in seminary for all it could give him. Early in the fall he became the student pastor of the Bethany Brethren Church in west Dayton, and continued until his death. He did not return from Thanksgiving vacation. We soon learned that he was ill, but the seriousness of his condition did not become evident until he was operated upon and a cancer in its final stages was discovered behind the upper bowel. The surgeon, unable to do anything for him, closed the incision and provided such medical attention that might prolong life for a brief period.

Death came more quickly than medical authorities predicted. We are certain that his blessed Lord put him to sleep until the resurrection, and by means of an angel guard carried his spirit into the presence of Christ.

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, who had spent 25 years in China as a medical missionary, recently visited again Formosa and Japan. Upon his return to the United States he wrote in the Southern Presbyterian Journal, of which he is an associate editor, that Christian missions are paying big dividends in Japan. He saw many things that caused him to rejoice over the progress of Christianity in that land.

Dr. Bell also pointed out some things that still cause alarm for the missionaries of the Gospel. Said he:

"The funeral of the Emperor's mother divulged a latent reverence for the throne which could well develop into a swing back to pagan emperor deification and its symbolic shrine worship. This issue, unmet, proved a snare to the Japanese church and such may be the case again, as few Japanese Christian leaders are willing to make an issue of idolatry. One pastor frankly said: 'Shall I make myself a marked man?'"

"For more than half a century the inherent weakness of the Japanese church has been its lack of a strong doctrinal basis. Those in the western world who would relegate doctrine to a place of secondary importance in church matters can get wisdom—if they will—by studying the history of the Japanese church.

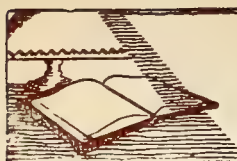
"We have all been impressed by the stories of the open door for the Gospel which has eventuated in Japan since the close of the war. The openness of the door, the willingness of the people to listen, and the response of thousands, has not been exaggerated. But Japan is still a pagan land and we Christians in America have come woefully short of meeting the opportunity which is ours for reaching the Japanese fully and effectively with the Gospel. The door is still open and therein lies a great challenge."

THOUGHTS FOR . . . PILGRIMS

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right now: pray for the Fogles, who are our representatives now in France, and then give that they and many other young people may be supported in sharing the Good News with the people of the needy continent of Europe.





As the Editor Sees It

By L. L. GRUBB



SUPPORT GRACE SEMINARY FOR A FUTURE BRETHREN CHURCH

The growth of the Church of Jesus Christ very largely depends upon its leadership. What is true of the church at large is true of any denomination. Strong future leadership in the NFBC will mean a strong church. We look to Grace Theological Seminary to produce this leadership as our Lord leads young men and women into its halls for Christian preparation.

For any church to endure, its leadership must be strong, unswerving, and very vocal doctrinally. If we fail in proclaiming our Biblical system of doctrine, we have swept away our power and effectiveness at the very foundation of things. Grace Seminary certainly boasts teachers who not only know the Word of God, but who teach it fully. Thus this school deserves our sacrificial support at this season set aside for an offering.

One semester in our splendid new building has proved its overall worth and effectiveness in the seminary program. In addition, the offices of home and foreign missions have been comfortably and efficiently housed for the first time here. The indebtedness on the building is an obligation of all Brethren people so long as our seminary remains true to the Word of God.

Let this seminary offering season produce a generous response among our churches to insure the future of our denominational work until Christ returns.

AMERICANS WASTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS DAILY

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, recently astounded America by making the statement that Americans spend a million dollars an hour for beer, wine, and liquor.

She said that in 1950 Americans spent \$8,760,000,000 for alcoholic beverages, an increase of \$210,000,000 over 1949.

This fact, together with the increased use of tobacco, especially among younger Americans, has been responsible for a large percentage of the increase in the national crime rate. Senator Kefauver has solemnly reminded America that its crime rate will continue to increase unless something is done to decrease the use of these detrimental agents by the human body.

The work and emphasis of such organizations as the WCTU, the Anti-Saloon League, etc., are constructive in most instances and useful. However, we must face the unalterable fact that the appetites for these drugs can only be conquered by the power of Christ's grace operating in a man's heart. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). Here is the key to victory over the unholy desires of the flesh. Such victory can only be obtained through re-

ceiving the source of this grace, our Lord Jesus Christ, into the heart by faith (Acts 16:31).

Such heartbreaking facts as above relative to the sin and degradation of our beloved nation should serve to further emphasize the tremendous spiritual need of the American people who have forgotten God.

We are debtors to them and we must hasten to pay this debt in evangelizing the lost else the Lord may appear and find us idly wasting our time.

PRAY FOR BILLY GRAHAM'S MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

What could easily produce a turning point in American history is taking place in a great evangelistic effort in our nation's capital as the Billy Graham evangelistic party continues a great revival effort begun there on January 13.

Each child of God in this nation and all around the world should be daily on his knees before the Lord pray-

OUR COVER PAGE

Fremont home mission church joins the self-supporting churches. The camera depicts for you on the cover page Rev. Lester E. Pifer and family, Mr. Carl Reidling at the organ, the present church, the boys club in action, the parsonage at 526 Howland Street, the choir loft with the baptistry painting in the background, and Brother Pifer delivering a message from God's Word to his congregation.

ing for the working of the Holy Spirit as Billy preaches the Word. Prayer for the conviction of sin and a need for Christ in the life of each government employee from the top on down should be presented to God over and over during these days.

If our country becomes Christ-conscious at its fount there is then some hope for a sweeping, national revival which will inevitably spread across the earth.

Pray! Pray! Pray!

CHRIST—JUST OUTSIDE THE DOOR

Recently a brochure from another denominational church came to our desk. In it were outlined extensive meetings, programs, and financial plans for the coming year. Launched at the beginning of the new year, this brochure was to epitomize the program of this church for the months to come.

After carefully reading it we suddenly came to the realization that the name of Christ was not to be found

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in the entire breadth of the document. This came as something of a shock, even though we knew that this particular denomination has departed far from the Scripture. Apparently the only potential power these people have for accomplishing their extensive plans this year is the energy of human flesh and wisdom. *Christ is just outside the door!* (Rev. 3:20).

This church is typical of thousands of others where there will be increased activity this year but Christ will be even farther from the door than last year. Thus the church is opening the door to the world and Satan and is a completely powerless instrument in meeting the spiritual needs of men.

The year 1952 should produce new resolutions on the part of Brethren everywhere to dedicate and pledge ourselves anew to make the message of Christ, crucified, risen, ascended, and coming again, known to the millions lost in sin.

LISTEN TO "UNSHACKLED"

One of the finest Christian radio programs ever to hit the air waves is the program "Unshackled," produced weekly by the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, Ill. This program is aired each Saturday night at 7:30 CST over WGN, one of Chicago's powerful radio stations.

Actual conversions at this great mission, which has produced such men as Billy Sunday and Mel Trotter, are dramatized with telling effect and almost technical perfection. Christ is preached with power as He is manifested in the conversion of "down-and-outers."

Each believer who can possibly do so should listen to this program and encourage unbelieving friends to listen in as well.

NEWS Of Home Mission NEEDS

Write the Home Mission Office for Further Information

Taos, N. Mex.—

1. Piano for Arroyo Hondo (\$40).
2. Large cast bell for new church at Cordillera (\$40).
3. Good serviceable used sedan.

Martinsburg, W. Va.—

1. Two pianos.

Albany, Oreg.—

1. 100 new hymnbooks.

Portland, Oreg.—

1. 25 more songbooks, "Hymns of the Christian Life."
2. Lettering guides and styluses for making stencils.

Jewish Mission—

1. \$100 for partitioning garage to make a children's club room.

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—

1. English and Spanish Bibles.
2. English and Spanish hymnals.
3. Flannelboard lessons and backgrounds.
4. Used clothing.

HARRISBURG HOME MISSION CHURCH GROWING



The pictures shown here were taken by the local photographer, Allen Zook, of the Harrisburg church, and show (4) Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moore being baptized by Pastor Weber; (3) one of the youngest members of the Sunday school, Douglas Jean Knepper, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Knepper; (6) young people's Sunday school class preparing a dramatization under the direction of Mrs. Eugene Miller; (unnumbered) Pastor Weber with a new Sunday school register at his left; (2) Nathan Myers teaching the Word of God to the adult Sunday school class; and (lower picture) the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.



Home Missions Travelog

BY THE SECRETARY



FORT WAYNE STRONG FOR HOME MISSIONS

We recently had the privilege of showing pictures in our Fort Wayne church depicting the widespread work of the Brethren Home Missions Council, and as always received an enthusiastic response from both pastor and people.

It is both significant and also a fine illustration of what can be done by every Brethren church to realize that this church has four home missionaries in the field: Brother and Sister Martindale and Sister Kerns on the Indian reservation, and Isobel Fraser among the Jews in Los Angeles. For the support of these missionaries and general home mission needs this church will have raised almost \$4,000 this year. This is for home missions alone. Considering the fact that the membership is approximately 210 this is indeed remarkable.

Bro. John Aeby, the pastor, and his people are to be congratulated on this fine record.

We feel much like saying to all Brethren churches, "Go thou and do likewise."

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN FINDLAY, OHIO

In Findlay, Ohio, a fine, staunch group of the Lord's people have taken a stand against apostasy and are now organized as a Brethren church.

Recently it was our privilege to meet with these folks and assist in the organization of this new church which has been under the leadership of Bro. Russell Ogden, one of our students in Grace Seminary.

There is a great future ahead for this group in a needy community where there is plenty of room and work for a fundamental testimony.

Pray that God will provide lots and a building for this group of His own as they plan for the future.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR NEW CHURCH IN DAYTON

The Lord willing, the hammer and the trowel will be sounding on a new Brethren church building in the Patterson Park section of the city of Dayton, Ohio, just as soon as spring comes.

Plans and specifications are complete for the new building and all are anxiously awaiting the time when construction can be started on this fine, new structure. What a blessing it will be for this congregation to get into its own facilities!

Bro. Tom Bailey, one of our own Brethren men, will be construction foreman and builder on this job.

VISIT TO FIRST BRETHREN IN DAYTON

During our visit to this great church we were able to see that God's hand of blessing has been resting upon the ministry of Bro. William Steffler and this congregation. A fine, large group greeted us on the Lord's Day morning and received the home mission challenge with interest.

This church has always been a strong missionary church. Its home mission activities have had wide ramifications. Beyond giving generously to the offering it has provided families for nuclei for two new Brethren churches in the area: North Riverdale and Patterson Park.

It is this spirit of willingness to reach out beyond our borders which is the genius of growth and evangelization.

NORTH RIVERDALE CHURCH GROWING

Pictures were shown in this former home mission church to a fine group on the Lord's Day evening.

It is always a joy to visit a former home mission church and see substantial growth with new faces in the congregation and new interest and vision for missions.

The pastor, Bro. Clyde Balyo, has led these Brethren through to many spiritual victories.

This church is among those giving large amounts to home missions each year and has also contributed some families to the new Patterson Park work.

FELLOWSHIP AT LAKE ODESSA

Recently it was our privilege to bring a home mission message to our Brethren at Lake Odessa, Mich., where Bro. Lee Jenkins is pastor. The house was filled and even though our time here was short we were able to sense the good spirit and fine fellowship.

Brother Jenkins has recently led in the construction of a new addition to the church which will run about \$5,000-plus. Souls have been saved and members added to the local church under his ministry.

BRIEF VISIT AT ALTO, MICH.

Because of bad weather and being a bit lost on those northern Michigan roads, we arrived at Alto just in time to meet with the folks at the close of the service.

Bro. Earl Funderburg, the pastor, was ill. His work has been very effective in leading these folks who have just recently joined our fellowship. The basement church is being used at present for a meeting place, and all bills have been paid for this construction. They hope to complete the upper structure this year.

Praise the Lord for the expansion of the Brethren Church in Michigan. We will be reporting something later about a new work in the city of Jackson.

NEW TROY CHURCH GROWING

This former home mission church is experiencing growth under God as the people and pastor, Bro. Leslie Moore, have faithfully proclaimed the Gospel to their community.

Even though the evening was an inclement one and

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A-L-L A-B-O-A-R-D!

By EVELYN FUQUA



A-L-L A-B-O-A-R-D! The *Joy Boat*—also known as the *Eternal Life Boat*—is filled with passengers bound for Sunday school. How would *you* like to go to Sunday school in a boat? (Picture No. 1.)

We have bought jeeps, trucks, automobiles, and station wagons for our mission works in various places, but perhaps this is the first time that we've purchased a boat to be used in mission work.

On February 1, 1951, the swinging bridge at Hell for Certain, Ky., was washed away in the flood. As the little schoolhouse is on "yon" side of the Middlefork River, there was no way to get across to Sunday school. What was there for us to do? Out went the S O S call! Result: this fine bunch of boys and girls from the Junior Department of the First Brethren Church, South Gate, Calif., came to our rescue! (Picture No. 2.)

Many must have gone without ice cream, some without bubble gum, others without pop, because in just a few weeks \$45 was brought as an offering to the Lord to pay for a boat to be used in Kentucky.

Mrs. Loren Staudenmeir, superintendent of the Junior Department, put hours of work into the contest that encouraged the boys and girls to give. (Picture No. 3.)

Little plastic boats were given to each class in which their offering was put each Sunday. On the large bulletin board across the side of the department building was a scene of Miss Evelyn's house, the Sunday school, with the river in between.

Take a good look at the fine class of 5th-grade boys who gave the largest offering, which amounted to \$12. Their teacher is Bob Marshall, a fine Christian fellow who has his hands full taking care of these livewires! (Picture No. 4.)

Many names were submitted by the children for the boat. Miss Glenda Davis is the young lady whose name won first place. (Picture No. 5). She chose the name "Joy" to stand for "Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last." It is spoken of as the *Joy Boat*. Although you do not see the name in the picture, it is now on the boat in large white letters. Surely there is "Joy" when you know you are safe in the "Eternal Life Boat."

The boys and girls chose to have the boat painted red and white—red to stand for the blood of Christ and white to stand for our hearts after they have been washed in the blood.

We believe our boat bears a real testimony for the

Lord not only on Sunday but each day as it stays tied at the river bank.

The Great Captain of our boat is Jesus Christ. However, we have another captain, Mr. Kenneth Begley, one of our men who has not missed a Sunday since Sunday school began in October 1950. He has not only been faithful in Sunday school but is faithfully ready each Sunday morning at 9 to take us all across the river to Sunday school. This is such a help and greatly appreciated.

All of us from our new Sunday school send a big "thank you" to Mrs. Staudenmeir and all of the Junior Department—boys and girls and teachers! (Picture No. 6.)

Join with us as we all sing:

"Throw out the Life-Line across the dark wave,
There is a brother whom some one should save;
Somebody's brother! oh, who then, will dare
To throw out the Life-Line, his peril to share?"

"Soon will the season of rescue be o'er,
Soon will they drift to eternity's shore,
Haste then, my brother, no time for delay,
But throw out the Life-Line and save them today.

"Throw out the Life-Line! Throw out the Life-Line!
Some one is drifting away;
Throw out the Life-Line! Throw out the Life-Line!
Some one is sinking today."

HOME MISSIONS TRAVELOG

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the roads were icy, a fine congregation was present to see home mission pictures.

JUNIATA PAYING BIG DIVIDENDS

Each visit to our Juniata, Pa., church further convinces us of the worth-whileness of home mission expenditures there.

On a recent Lord's Day we heard Dr. Taber, our missionary, speak to a large congregation and were able to see signs of great growth in this group so ably led by Bro. Phillip Simmons.

If only there was some way to transfer these actual sights to our Brethren people, no proof would be better that it pays to support Brethren home missions.

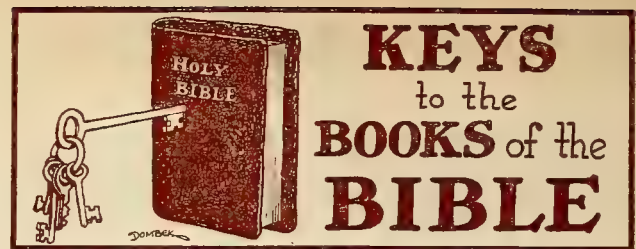
HARRISBURG PROVING THE LORD

Each contact at the Harrisburg, Pa., church further convinces us that these folks and their pastor, Bro. Russell Weber, know how to trust the Lord and lay hold upon His promises.

It was a blessing to minister to this congregation and to further inspect our new building. Further work is being done in plastering the basement.

Eight new members have been added recently and we know that this number has been increased during the past three weeks.

While in this area it was our privilege upon invitation to meet with a group of the Lord's people who severed connections with the Church of the Brethren and to explain the doctrinal position and church government of our fellowship. Bro. Nathan Meyer, former pastor of this group, and his family are now members of our Harrisburg church.



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This is the first of a new series of articles which will be appearing in the home mission numbers of the Brethren Missionary Herald. The series begins with Matthew, the first book of the New Testament, and will continue using all the books of the Bible. This new feature is edited by C. S. Zimmerman, pastor of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, and all rights regarding the use of the material are reserved by the editor. We recommend the use of these outlines in studying your Bible.

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

- I. Presents Jesus as King.
- II. Key Words.
 - A. King.
 1. 2:2—The Magi inquire about the king.
 2. 2:6—Prophecy that He shall rule.
 3. 2:13—Rival king seeks to kill Him.
 4. 3:2—John the Baptist takes the place of the herald.
 5. 19:28; 25:31—The King on the throne.
 6. 25:34, 40—"And the King shall answer."
 7. 27:50-53—Heaven, earth, and hell acknowledge the King.
 - B. Kingdom of heaven—appears 28 times in the book.
 - C. Kingdom—found 50 times in the book.
- III. Key verses.
 - A. 28:18 cf. 11:27—"All power is given unto me."
 - B. 11:28-30—Attitude of King to subjects.
- IV. Key outline.
 - A. The King is coming (1:1 to 4:16).
Family tree, birthplace, birth, official preparation.
 - B. The King is here (4:17 to 16:20).
 1. The words of the King (5:1 to 7:29).
 2. The works of the King (8:1 to 9:36).
 3. Witness for the King (9:37 to 11:30).
 4. Opposition to the King (12:1-50).
 5. The secrets of the King (13:1-52).
 6. Increased criticism of the King (14:1 to 16:20).
 - C. The King rejected (16:21 to 28:20).
 1. Presentation to disciples (16:21 to 20:34).
 2. Presentation to the nation (21:1 to 23:39).
 3. His words concerning consummation of His purposes (24:1 to 25:46).
 4. His passion (26:1 to 27:66).
 5. His resurrection and provision for His absence (28:1-20).
- V. Key thoughts for today.
 - A. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.
 - B. We are to pray for its coming (Matt. 6:9-13).
 - C. Nations are to be told of the coming kingdom (Matt. 28:19-20).
 - D. Continual presence of Christ the portion of the commissioned (Matt. 28:20b).

SEATTLE -

New Gospel Beachhead for Brethren Church in Northwest

Would you like to see a new Brethren church started among the half-million needy souls in the city of Seattle, Washington?

Did you know there are at least five staunch Brethren families in that great city who have been holding a Bible class for 2 years and praying daily for the establishment of a Brethren church?

Do you realize that Seattle is a spiritual "beachhead" for all the great Puget Sound area? That scores of thousands of souls dwell in the densely populated areas surrounding Seattle?

Have you heard that growth in this area exceeds practically every other area in the U. S. A.?

The importance of "striking" in this fertile field NOW is shown by these statements of Brethren pastors who live in the great Northwest and know its potentialities.

Read what these men have to say!

Russell L. Williams, Yakima: "Seattle is the beachhead for the Brethren Church in the Puget Sound area in the Pacific Northwest. It is the center of a series of cities which extend southward through Tacoma to Olympia and northward through Everett toward the Canadian border in an almost unbroken chain. This is one of the most fertile fields for the Gospel in America today. The possibilities are as great as they were in southern California in former years. The possibilities are great, not only because it is one of the most rapidly growing sections in America today but also because the Pacific Northwest, according to statistics, stands at the top in educational advance, in child delinquency, and in crime proportion; but stands at the bottom of the list in number of churches, in percentage of church population, and in spiritual emphasis. (With a national average of 52 percent of the population claiming religious interest, the State of Washington stands at 22 percent and only Oregon is lower. Figures for crime and child delinquency are from the records of the FBI.) But remember, Seattle is the beachhead. Today there are capable, consecrated Christians in Seattle who can become the center of the FIRST church and the door is open. Next year may be and probably will be TOO LATE."

(Brother Williams has been driving the long distance from Yakima to Seattle regularly for many months holding this Bible class and encouraging the people.)

William H. Schaffer, Spokane: "Will you pray with us that our invasion of Seattle will not be 'too late with too little'? This great seaport of a half-million people looks down from the northwest corner of the United States like the man of Macedonia crying, 'Come over . . . and help us.' Must that cry go still unheeded?"

Glen Welborn, Albany: "There should be no less than two thriving, soul-winning Brethren churches in the great northwest city of Seattle. But since there is none we should not lose one more minute in getting at least

one started with the Brethren who are already there. This calls for pastor, lots, and building."

Harry Sturz, Harrah: "There are several members of the Harrah church who are now located in the Seattle area and we join with them in the desire to see a Brethren church established there. The Northwest is expanding so rapidly that it seems foolish not to be establishing many new churches here. Seattle is one of the strategic centers where we certainly need a Brethren church. Its mushrooming growth is giving it many 'gospel vacuums.' Let us fill at least one!"

H. E. Collingridge, Sunnyside: "Seattle is growing, and we must grow with it. Now is the opportunity for an invasion in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Brethren Church must never be guilty of 'too little—too late.'"

Vernon J. Harris, Portland: "Seattle is a strategic town here in the Northwest which should have had a Brethren church years ago. Let us not miss this 'now-or-never' opportunity."

These are the sincere evaluations of experienced Brethren pastors, and they mean that we must enter Seattle at once or lose our opportunity!

The proof that the Seattle Brethren deserve our support is found in the fact that in spite of their own great need the small group has given \$232.10 to start new Brethren churches elsewhere. Praise God for such a missionary vision.

How can we enter Seattle?

WE MUST HAVE THE HELP OF EVERY BRETHREN HOME MISSION MINUTE-MAN NOW!

God has effectively used the Brethren Minute-Men to start a Navaho mission, to help establish new churches in Johnson City, Tenn., and in Denver, Colo. As a result the Word of Life is being proclaimed in these places where otherwise we might not have a Brethren testimony today.

Did you seriously miss those dollars you sent to help establish these Gospel testimonies, or did you rather receive a rich blessing from the Lord and a thrill in knowing you had a vital part in making each one possible?

In a few days you will be receiving a Minute-Man letter requesting your immediate support for Seattle.

PLEASE do not lay this letter aside but place your offering in it *immediately* so that we can send a pastor who is ready to enter this field as soon as possible. Make it possible for us to assure the faithful Seattle Brethren that our entire Brethren membership is behind them!

NOTICE: If you are not a Brethren Minute-Man you are losing a blessing. Send your name and address to the Brethren Home Missions Council, Box 395, Winona Lake, Ind., at once.

ISRAEL CALLS!

I VISIT THE SYNAGOGUE

By Bruce L. Button

Several weeks ago I had the opportunity of attending Sabbath morning service at the Olympic Jewish Temple and Center. The service started at 9 a.m. and continued until noon. I was surprised by the confusion and noise attending the service and by the lack of the understanding of the service evident in the conduct of the people. While the service was in progress several children were running up and down the aisles and their parents did not attempt to restrain them. The adults themselves did not maintain a reverent attitude, but rather, in low voices, discussed various matters which came to mind. Whenever it was necessary to stand or participate in the singing of a psalm or to assist in the service in any way, the people did so, but other than that their attitude was one of placid indifference. I was impressed in this manner—each one seemed to feel his part in the service was all God required of him and if he performed this part then God would be favorable toward him. The fact that he did not pay attention to the other parts of the service did not seem to bother him at all.

I believe the reason for this attitude was due to the fact that the majority of the service was in Hebrew and the vast majority of the people present *did not understand this language*. In this respect it made one think of the Catholic worship in Latin. The cantor (the one who chants the order of service and the psalms) used Hebrew exclusively except in one or two instances when he led the entire group in the singing of a sacred song in English. The reading of the Torah (the Law) was also performed in Hebrew and some of those who made up the *minian* (the 10 male Jews necessary in order to hold a worship service) could barely read the short Hebrew blessing after the reading of a portion of the Torah. The only portion of the service which was understandable to all present was the message of the rabbi. It was in English. This message consisted of tolerance, brotherhood, and how the Jewish people have learned to appreciate these by the persecutions they have suffered. In all this long service there was not one attempt to expound the Word of God so that it might be understood. This, I believe, is the fountainhead of Jewish bewilderment in matters pertaining to the Old Testament.

Our Jewish friend is misinformed because he is untaught in the Word. He is depending on his spiritual leader, the rabbi, to point out to him the correct worship of God. And the rabbi is pointing out, not those necessary truths as contained in the Word of God, but rather the *man-made* interpretations of those truths as set forth by previous rabbis and Jewish spiritual leaders. The rabbi is not content to stop here, but he further seeks to bind the mental "hands" of his people, for when they give evidence of throwing off their mental lassitude toward the Old Testament, they are warned by the rabbi to *never* read this Book *without the aid of the commentaries*. And the commentaries to which the rabbi refers are the same writings he refers to for his understanding of the Word. In other words the seeking layman is di-

rected to the man-made interpretations of the Jewish spiritual leaders of the past.

A prominent rabbi of this city stated to me that it is impossible to otherwise understand the Old Testament. He rejects any consideration of the Holy Spirit directing and guiding one into an understanding of the truth. This, together with the fact that the average Jewish layman does not have a copy of the Old Testament (much less does he read it), places the Jew in a position where it is almost impossible for him to comprehend anything of the revelation God has given to him. Thus it is that the Jewish leaders are able to maintain Judaism in its present perverted form. Under their system of research and teaching it would be impossible to arrive at the true meaning and teaching of God's Word. Messiah Jesus named such "blind leaders of the blind" (Matt. 15:14).

In attempting to deal with Jewish people regarding the teaching of God's Word, one is immediately struck by the amount of damage done to the spiritual welfare of the Jewish people. First, they have been impressed with the idea that only their leaders can direct them to God. Should they follow any other they are considered apostate. Secondly, they are impervious to the clear teaching of the Word of God. Sin is a nonentity, or at the most something which God "winks" at and understands because we are only erring humans. Punishment for sin is not that which was foretold by Moses and the prophets, but rather an indeterminable something which will not cause too much discomfort. As to salvation—all Israel shall be saved; not even one Jew will ever suffer separation from God. Sacrifice for sin?—that was for the age of Moses, David, and the prophets. Now God demands only prayer, repentance, and good deeds.

Such teaching leads us to ask the question: "How may we combat such erroneous teaching?" Our answer: by constantly contacting these people with the truth, both through personal testimony and the printed Word. That is just what we are doing in the Fairfax District of Los Angeles. Such work is paying dividends, for we have not a few Jewish people who are interested in hearing of these matters, and some are interested enough to come to the mission home once a week and participate in a discussion regarding the true teaching of God's Word. But let me stress once more the part *you* play in this vital work of giving the Gospel to the Jew. The Jewish work needs your prayer support. Do not fail in this new year to *daily* hold up God's chosen people before him. In that way He will prosper His work to the glory of Jesus the Messiah.



BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS SCORES AGAIN!

Next to the thrill of seeing a new church established comes the thrill of seeing a church become a self-supporting, mature institution. Both of these joys are frequently experienced in Brethren home mission work because the Lord of all grace has bountifully blessed His people.

As the directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council rejoice to present to our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches another self-supporting church in Fremont, Ohio, so do we give acclaim and due praise to the Saviour who has made this victory possible.

The various pastors and the people of this church through the years have given themselves, often very sacrificially, to the task of reaching men for Christ, and have not only contributed many hours in physical labor

to the church construction, but have generously laid dedicated gifts on the altar.

The present pastor, Rev. Lester Pifer, has administered and concentrated the potential of this fine congregation, and has been so greatly used by the Lord in reaching the community for Christ that the church has experienced very rapid growth in recent years.

Both the pastor and the people of the present membership are to be commended for their vision in launching out on their own by willingly assuming the large obligation for the building together with all current expenses plus a weekly radio program. This is the sort of intelligent faith that God always abundantly blesses. As a result, home mission funds are released to enter into new areas where other Brethren people are requesting help in establishing new churches.

What God Hath Wrought at Fremont

By Pastor Lester E. Pifer

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psa. 126:3).

The history of the Fremont church has been one of continued blessing and progress wherein the Lord has manifested His grace in providing the needs for a building program and glorification of Himself through His people. The progress has been hindered by many things, but in spite of this the arm of the Lord has not been shortened that He has not been able to accomplish His will.

The church was organized with the help of R. Paul Miller, then secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council. Under the ministry of the first pastor, Rev. Phillip Simmons, lots were purchased and plans started for a basement structure at 300 S. Collinwood Blvd. During the ministry of Rev. Robert Culver in 1942-43 a

basement church (52 x 64 feet) was built on this location. Following the call of Brother Culver to Grace Theological Seminary, Rev. Raymond Blood came to minister to this people. The completion of the building at that time was greatly hindered by orders of the Government curtailing civilian construction. However, 30,000 bricks were bought at a tremendous saving and placed on the property; some additional plans were made, and a decision to lengthen the building by 16 feet was made. Brother Blood was called to glory in January of 1947. We came to the field the first Sunday of April 1947.

The wise counsel of the Brethren Home Missions Council to the people of this church has certainly been evident in its growth and progress. It was felt for a long time that the church should be located on the north side of the city. Lots were even considered there, but after much prayer and consideration on the part of the secretary of the council it was decided that the east side was the proper location. Today I am very grateful for this decision, as this is the fastest growing section of the city as well as one of the nicest residential sections. In the decision which was made to lengthen the building 16 feet, much prayer was answered and wise judgment rendered. The need for that additional amount has already come upon us and we are very grateful for adequate facilities.

Today we have a new modern brick building, 52 by 80 feet in size, and which will seat 500 people in the main auditorium and balcony. The building is simply decorated and furnished but is as pleasant and modern as anyone could want. There are 15 permanent classrooms along with the two main auditoriums, both of which can wisely be used for class spaces. The acoustic qualities are excellent, making it very feasible to broadcast direct from the church. Our new Hammond organ, a gift of the Carl Reidling family, is much appreciated for its great help in producing the music for our services.

The building cost \$60,000 in its construction and pur-

IN THE BEGINNING—1939



Here we see the first pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio, Phillip J. Simmons; the first meeting place, the Presbyterian Chapel; and one of the first pictures of the group who pioneered the work.

chase of lots. It is now appraised at \$80,000. Our indebtedness stands at approximately \$40,000. We earnestly ask the prayers of Christian people everywhere to continually hold us before the throne of grace that we may, by His grace, see this figure whittled down rapidly in the next few years.

Along with the expense of building a church edifice the congregation was forced to purchase a parsonage for their pastor. A comfortable 6-room house was purchased about 5 blocks from the church and has been serving the need. This property is almost two-thirds paid for.

But progress has not only been in the form of structures of brick, wood, and stone. In the Sunday school we have seen a constant increase year after year. In the last 5 years our average in attendance at the Sunday school and morning services has gone from a low of 70 to over 200 at the present time. Last Lord's Day there were 249 in attendance at the morning service. The membership has grown from 90 to 215. Missionary gifts, too, have increased. Last year these totaled nearly \$3,000.

The spirituality of our people has made a marked increase. It has been a real joy to see family after family be saved and then grow in grace and love in the Lord. Class meetings, laymen meetings, WMC meetings, as well as all other organization meetings, are not merely social times of gathering but rather times of spiritual refreshing and even soul winning in some cases. Services are conducted by the laymen of the church regularly in a prison farm near Fremont, in the county jail, and monthly at the Green Springs Sanatorium. Many souls have been won through these efforts. It has been thrilling to see things which are evidences of their love and devotion to Christ.

The Gospel Truth radio program, which is supported by the church and its friends through free-will offerings, has been a real means of reaching this community of 21,000 people. You will read a testimony of a young man on these pages who is one of the souls that have been saved through this ministry. Many other families have

WHY WE CAME TO THE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

By Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fremion

We are grateful and happy to be a part of a church where the Word of God is preached in all of our services, where His command to "go ye" is obeyed literally, and where there is vision and a definite goal.

Although living in another community, we were interested and concerned about the Grace Brethren almost from its beginning in a small schoolhouse at the edge of town. Visiting it whenever the opportunity offered, we left it always with a feeling of having been drawn closer to God, with a glow of warmth that the fellowship there gave us. As it grew in numbers its zeal for God's work and love for Him did not lag. Finally we moved into this community and it has been a joy to have a small part in the work which, under the able leadership of our pastor, Rev. Lester E. Pifer, is drawing many who long for a church home where separation from the world and guidance of the Holy Spirit is sought, where God is honored, where His work is given preeminence, and where He truly meets with His people.

May our church continue to grow in grace and in favor with God and man.

SECOND BIG EVENT IN THE FREMONT HISTORY



The construction of the basement church at the present location was started in 1942. The pastor at that time was Robert D. Culver, shown here in the carpenter's uniform. This is one of the extracurricular activities of a home mission pastor, and besides being a carpenter, many times they work as plumbers, electricians, draftsmen, bricklayers, engineers, bus drivers, janitors, etc. The basement church shown here served the purpose until the present spacious new building was completed.

come to our church and Sunday school after hearing this program. It has been an effective means in letting the community know what we stand for and why we believe the Word teaches these doctrines and ordinances. It has done more than any other advertising means of informing people where we are and what we are doing. We do want to praise God that week after week He has always sent in through His people the money needed to keep the Gospel on the air.

There is a deep sense of gratitude in my heart and in the heart of every person in our church to the Brethren Home Missions Council and the host of donors which make up that organization. Without their help in counsel, support, building appropriations, and other assistance this church could not have been built as quickly and wisely as it was. We are deeply appreciative of the gifts given by missionary-minded members of Brethren churches from coast to coast through the Brethren home mission offering which have helped us in carrying the burden. I want to express my personal appreciation to Rev. L. L. Grubb for his fine cooperation and wisdom given during these 5 years at Fremont. This church has always enjoyed a fine relationship and cooperation with the Brethren Home Missions Council. We praise God for this organization.

Time and eternity will reveal what God has wrought in this church. For the many answers to prayer, the souls that have been saved, the lives that have been dedicated to Him, the chastening and lessons which He, through the Holy Spirit, has given, and for His constant patience with us we want to say, "Praise Him from whom all blessings flow." "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Some Experiences in Five Years at Fremont

By Pastor Lester E. Pifer

A home mission pastor has some rare experiences which certainly teach him many things. One of my first experiences that came soon after our arrival at Fremont was the construction of a new building. I shall never forget the many answers to prayer that came during the building program. Also there was the almost unending willingness of our people to share in the work to be done. This was amazing to me and certainly did much to encourage a new pastor.

Then one day, one of our young men came to see us and told of his father's illness and his desire to see him saved. My first reaction was: "Let's go over and talk with him now." But the young man said: "No; Dad doesn't like preachers; in fact, he almost threw one man out!" A few days later I stopped and visited the home and, much to my surprise, received a very cordial welcome. I did not feel led to deal with the father that day, but did ask if I might have a word of prayer. Later the man was taken to the hospital with a serious case of pneumonia. After several visits at the hospital, one day I was greeted thus: "You are just the one I was looking for. I want to be saved." There, on that hospital bed, with draining tubes hanging from his back, he confessed Christ as Saviour. Today this man is one of our trustees. "With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27).

One Sunday morning as we were broadcasting the morning service the Spirit led me to ask in the invita-

tion if there were any listening who might be bedfast and wanted to be saved. If so, I asked them to call and we would gladly come to the home. The next day we were making some repairs on the parsonage roof when a call came from a young man. He asked that we come immediately as his mother was very ill. I went to this home and found his mother lying on a bed which had a great many ugly holes burnt in the bedclothing by the ashes from her cigarettes. She was dying of cancer. She had been a Christian Scientist and had finally called a doctor, but too late. She then turned to a modernistic church in her community. The pastor had called regularly on her but never pointed her to salvation in Christ. She asked, "Isn't there something I need to know? . . . I am scared. . . I'm afraid to die!" I began with the passages dealing with salvation and led her to Christ. Her son said later that she smiled that afternoon for the first time in weeks. One week from that day she lay unconscious until her death, but not before she had called in a large number of friends, neighbors, and relatives and told them her testimony.

One night I was sitting in my study when a new man in our church called. He said that he wanted to see me immediately. He came into the study and told me of a young man who was in serious trouble. The next evening we sat in that home, saw the young man come to Christ, and his wife come back into real fellowship with the Lord again. The next day we talked with the members of the board of the organization with which he was employed and they had agreed not to prosecute if the matter could be cleared. It was. Then we went to the newspaper editor and the radio news editor and had the story removed from the news. Later, after repeated attempts to obtain work and failure in each case, I took the matter to the head of a large corporation in Fremont. I related the whole story to him, and with tears in his eyes he said that the next opening that they had would be given to this new Christian. Praise the Lord, the young man now has a much better position than he had before and both he and his wife are active in the work of the church. The words of II Corinthians 5:17 can certainly be seen here: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Walking down the hall of the Memorial Hospital one day a lady came out of a room and asked, "Aren't you Rev. Pifer?" She then asked if I wouldn't come in and visit her niece. I walked into the room and faced a very young mother who was cold and hard and very ill. She told me very bluntly, with a forbidden cigarette in her hand, that she didn't need any preacher and she didn't want to hear the Bible or prayer. Very graciously I left the room and told her I would stop again. Later on I stopped to find her much worse. She in her weakness reluctantly permitted me to pray. Several days later she agreed to allow me to read the Scriptures and pray. This time I was able to impart to her from the Word of God the passages dealing with salvation. She still did not want to receive Christ as her Saviour. In our prayer

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS GROWN

By Carl H. Brooks, Sunday School Superintendent

It is a joy to my heart to see how Fremont has grown from a small group of 33 to an attendance of well over 200. We praise God for His grace and blessings showered upon us during these years.

The Sunday school started in 1939 with two classes. Today there are 22 strong active classes with the need for even more. It has thrilled our hearts to see boys and girls become born-again Christians in our Sunday school classes and then take their places as stewards of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have seen these along with men and women grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord with victories that could only be accomplished by the love and grace of our Saviour.

We can well remember the old rented schoolhouse, known as "The Prairie Chapel," where we originally met, and the joys and hopes which were manifested there. Today we are able to meet in a fine new brick building which we are all proud of. However, this was only made possible by the Lord's blessing upon saints who loved Him, prayed, and gave money through home missions.

We thank God for the work of Home Missions—not just for the building, but for making it possible to have a full-time pastor on the field and for his wise and much-needed counsel. Again we want to say, God has supplied our needs and praise His holy name!

meeting we prayed that the Lord would open that girl's heart to the Gospel. The next morning at 7 o'clock a nurse called me and told me, "Wanda is dying; come right away." A short time later I walked into that room to see this young mother gasping for breath, white as she could be, and having been in a coma for several hours. My heart sank as I felt that she had missed her last opportunity to accept Christ. But God still answers prayer. I knelt by that bed and pleaded with the Lord to give me another opportunity to lead her to Christ. When I finished praying, much to the astonishment of the nurse and husband who looked on, she closed her mouth and opened her eyes and said weakly, "Hello." I asked her, "Wanda, don't you want to accept Jesus as your personal Saviour?" She answered in the affirmative with the motion of her head and quickly I read from the Gospel of John. She indicated before all of us in the room that she was accepting Christ as her Saviour as the Word indicated she should. A few minutes later she had passed away. No one can ever tell me that God does not answer prayer. "And it shall come to pass, that

I WAS SAVED AT FREMONT, OHIO

By Robert Gahris

In June 1946, I came to Fremont to take a position as an accountant in a local firm and, not being married, I was forced to room out. Not knowing the Gospel nor about God's plan of salvation, I was one of the worst types of sinners. I was under the impression that the only way one could get ahead in the world was to do all that everyone else did. As a result my life became polluted with sin of every description.

In early 1948 I married a wonderful girl whom I met at a meeting of accountants and office managers of associated companies. But even marriage did not change my life. I continued in sin.

In 1949 the Lord presented my wife and me with a very sweet daughter, and at the time I decided to give up drinking and smoking as I was of the opinion that a father should not do those things. I thought I was sitting on top of the world at this time, as I had all these possessions: a wonderful wife, a sweet daughter, a new home. All this bolstered my ego, which I feel started some very sinful liberties while at my work.

Then late in 1949 the "roof" fell in on my dream home, which I thought was a happy one, even without the Lord. I became involved in some very dire trouble, which cost me my new home and other personal belongings. At this time things certainly looked dark and I didn't know which way to turn until one of the laymen from the Grace Brethren Church brought Rev. Lester Pifer to talk to me about the Lord. On that night, October 5, 1949, I was led to the Lord and accepted Him as my personal Saviour. From that night on, things began to look up. We found true Christian friends and happiness that made us glad that we lived in Fremont.

After being saved I entered the waters of baptism and joined the Grace Brethren Church. My wife and I are enjoying wonderful Christian fellowship there and with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We are happy that the Lord has given us some work in His vineyard. We are both actively engaged in the work at the church and I now have a better job than ever before. I give him all the praise for giving me a new life and happiness.

before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isa. 65:24).

These experiences and others, such as the man who came and presented me with the bullets from a revolver before bowing in repentance; or the young couple who came and gave me eight pills of poison which they were going to take to end it all, have proved over and over that God is able. There never is a problem or need that He is not able to supply. If men and women would turn to Christ we would not have so many suicides, untimely deaths, broken homes, and divorces. These 5 years have certainly enriched my prayer life and taught me to depend upon Him. He never fails.

WHAT THE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH MEANS TO ME

By Fred Hague

Twelve years ago, on the last Sunday in December 1939, a small group of people who loved the Lord and were interested in winning souls, after much prayer started a Sunday school. This group later became known officially as the Grace Brethren Church of Fremont. I was one of the first Sunday school teachers.

Under the leadership of the Brethren Home Missions Council and our pastors, Rev. Phillip Simmons, Rev. Robert Culver, Rev. Raymond Blood, and Rev. Lester E. Pifer, this group has grown from a mere 30-plus to over 230 in enrollment.

During this time I have become an invalid and am not able to walk, having been paralyzed from the hips down. For a long time I was confined to my bed and was denied the privilege of attendance at the services. Then the church put on the radio program, the Gospel Truth, which certainly proved a blessing to my heart. The doctor did not give much hope for me to live since there is no known cure for my disease. But the Brethren prayed and did not give up hope. While I have not been cured, yet I have been raised up to the point that I am able to attend the services of the church with the help of those who come after me and carry me into the building. I want to praise Him for this and give Him all the glory.

What does the Grace Brethren Church mean to me? Everything! They preach the Word, they teach the Word and they live the Word. In closing I want to praise the Lord for the blessings He has bestowed upon the church in Fremont and may we ever be found faithful in winning precious souls for Him.

GOD'S FINANCIAL BLESSINGS AT FREMONT

By John Comeskey, Treasurer

Surely God has blessed us here at Fremont in many ways. As a member of this church since August 4, 1940, I can recall each lesson that God taught us in faith, and how dear they are to me now.

Looking back to the time of the first home mission pastor, I remember our share of his salary was \$10 per week. How great even this seemed to those few who gathered there in faith to worship our Lord. But God gave even tenfold to us in comparison to what we gave to Him. Our Lord's teaching in His Word about tithing

and offerings drew us closer to each other in the love of Christ and His work.

The financial step of buying lots, the building of a basement church, the increased share of the pastor's salary, all were done with many prayers and much faith in our blessed Lord. Then new plans for erecting the upper part of the building were discussed and even an additional 16 feet to be added to the length of the church; all this costing more money than our small group could actually see in the realm of incoming dollars and cents. But praise God for the faith of pastors and each one in our church as we prayed for guidance from God. God was faithful and did answer our prayers as He has promised in His Word. Even as the church grew so also did the Lord's people meet their needs.

Now as we leave the Home Missions Council and go self-supporting we still look to our precious Lord in faith to help us meet our needs.

I became treasurer of the church July 22, 1946, and I would like to state some of the actual figures of our average weekly offerings since that time.

1947	\$114.69
1948	169.28
1949	225.26
1950	248.92
1951	288.72

As you can see, in 5 years' time we have increased our average weekly offering over 2½ times. Cannot the Lord do even more through His people in the next 5 years as our faith grows stronger in Him?

Along with the regular finances of the church, a radio program was started over 2 years ago on faith. We planned to operate the program from week to week just as the Lord supplied the need. The Lord has answered prayer in this, for we have never missed one week. Souls have been saved and our church has been added to in membership and attendance as a result of the Gospel Truth radio program.

We of the Grace Brethren Church at Fremont, Ohio, do praise His name for teaching us to have faith in Him and always to go forward. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). Can we not apply this to His church?

I WAS SAVED BY MY RADIO

By Ralph Laney

I thank God for the Grace Brethren Church and for its radio ministry, for it was through this means that I was brought to Christ.

It was one Sunday morning in 1949 that I was sitting by my radio listening to the Gospel Truth program. Rev. Lester Pifer was giving the message and then he said, "If you want to accept Christ, do it right there by your radio and come out to the church and tell us about it." That is just what I did and I told my mother that I was going to that church and confess Christ as my Saviour.

I have never been sorry for this stand. Christ delivered me from the filthy habits of tobacco, profanity, and blasphemy. Now I am serving Him in witnessing and as an usher and steward in the church. Praise His name!

GOD'S GUIDING HAND AT FREMONT

By Mrs. Gordon Gonawein

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).

In the year 1939 God began to speak to a small group of Christian people at Fremont. At that time it became apparent that it was His will that a new work be started for the salvation of souls. About 6 months before the work was established the group met weekly for prayer and guidance. In December 1939 the answer came clear and definite and on Christmas Sunday morning a group of eight adults and four children met at the home of Fred Hague and 18 young people with their teacher met at the Gonawein home. This was the beginning of our Sunday school. Many of these same young people today hold responsible positions in our church.

With only the promises of God in the above verse, which were all-sufficient, the Lord directed us to the Presbyterian Chapel which was formerly a two-room schoolhouse on the outskirts of the city limits. The next Sunday our church services were held in this building with 39 present. The Lord was good to us in giving us three trained Sunday school teachers. Our services that day consisted of prayer, praise, and testimony. How well we remember the songs that were used—"Trust and Obey" and "Jesus Never Fails." How many times the Lord has proved that He never fails and can even do more when we trust and obey.

The following week Bro. Jack Simmons from Grace Seminary preached for us and in February we came under the guidance of the Brethren Home Missions Council. We worshiped 4 weeks in this location and then again we followed His guiding hand in the selection of lots. We now see how that two former locations selected would have been very undesirable. Most of our congregation lived on the west side of town but the Lord finally located us on the east side. Now we can understand: three new housing projects are being built in the immediate vicinity and a new grade school 2 blocks away. Our new church was completed 3 years ago, for which we praise the Lord and truly thank the Home Missions Council for its financial help, encouragement, guidance, and prayers through these 11 years.

Some of the lessons that the Lord taught us were: early we learned to become "door knockers" and do much personal visitation and to fill our cars with children and adults and bring them to the services. Then, too, that pastors and teachers must preach and teach the Word without compromise and that Christian friendliness and warmth must be exercised by the members. More recently He is using the evangelization of children and the radio ministry to bring many new people into our services. For all of these things we say, "Praise the Lord."

WHAT SHALL I DO?

1. Look unto Me (Isa. 45:22)—Revelation.
2. Come unto me (Matt. 11:28)—Salvation.
3. Learn of Me (Matt. 11:29)—Instruction.
4. Follow thou Me (John 21:22)—Consecration.
5. Abide in Me (John 15:4)—Association.
6. Turn ye unto Me (Zech. 1:3)—Transformation.

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The mother of *Rev. Jack Green* is seriously ill at their home at 2939 Sussex Lane, Los Angeles. Brother Green is the director of the Young Russian Christian Association.

Rev. James D. Hammer will be interim pastor for 3 months, beginning February 1, of the Fort Wayne, Ind., church. He will continue as a student in Grace Seminary.

The *Dayton, Ohio*, First Church witnessed 17 decisions for Christ on January 6, and 41 decisions the following Sunday.

The *Listie, Pa.*, church has a new organization: "The Fearless Faithful Front Pew Few."

The *Jackson, Mich.*, church under the leadership of Pastor Robert Bates has inaugurated a 15-minute radio program over WIBM each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. John Aeby and family should be addressed at 1234 Van Kirk, Philadelphia 24, Pa., after February 1. (Change Annual, p. 66.)

Average attendances at the *Beaumont, Calif.*, church for 1951 were: Bible school, 107; morning worship, 75; evening service, 75; midweek service, 32. All of these were increases over the preceding year. During the year 35 people were baptized.

At the *Canton, Ohio*, church four people were baptized and received into membership on January 6.

The *Ohio District WMC* will meet at the Ashland church on January 28. Miss Bertha Kuhn, chairman of child evangelism work in Akron, is the scheduled speaker. The ministers and mission board of the district will meet at the same time and place.

There were three first-time decisions for Christ and one reaffirma-

tion of faith on January 6 at the *Wooster, Ohio*, church. At the following midweek service another person received the Lord as Saviour.

On January 13 there were six decisions for Christ, six baptisms, and six people received into the membership of the church at *Leesburg, Ind.* It was not the same six in each case.

The *Kittanning, Pa.*, church began its fourth year of radio broadcasting on January 14. The church is sponsoring an Evangelical Teacher Training Class, in conjunction with the Old Union Baptist Church. *Rev. Gordon Bracker* is one of the teachers.

The *Winona Lake, Ind.*, church has voted to investigate the possibility of establishing new churches in northeastern Indiana, within a radius of 50 or 60 miles of "home base." Elders *Russell Barnard*, *Arthur Cushman*, and *Conard Sandy* were ap-



pointed to be the investigating committee. Anyone knowing of a nucleus of people in this area who would be interested in such a work please communicate that information or any suggestions on this matter to any one of these men in Winona Lake. Do it now.

Bro. Lester Kennedy was elected to the office of Elder, in preparation for his ministry in Africa, and *Bro. John Whitcomb* was approved for licensure by the Winona Lake, Ind., church.

The *Roanoke (Ghent), Va.*, church held its 16th Annual Jewish Missions Conference January 6-9, with *J. Hoffman Cohn* and *Rev. Emil Gruen* as speakers.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Miller, of Roanoke, Va., participated in the Bible conference at the American Board of Missions to the Jews in New York City the week of January 14-19.

The *Southeast District Laymen's* meeting will be held at the Radford, Va., church on February 1.

Rev. James Hemmer, of Winona Lake, spoke at the *South Bend, Ind.*, church on January 20 and helped to reorganize the Sunday school. He is

a member of the National Sunday School Board. He will conduct a teacher-training class at the *Sidney, Ind.*, church beginning January 30.

The *Leamersville, Pa.*, church received the church letters of the *Rev. Robert Crees* family on December 23 and then followed this with a surprise shower upon the family.

Rev. Paul Rogosin was the special speaker at the "Ham and Yam" dinner sponsored by the men of the *South Gate, Calif.*, church in connection with the annual watch night service.

Rev. Miles Taber spoke each morning, January 7-12, over radio station WATG, Ashland, Ohio.

Pastors and treasurers, please remember that all *Thanksgiving offering reports* should be in the offices of the Brethren Home Missions Council, Winona Lake, Ind., by February 15.

The *Denver, Colo.*, church was organized on January 6 under the leadership of *Rev. Lowell Hoyt*. Others assisting in the program of the afternoon, attended by 40 people, were *Rev. Paul Eiselstein*, *Rev. Hilland Stuart*, *Rev. Wayne Croker*, *Rev. Leslie Hutchinson*, and *Rev. W. C. Vettters*. There were 20 people present in the morning service and 28 in the evening, with 18 people signing the covenant of organization.

At the new *Portland, Oreg.*, church 173 people attended the Christmas program on December 23. The Sunday school record attendance is 117. During the last 2 weeks of the old year three people received Christ as Saviour.

The *Harrisburg, Pa.*, church received 14 new members into its fellowship on January 6.

The mother of *Bro. Eugene Burns* fell recently and broke her hip and is in serious condition at her home in Dayton, Ohio. Brother Burns is an employee of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

The *Martinsburg, Pa.*, church observed January 6 as Jewish Missions Sunday with *Mrs. Ruth Chanuk*, of Philadelphia, as speaker. The church began a Brethren Boys Club in December. *Rev. Bernard Schneider* began evangelistic meetings there on January 21.

Mr. Frank Kindig, long-time member of the Long Beach First Church, died in December. He was the stepfather of *Rev. Richard Burch*, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Roy A. Patterson Called Home

"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness" (Psa. 17:15).

When God crowns, let no man uncrown. When God calls man, man must answer that call. Sitting in his chair Friday night, January 11, 1952, Bro. Roy A. Patterson heard the voice of God calling. Without taking time to say good-bye to loved ones and friends, our brother went out to meet his God.

Brother Patterson has been an important pillar in the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, for over 35 years. At the time of his homegoing he held the office of deacon, the highest office a layman can hold in the church. He served in this office for many years and served well, being faithful to all the duties which came with this office. Also at the time of his departure he was serving as vice moderator, and as late as January 2 of this year he moderated at the annual business meeting of the church. All matters of business were handled with his usual skill and love.

At our annual business meeting we have a memorial service for those members who have departed to be with Christ during the previous year. At the close of this particular memorial service Brother Patterson remarked: "Some of us may be remembered at the close of this year." Then there was a pause. Of one thing we are certain: Brother Patterson was ready to meet his Creator.

He was a faithful Sunday school teacher, having taught the Golden Rule Class for many years. During one of these years the average attendance was 99 per Sunday in the class. At the time of his departure he was the teacher of the Young Married People's Class. For many years Brother Patterson served as Sunday school superintendent and on one Easter Day there were over 1,000 in attendance.

His sound counsel, his loving words of advice were appreciated by all. He always had time to talk problems over with those who would seek his prayers and advice and his directions would be found right when followed.

Not only was Brother Patterson a valuable member of the First Breth-

ren Church of Dayton, but his work nationally was highly acclaimed. He was one of the few laymen to be elected to the highest national church office. In 1943 he served as moderator of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Brother Patterson was a very important member of the Brethren Home Missions Council, serving on the board of di-



Mr. Roy A. Patterson
Born May 22, 1890
Died January 11, 1952

rectors and at one time was the president of the board. He was also a valuable member of the board of trustees of Grace Theological Seminary. For a number of years he served as the legal representative of the Ohio corporation of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

Brother Patterson was a prominent attorney in the city of Dayton, Ohio, and even though a very busy man in his own profession, he was always faithful to his Lord and his duties in the local church and nationally in the denomination.

Brother Patterson went with the hope of all true believers. He accepted Christ as his Saviour when a lad and fully trusted the Lord for salvation, and as opportunities presented themselves he witnessed for his Lord.

Brother Patterson is going to be missed in the Brethren Church, nationally and locally, and in the home. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Ivah C. Patterson, to whom he was married for over 39 years; two daughters, three grandchildren, one sister, and two nephews.

May the God of all comfort be with us until that glorious resurrection day when there shall be that

grand reunion with those we loved so well.

The family appreciated, at the time of the service, the presence of those who represented denominational interests, namely: Dr. R. D. Barnard, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dr. and Mrs. Homer A. Kent, Rev. Ord Gehman, Rev. and Mrs. John Aeby, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poland.—Pastor William A. Steffler.

HE WAS A BLESSING TO ME!

God granted me a friendship, back in 1929, in the person of Bro. Roy A. Patterson. That friendship proved a blessing through the 15 years of my pastorate in Dayton, Ohio, and has continued to the time of Brother Patterson's passing.

I shall remember Brother Patterson chiefly as a friend. He never monopolized one's time or friendship; it was a joy just to visit with him. True to his Christian and legal training, he heard sympathetically every word one had to say and revealed nothing of it to others. He had a sense of humor that could usually relieve the tension of a critical situation, yet it was a humor always well-chosen and appropriate.

I appreciated Brother Patterson as a counselor, always cautious and yet courageous. He saved me from many difficult and embarrassing situations. His familiar words were, "I don't believe I would do that," or, "I believe I'd do it this way." He was fair, even in dealing with those who opposed him. During the years when I served as pastor and he as Sunday school superintendent, it was a joy to see him care for administrative situations, always in consultation with the pastor but never burdening him.

I was closely associated with Brother Patterson during the years when the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches and its auxiliaries came into distinct being. I believe I can say truthfully that no layman had a greater influence in all these organizations than he. Charters, articles of incorporation, constitutions, sets of by-laws—most of these were discussed and planned and reviewed in his home or in his

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Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

—By Conard Sandy—

"Why Should I Live?"

Here in Indiana is a 15-year-old boy who has already come to the place where he believes there is no reason why he should continue to live.

This boy has admitted that he stole \$11,000 worth of checks and that he had cashed some of them. For this crime he was sent to jail. There he broke an arm of the turnkey and then set fire to the mattress in his cell, hoping to commit suicide in the burning building. In this he failed, for the fire was discovered and extinguished.

The sheriff found a note the would-be suicide had written to his parents in which were these words: "I have nothing to live for, so why should I live?"

Only 15 years old and yet he was disgusted with life; he had never found the source of real life.

On the road from Jerusalem to Damascus one day Saul of Tarsus met the One who is the life, and immediately he was transformed into a new person. Later from a prison in Rome, where he had been cast because of his testimony about the Lord Jesus, he declared: "For to me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21).

Christ Jesus made the difference between these two: the boy with no purpose in life, and the Apostle Paul with an eternal purpose centered in his Saviour and Lord.

The First Man

A story has been told in Europe that the Russians, who like to claim they had everything first, are now claiming there was a man on the earth before Adam. According to this account Adam was walking through the Garden of Eden and investigating it one day when he met a man older than himself. "Who are you?" Adam asked, somewhat surprised. "I am a Russian," replied the other man.

God, who was there before any man, said: "The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit" (I Cor. 15:45).

In the sight of God there are only two Adams: the first and the last.

All of us are related to the first Adam by natural birth. We can be related to the last Adam by the new birth. Are you, dear reader, thus related to the last Adam?

Christ-Minded

Leaders in the Protestant churches have been warned against becoming more "constituency-minded" than "community-minded." This warning was issued by Dr. Sigfried Engstrom, executive director of the Board of American Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

Now where does the gentleman get the idea that Christian leaders are to be either constituency-minded or community-minded? The Spirit of God exhorts His servants to be Christ-minded. To the church at Philippi He wrote: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (2:5).

When Christians, leaders and laymen, become Christ-minded all other things will be put in their proper places. But it will not come to pass until Christ Jesus is given His rightful place.

The Moral Decline

Mr. Dechard A. Hulcy, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, speaking in Milwaukee, said: "America is desperately yearning for a moral lift—a moral resurgence. . . . People everywhere are disillusioned with flimsy values—broken trust and the lack of moral leadership from some high men in public life."

He also spoke concerning business relations in these words: "We who are engaged in the struggle to preserve the free American business system must be just as quick to condemn immoral practices by businessmen in their relations with the Government as we are to condemn those in Government who take the businessmen's bribes."

The Milwaukee Journal, in an editorial on this statement, said that this is just the "thing we have been waiting for. The country is disturbed by the bribe takers and influence sellers in Government. There is no excuse for their activities. But

the country is also conscious of the fact that there could be no bribe takers if there were no bribe givers."

The Spirit of God, by the wise man Solomon, wrote for our admonition: "Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee" (Prov. 3:29).

Frontiers for the Church

Dr. William G. Mather, professor of Rural Sociology at Pennsylvania State College, has reminded Christians that there are frontiers in this country that confront the Protestant churches today. These frontiers are not geographical, but racial, economic, and social.

This indictment from the sociologist is all too true. The Christians of this nation have been looking for new areas to enter with the Gospel while often failing to dispatch their duties at home. No diminishing of work elsewhere should be contemplated or tolerated, but the efforts of the children of God ought to be redoubled to give the Gospel to all who live in their local communities.

The command of the Lord Jesus to His church is: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). This is a commission for both foreign and home missions.

Doing One's Part

Dr. Angelo Patri, writer on children's problems and suggestions, recently wrote: "To teach a child that a day in which he has not done something worth while for somebody else is a wasted day, is to alert him to his part in the scheme of life. . . ."

"Usefulness is a tonic to body and spirit. As long as we feel useful to somebody we can live with head up and spirit high. When usefulness is over life is over too, its savor gone."

To the churches in Galatia the Apostle Paul, in order to show Christians their responsibility and need for usefulness for one another, wrote: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). Indeed, the Spirit of God desires that the children of God be useful to one another.

YOUTH DIRECTOR VISITS B. J. U.

A pleasant week end was recently enjoyed by your youth director on the spacious campus of Bob Jones University, where about 50 Brethren young people are enjoying their college work. We didn't get to meet and visit with quite all of these young people—that's such a busy place—but we were privileged to have conferences with many of them, and to meet many others at the Brethren Sunday school class and the Brethren party which was held on Monday evening. The accompanying picture shows the fine group which was present for this party.

We have some mighty fine young people in this group, from California, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, and we're happy that some of them are real leaders in campus life. One of our boys, Dean Fetterhoff, from Flora, Ind., will graduate in January. He plans to engage in evangelistic work until next fall, when he will enter Grace Seminary. He's a talented and aggressive young man, and we recommend him to you for special evangelistic services.

Our Brethren group at this school is the largest ever, and there are a number of fine candidates for our mission fields, for pastoral work, and for evangelistic ministry among them.

MORE BOYS CLUBS BEGIN

Two California churches must now be added to the growing list of those which are starting Brethren Boys Clubs. Compton has begun a club with a very fine group of boys, and Temple City has also begun a club to meet a long-felt need there.

The new club at Martinsburg, Pa., grew from 6 at their first meeting to over 15 in subsequent meetings, taxing the capacity of Club Chief Eddie Burns' basement. Some of the boys in this club are from our nearby Vicksburg church.

A BBC seminar was held recently at Martinsburg, Pa., for the clubs and churches of that area. Representatives of six churches in the Altoona area were present, and in addition, Pastor Russell Weber, district boys advisor, and Club Chief Allen Zook came from Harrisburg. Displays, discussion, and demonstration occupied the evening, which was considered very profitable by the men present. Youth Director Ralph Colburn led the seminar.



Brethren Students at Bob Jones University



CHRISTMAS IS OVER, BUT—

We'd like to know what you did for your Christmas program at your church. If you had a good play or program of some sort let's exchange ideas for next Christmas! We're especially interested in plays and unusual Christmas scenes. So if yours was good, please send us a complete description and, if possible, a copy of the play or program. Or tell us the publisher, price, title of the play you used. Then next year, perhaps, we can recommend a program or play for your group that is really good—that really has a message.

Let's have your reports right away, please! Send them to Ralph Colburn, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind. Thanks so much.

BYF SENDS S O S

We're broke. Or practically so! National BYF began the year with less than \$100 in the treasury, and missionary obligations of \$60 for Jewish literature for our Brethren Messianic Witness and tracts for our Spanish American missions due right away. In addition, supplies are needed for the publishing of BYF programs on which we're getting good response. And we'd like to pay some of our pledge to the Youth Council, which is also broke!

S-o-o-o-o, if you have some extra BYF or CE funds looking for a place to work, send them to Gerald Polman, 112 Beachley St., Meyersdale, Pa., and be sure to indicate that they are for National BYF.

Our ideal is that every BYF and CE send in regular offerings to the National BYF, preferably one offering a month, mailed in quarterly or semiannually.

Thanks for your help!



BBC Seminar at Martinsburg, Pa. (Photo by Allen Zook)



Camden, Ohio

Rev. Mark Malles, then pastor of our church in Flora, Ind., conducted a meeting for us November 5-11. The Lord blessed with 30 decisions, 2 of which were first-time.

At our Christmas program on December 23 we had an attendance of 114 people. Our church building looked full. We now have an average of about 70 for Sunday school and church services, which is an increase of about 20 since we came here.

On the last Thursday evening of the old year we held our communion service with 41 people at the tables. I helped to prepare for the service and was happy for the instruction I received in the Seminary Women's Fellowship while we were in Winona Lake.

Last Sunday (December 30) there were five people who accepted Christ Jesus as personal Saviour and one had received Him 2 weeks before. Since coming here we have received two into the membership of the church by baptism.—*Mrs. Robert Betz.*

Alto, Mich.

The members of the Calvary Brethren Church are grateful to the Lord for His blessings and to the Brethren across the nation for their prayers.

Our attendance, in spite of the weather and some whooping cough in the community, has been more than holding its own, with 65 people present at the morning service December 30, and 54 present the following Sunday.

The congregation has now begun work on the top part of the church building. At present we meet in the basement section of the building.

Bro. Russell Sarver, superintendent of the Sunday school and teacher of the young people's Bible class, has sold his farm equipment here and bought a house in Claypool, Ind., so that he can enter Grace Seminary to begin definite preparation for the ministry of the Gospel. A surprise farewell shower was held for the

Sarvers on New Year's Eve. This meeting ended as a watch night service, with Rev. Lee Jenkins, of Lake Odessa, bringing the message.

The congregation had a surprise shower of food and \$25 in money for the pastor and his family at Christmas time.—*Earl Funderburg, pastor.*

IN MEMORIAM

January 4 was a sad day for the Bethany Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. On that day our pastor, Bro. Rodney E. Wysong, died. He was not with us very long in the work here, but while he did serve the church he was eager to help us carry on the Lord's work even though he had to remain faithful to his studies at Grace Seminary. In the few months we were together he enriched our lives by his fellowship and encouraged us in the faith by his sermons.

Let us remember his family and relatives in our prayers that God may comfort them. We share this great loss, but we know that he that dieth in the Lord is not dead, he is with his wonderful Lord.

Pray that from this point we may carry on holding high the name of the Lord Jesus and sharing His Gospel with others.—*Mrs. Doris Hapner, church secretary.*

ROY PATTERSON CALLED HOME

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office. The years following have confirmed the wisdom of his counsel.

Brother Patterson would not want me to write without giving all praise to the Lord Jesus Christ. These things which I have said in appreciation of Brother Patterson were true only because he had learned the secret of dwelling "in the secret place of the most High" (Psa. 91:1). He knew intimately the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. It was because of this that his witness counted for God and for good.

May the God of all comfort bless Mrs. Patterson and the immediate family, and may all of us thank God for the blessing Brother Patterson has been to us.—*Russell D. Barnard.*

The churches of the Northwest District are sponsoring among themselves a Bible school contest for a period of 6 months, beginning January 1.

Browsing Among The Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

ARNOLD'S COMMENTARY FOR 1952, by Benjamin L. Olmstead. 285 pp. Cloth. Light and Life Press, Winona Lake, Ind. (1951). \$2.00.

One evidence of the worth of this book is the fact that this is the 58th annual edition of it. For 57 years the comments in Arnold's Commentaries have helped thousands of teachers, and the influence of the work is increasing in the English-speaking world.

Dr. Olmstead is ably equipped, mentally and spiritually, for this work. His comments are true to the Word; they are clearly stated and timely in application.

This volume, moreover, is not the work of one man alone, for there are articles and comments from eight other writers.

If you want usable help on the International Lessons you can find it in this book.

HIGLEY'S COMMENTARY FOR 1952, by Robert D. Higley, editor. 320 pp. Cloth. The Higley Press, Butler, Ind. (1951). \$2.00.

The first Higley's Sunday School Lesson Commentary was issued 19 years ago under the directorship of L. H. Higley. The managing editor of this work, which is rapidly gaining in favor, is now Robert D. Higley.

This work is the result of the composite work of Rev. Loyal Ringenberg, who wrote the exposition, and of Dr. John Paul and Dr. Jasper A. Huffman, who wrote the helps and suggestions with each lesson.

The book is full of seed thoughts and helps for all students of the Word. There are also fine suggestions offered to the teachers of the various classes in the Sunday school.

The discerning student of the Bible will find much in this volume to repay his efforts for reading it.

THE LAW AND THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER IN RELATION TO THE DOCTRINE OF GRACE

By Dr. Alva J. McClain

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WHAT WAS GOD'S PURPOSE IN GIVING THE LAW?

(Continued From December 29 Herald)

In the first three installments of this monograph, three questions were discussed and answered: First, What is the law? Second, Under what conditions could this law give life? Third, Why was this law unable to save men? This brings us to a fourth question—

IV. WHAT, THEN, WAS THE DIVINE PURPOSE IN GIVING THE LAW?

This is an important question. It is sometimes put like this: If the law can neither save us nor help to save us, why should we concern ourselves with it at all? And, why was it given? The Apostle Paul, who had most to say about law in the New Testament writings, recognized the legitimacy of this question when he wrote, "Wherefore then serveth the law?" (Gal. 3:19a). A literal translation of the question would be simply, "Why then the law?" And the Apostle Paul has fully answered his own question.

1. The law was added *because of transgressions* (Gal. 3:19). The verb "added" indicates that the law was not primary in God's dealings with sinners. The "covenant" and promises of God were first. The law was added. And the divine reason here is found in man's "transgressions." This general statement will be amplified in other more specific statements. But the heart of the matter is that the giving of the law is somehow related to man's sin. And there is a time element in the matter—the law was given because of transgressions *until* "the seed should come to whom the promise was made." Thus the giving of the law was neither *first* nor is it *final* with God in the matter of saving sinners or dealing with the problem of sin. It was "added" and "until." This indicates a dispensational aspect of the matter.

2. The law was enacted *for the lawless and ungodly* (I Tim. 1:9-10). The idea in this important passage seems to be primarily that of *restraint*. This, viewing the matter from the social standpoint, is a highly beneficent purpose. The laws of nations are all imperfect reflections of the divine law, and they are intended to restrain evil and protect society. And in the administration of law and its penalties, the government is a "minister of God" (Rom. 13:4).

3. Another purpose of law is *to give men "the knowledge of sin"* (Rom. 3:20). The Greek term is *epignosis*, suggesting not merely knowledge, but a *full* knowledge of sin. It is true, I think, that men totally without any positive law-codes are nevertheless conscious in some degree of the fact that they are sinful. And the law was given to increase and heighten this knowledge. Thus,

man becomes more fully conscious of his sin and the need of some help which is outside and beyond the law. In this sense alone, law may be said to prepare lost men for the Gospel of Christ by making them more conscious of their need. But no preacher should ever be guilty of preaching law to produce conviction without also at the same time preaching the Good News of salvation in Christ "without the law." It is well enough to show men their need of the Bread of Life, but let us beware of sending them away unfed. And the law by itself does not give bread; it only gives a recipe for making bread, a work which is totally beyond the ability of sinners.

4. Another purpose served by the law is *to show the terrible nature of sin* (Rom. 7:8-13). In this remarkable passage the Holy Spirit shows us that although the law was something wholly good, nevertheless the sin of man is of such a terrible character that it actually works through the law, so that the good and holy commandment of the law not only fails to eliminate sin but actually stimulates sin! Quoting the commandment, "Thou shalt not covet," the Apostle Paul affirms that the effect of this command was actually to revive sin instead of killing it—"When the commandment came, sin revived," he cries (Rom. 7:9). This is the damnable thing about human sin, in that it can take a holy commandment of God and work that which is evil through the commandment—"Sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence," Paul writes (Rom. 7:8). Who is there among the saved, enlightened by the Spirit of God, that has not found in his own experience this terrible truth? The injunctions of law actually stimulate sin instead of putting an end to it. That is why Paul speaks of the law as "the strength of sin" (I Cor. 15:56).

(Note: To some who have read thus far it may seem that there is a contradiction between paragraphs 2 and 4 above. How can the law both *restrain* sin and also at the same time *stimulate* sin? The answer is that the law contains two elements and it has two effects. The two elements are the command and the penalty, and the two effects are internal and external. The *command inwardly* stimulates the attitude of rebellion in men with sinful natures. On the other hand, the *penalty externally* restrains the outward act of rebellion. Thus the contradiction is only apparent.)

5. Looking at the matter now from a slightly different standpoint, we find that the law was given *to reveal how vast is the number of our sins*. "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound" (Rom. 5:20). The term "offence" here refers not to sin in general, but rather to "every particular act of sin committed under

the law" (so Godet). Thus the law by multiplying the requirements of law reveals to men the multitude of their offenses. In this sense, the law does not make men worse than they are, but rather shows more clearly how bad they are already. When Paul writes, "The law entered," he employs a Greek verb which "applies to an actor who does not occupy the front of the stage, but who appears there only to play an *accessory* part" (so Godet). How true! In dealing with sin, it is the grace of God in Christ which occupies the center of the stage in the divine drama of the ages.

6. The law was given to *shut every mouth and establish the guilt of all the world*. This is an important function of divine law—"that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God" (Rom. 3:19). The English word "guilty" has unfortunately been weakened in popular usage. To say that a man is guilty of a specific crime means only, in popular thought, that he *committed* the crime. But in the Bible (as well as in the terminology of our courts) to say that a man is "guilty" means not only that he has broken the law but also that he is under an *obligation* to suffer the penalty for what he has done. The Greek word is *upodikos*, which may be rendered "under judicial sentence." Thus it is the function of divine law, in whatever form it may be revealed, to bring all the world under the judicial sentence of God. And from this judicial sentence there can be no appeal—every mouth is stopped. It is not difficult to get men to admit they have sinned. It is not so easy to get them to admit that they deserve to be *punished* for their deeds. This is the real meaning of "guilt," and until we acknowledge our guilt God can do nothing for us.

7. The law was given to *set a restraining guard upon men until they find true freedom in Christ by faith* (Gal. 3:23-24). "But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed" (23). Both verbs carry the idea of *restraint*; we were "kept" and "shut up" as if in a prison or under a military guard. The 24th verse in the common version has been the source of considerable misunderstanding. The apostle certainly did not write, "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ." The italicized words "*to bring us*" do not occur in the original text. This whole idea of the law serving as a schoolmaster conducting the sinner to Christ, as Lightfoot has declared, ought to be "abandoned." The *paidagogos* (schoolmaster) of ancient times was a slave who exercised restraint over the child until he was made a son. So the law was the "*paidagogos*" until Christ came and sonship was acquired by faith in Him. The law does not bring men to Christ, therefore, but rather imposes a necessary restraint upon them until they find true moral freedom by faith in Christ. (For an excellent discussion of this passage, see Denny's article on Law in Hasting's Dictionary of the Bible.) This does not mean that the law has no useful function in the work of bringing men to Christ. The law reveals to men their sin and their doom, and in this sense makes the sinner conscious of his need. But this is not the idea taught in Galatians 3:24.

8. The law was given to *bear witness prophetically and typically of salvation by grace in Christ* (Rom. 3:21). In this passage, after showing that the whole world is sinful, guilty before God, and that by deeds of law no flesh can be justified in His sight, the apostle proceeds to outline the true way of salvation. He writes, "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets" (21). The first thing to notice here is that God's righteousness which saves sinners is "without the law." The Greek preposition is *choris*, meaning "apart from" in the most absolute sense. It is used in Hebrews 4:15 where our Lord is said to have been tempted in all points as we are, yet "*without sin*." Thus, the salvation of the believer is as absolutely apart from the law as the character of the Son of God is apart from sin. Just as sin had nothing to do with Christ, even so the law has nothing to do with the righteousness we receive through Christ.

But on the other hand, if the law could make absolutely no contribution to our salvation in Christ, nevertheless this same law did function as a *witness* to that righteousness—"being witnessed by the law and the prophets." How did the law bear this "witness"? First, the law bore this witness *prophetically*. The first great prophecy of salvation in a coming Redeemer is found in the Book of the Law—"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15). Second, the law witnessed to our great salvation in Christ through *types*. The entire sacrificial system of the Mosaic Law pointed forward to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. Thus the law spoke clearly and unmistakably of a divine righteousness bestowed by the grace of God on those who simply believe, while at the same time the law could make not the slightest contribution to that righteousness. The correct formula, therefore, is divine righteousness apart from law but witnessed by the law. As the Book of Hebrews puts it, the law had only the "shadow of good things to come," but "not the very image" of those things (10:1). Let us recognize the value of the shadow, but let us beware even of seeming to put one iota of the shadow in the place of the substance.

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THE DAYS OF OUR YEARS

A French statistician calculates that the average man of 70 years has spent 23 years in bed, 19 years at work, 9 years in amusement, 2 years shaving, and 1 year in church. Evidently man is not overworked. But the whiskers take a terrific toll, comparatively speaking. Most men will feel that the 2 years spent shaving should be included under the head of work.

The ancient Hebrew did not have such troubles, being forbidden to "mar the corners" of his beard. But shaving was the custom in Egypt. When an Egyptian comic artist, in the days of Abraham, wanted to ridicule a man, he would draw him with a beard! The priests shaved the entire body, using a razor of bronze. Joseph, called out of prison by the king, was *shaved* before coming into the royal presence. And that, by the way, is one of the many internal evidences that the Book of Genesis was written by someone who knew Egyptian customs first hand, and is not a forgery by some late Jew who never saw early Egypt.—Alva J. McClain.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

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Period of Special Emphasis

By mutual arrangement in our Fellowship of Brethren Churches, the period for special emphasis in foreign missions is during the 4 months, February, March, April, and May. Of course, foreign missionaries visit among the churches during any season of the year as the pastors and churches desire. It is at the Easter season when we present to all Brethren people the needs and challenges in relation to foreign mission giving. We believe you want our foreign mission program to continue to grow. There are many new candidates presenting themselves, and it follows naturally that if there is to be this desired growth there must be the increased offerings to care for such. It seems that it is safe to assume that an increase of 10 percent per year in our missionary giving will care for our natural increase in personnel, unless inflation lifts its ugly head and then we can only move step by step.

Supplies Available

Supplies have been sent and are being sent to all pastors who have ordered them. Further orders will be filled as soon as we receive them. It's Biblical to gather an offering together before the day of presenting it (II Cor. 16:2). We feel we can count on the full cooperation of every pastor and church, since the Brethren Church has demonstrated that she is interested in foreign missions. If you live away from your church, or supplies are not available through your church, we shall be glad to send such to you—just write us. Money barrels and unique little dime collectors are available now.

Foreign Board to Meet

February 12 has been set as the date of meeting, and Winona Lake, Ind., as the place. We all covet your prayers for wisdom during this meeting. We have never had a more important meeting. With so rapidly an expanding work we all need great faith to claim the promises of God. Field Council minutes from both Africa and Argentina have arrived, and the letters from the other fields indicate that a tremendous "going concern" is the character of our foreign mission program today.

From the Field

Actual contact work is beginning in *Baja California*. This is being done through child evangelism and house-to-house visitation. Bible classes will begin soon. Our

plan for that field, in a word, is to "train national Mexicans that they in turn may teach others."

In *France* the missionary families are making great strides in language study—the men attend *two* different schools in the forenoons, and the ladies attend the same schools in the afternoons. When we were in France, an hour of pure French a day fatigued me. I don't see how they endure it, but the Lord enables.

In *Brazil* the Altigs report excellent attendance at all services, and the Millers have probably moved into their new home in Macapa by this time.

This is *Argentina's* busiest season of the year—camps, conferences, tent meetings are the order of the day, in addition to all regular work.

In *Africa* missionaries have returned from Field Council, made those moves authorized by the Field Council,

THE COVER PICTURE

On the cover we present a typical Mexican farmer with a packload of produce. He is from the region of Xochemeleo and is en route to Mexico City to sell his produce in the market places of the capital. (Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts.)

and during the next few precious months of the dry season will be out in the "bush" reaching new areas or revisiting those only available once a year. Pray for all this tremendous missionary activity.

Many Changes of Address

A Foreign Missionary Directory is published elsewhere in this issue. *Please disregard all former directory lists.* Changes are especially to be noted in relation to the *four* stations in Africa—Bassai, Bekoro, Yaloke, and Nzoro. These four are not postal addresses; therefore, note the line in the address illustrated as in the case of Bassai—"Mission a Bassai." Mail not so addressed will probably reach the missionary, but will be unnecessarily delayed. French authorities are requesting this change.

Good to Hear and Know

"I like Argentina very much," is a quotation from the most recent letter from Miss Bertha Abel. She arrived in Argentina on December 20. Soon after March 1 the *J. Paul Miller* family will leave the States for Belem, Brazil, and on or about March 23 the *Lynn Schrock* and

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Carson Rottler families will sail for Argentina. Passage is also now being arranged for the Jobsons, Tabers, and Williamses, who will be returning to Africa. Plans are now being completed for all the missionary candidates who will go to the field during the year ahead. Pray for wisdom and successful arrangements in all cases.

"May We Support a Missionary Family?"

This question has come to us from several different inquirers recently. Possibly we should answer the question so that all may know. Certainly you may support missionaries or missionary families personally or as church or Sunday school groups. We prayerfully encourage such support. We have always considered that an individual or group may have the honor of supporting a missionary if the personal allowance of the missionary is paid. Of course you will all know this is not full support. But from general funds given, the Lord has always cared for all additional amounts needed. Quite a number of our adult missionaries have no definite sponsors, and many of the missionary children are without special support. We shall be most happy to correspond with any interested people. There are some individuals in our Fellowship today who are so dividing their family income as to support a missionary family on the field as they support themselves. I don't understand God's arithmetic, but He makes this possible!

Projects

During this foreign missionary season we will have many requests concerning "projects." So many want to "do" things for missionaries. We have projects large and small to suggest for each of our five fields. We welcome your correspondence about such, or suggest that you talk with missionaries as they visit your church.

Do You Want a Missionary Visitor?

It is very difficult to have missionary visitors for your church just when you desire such, but we will do our best to help. Within 200 miles of Winona Lake we can usually supply such visitors about when desired, even in addition to regular deputation work in the area. For those districts farther from Winona Lake, we suggest that you arrange such invitations by districts, through your district officers. We very greatly desire that our missionaries and missionary candidates visit in your churches at every opportunity. Again, in this matter, we welcome your correspondence.

A MISSIONARY'S IMPRESSIONS OF AMERICA

Here are some of the things that struck a missionary after coming back from India to the United States: To see miles of glaring advertising imploring us to drink, smoke, or visit roadhouses. To see men, women, and girls smoking, drinking, carousing in saloons and at cocktail bars. To hear oaths and vulgar expressions on the lips of high-school and college girls of good families. . . . To find the nastiness of the modern literature that was sampled. To find America running more and more to nudity, license, and pagan painting, while heathen people, when converted, tend to stop such practices and move toward modesty, chastity, and restraint.—*From the Missionary Review of the World.*

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One Sunday, when the collection was taken for foreign missions, the collection bag was taken to Mr. Dives, who shook his head and whispered, "I never give to missions." "Then take something out of the bag," the elder whispered in reply, "the money is for the heathen."
—*Presbyterian Record.*

Baja California--a Land of Drought--I

By Walter E. Haag

(Editor's Note—This is the first in a series of articles describing the trip of exploration and investigation made by Brethren Walter Haag and Roy Howard for the Foreign Missionary Society during the summer of 1951.)

After several weeks of planning and preparation with the aid of Jack Green, Roy Howard and I were ready to leave for Baja California the last of June. This terminated the months of anticipation and less intensive thinking that must needs go into one's plans for entering a land that is not too well known. Reading the books available and hearing the stories of the difficulties to be encountered only challenged us in a greater way, so we loaded our GMC Carryall with food, camping equipment, gasoline, and water to be self-sufficient for many days should any misfortune of travel overtake us. Thus with a prayer that the Lord would go with us, protect us, and help us to obtain all the information possible for our foreign mission board, we went to the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles to obtain our 6-months tourist permit. This was easily accomplished by answering a few questions, showing a birth certificate to prove citizenship, and paying the \$3. It was then "good-by" to our families and away for Baja California—a land of drought.

Tijuana

Crossing the border at Tijuana was a mere formality—just a nod of the Mexican official's head and a motion of the hand to move on. We parked the car and went back to the immigration officer to present our tourist permits in order to have them stamped and initialed, indicating that we were legally entered tourists. The officer asked our destination and we said, "Santa Rosalia." "You are traveling by plane?" he asked. "No," we responded, "We are driving down by car." The officer's eyes then opened wide and a smile was exchanged between him and another officer in the room, which perhaps indicated their understanding that here were a couple of foolish *gringos* who were going to meet misfortune somewhere between Tijuana and Santa Rosalia, about 450 air miles to the south, but about 600 miles over poor roads—if they may be called roads.

Before traveling farther, we went to get insurance for the car. As the agent was out and wouldn't be back for

a couple of hours, we looked around the city of Tijuana. The main street is surely suited to catch the eye of the tourist and bring him into the many shops displaying handmade leather goods, jewelry, baskets, rugs, and innumerable other items. These are innocent enough and make interesting shopping for any tourist at reasonable prices, but it pains a Christian to see the way in which sin is advocated and advertised. The racetracks with their betting, large gaming rooms, etc., are the attractions for many visitors. It makes one shudder at the way in which these dealers in sin advertise their wares. Surely there is definite spiritual drought in this great city of about 70,000 people, only a pitiful few of whom are now being reached by the Gospel.

Ensenada

Obtaining our car insurance, we drove out of Tijuana and, as darkness was upon us, we found a place to park off the road where we unfolded our cots, rolled out our sleeping bags and were soon fast asleep. As daylight awakened us, we could hear the roar of the breakers and looked out to see the ocean not so very far away. We hadn't realized that it was so near when we stopped in the darkness. After eating our breakfast we had our morning devotions as was our custom on the trip.

A pleasant drive over a good paved highway soon brought us to the Bay of Ensenada, which still lay blanketed in light fog. Most of the fishing boats had already put out, but there was considerable activity around the wharves. Ensenada, a tourist city also, has a population of about 8,000. It is more quiet than Tijuana, without the display that is put on by the border city. It has many sport fishermen as guests, and people who wish to see Mexico and her people in their more natural way of life. Here, sin doesn't flaunt itself in one's face in such a careless manner, though the curse of intoxicating drinks makes its presence known. There are several small Gospel witnesses which are carrying on mission work in the surrounding villages.

We viewed the shops, purchased some groceries and also some post cards to send back home. We made inquiry at the police station and elsewhere for rules and regulations which one should know, cautions to observe, and the condition of the road to Santa Rosalia. We then went to the bank to exchange a quantity of our U. S. money into Mexican money, so that we would be able to make purchases along the way. With an exchange rate of 8.60 to 1, we didn't want all of our dollars changed as our pockets would have bulged. Of course they have bills of larger denomination, but there probably wasn't a place in the next 500 miles where such could have been changed.

To El Rosario

About noon we left Ensenada and proceeded south. As we were leaving town, we remembered that we had forgotten to purchase some bread, so we stopped at a little store and bought a loaf. It didn't feel very soft but, thinking that was just the character of the Mexican



One of the typical roads traveled by Brethren Haag and Howard.

bread, we went on. About 8 miles out of town is the checking station, beyond which a visitor is not to pass without a tourist permit. The officer looked at our permits, glanced in the car at our equipment, and then wished us a pleasant trip. Now we felt we were really on our way.

Soon we were in some hills with a growth of live oak trees on the higher land and sycamores along the dry stream bed. Too, there were various kinds of smaller trees and brush growing here and there. Hunger was beginning to make us realize that the sun was already well past the zenith. We found a spot where we could get off the road and set up our stove and table in the shade of a large live oak tree. Here was the first real test of our culinary abilities. It was a grand feast of steak, fresh vegetables, and fruit—it was the last of fresh foods for most of the trip, as we had to make use of our can opener from then on. At this meal we discovered that our bread was stale. Here and there through the loaf was even a spot of mold, but we kept it and used it toasted. It was well that we did, for we saw no bakery for the next week, and our pancake and Bisquick flour wouldn't have lasted without rationing.

Shortly, we passed through several small villages where a variety of crops such as oranges, olives, figs, grapes, and corn are grown with irrigation. The greatest acreage was in grapes which are used for the making of wine. The ruins of an old mission are still visible at the little village and valley of Santo Tomas. The remains of thick adobe walls, now only a few feet high, mark the site of the buildings and around them the ancient, gnarled olive trees, grapes, and the majestic palms speak of the passing of many years. The paved road ends about 50 miles below Ensenada and a graded but rough dirt road continues on. Going south the vegetation begins to change from such similar to that in southern California to include more of the prickly, spiny shrubs and cactus, which indicates that one is coming into a more desert region.

End of Good Road

The villages become smaller and each one seems to be only existing rather than prospering. In these villages are no churches, though some of God's people from Ensenada are working these as mission points. Suddenly, without warning, at kilometer post 300, or about 186 miles below the border, the graded road vanishes and one is confronted with making a decision as to which of the three trails angling off will take him to his destination, for there is no sign. We followed a California car straight ahead as the driver seemed to know where he was going. He left us in the dust, and that is really literal, but soon returned and told us that the road went only to a farm house. The road to the left appeared to go up to the nearby hills, so we went to the right. Soon we were following two ruts which wound in and out around the cactus and went sometimes through sand so deep that only by shifting to low gear and gunning through could we keep on the move and not get stuck. After about 8 miles of this, we found a little farm house and inquired about our road. We should have taken the road up along the hill to keep out of the deep sand. We were directed up through the edge of some corn, tomato, and pepper fields to the main road. Several hundred acres had recently been developed for agriculture in that area of San Quintin and Santa Maria by pumping water from wells in order to irrigate.



Bro. Roy Howard and a roadside camp.

We arrived on the main road again and, a few hundred yards past the last house of the settlement of Santa Maria, we pulled off the road to make camp for the night. We were to have our plans delayed some, however, for we had no more than stopped when six children, ranging in age from about 4 to 12, came down to greet us. They were, of course, very curious to see two tall foreigners, but they surely weren't bashful, for they asked if we had any candy for them. They told us that travelers always carried candy along to give to the children. That was news to us and something for which we were unprepared, so we took out our little phonograph and Spanish records from Gospel Recordings and played them until it was so dark and so cool that we were all standing around shivering. The approaching darkness had brought two mothers, looking for their children, so we talked to them concerning the Lord Jesus who wanted to be their Saviour. They thanked us for stopping and said some others had passed through a few weeks before with records, too. We gave them some tracts and bade them good night. Then in the darkness we heated some soup and made coffee to warm our chilled bodies. We spread out our beds, had evening devotions, and were quickly in dreamland. During the night several cars, trucks, and donkeys passed on the road right by our beds. We hadn't counted on much travel over these roads at night, but we came to find out that was the preferred time to travel, especially over the hot desert stretches.

We had inquired the night before regarding the distance to El Rosario, the next village of any size. They said it was about a 3- to 4-hour trip, and we could hardly believe it, as the map showed just a little way. We were soon to learn that they knew what they were talking about, for in that day's driving of about 10 hours—not hard driving but moving cautiously along over rough and rocky mountain roads—we made only 59 miles. From the end of the graded road on, distances are measured in hours or days of travel rather than in miles.

As we passed through the little village of El Rosario, we stopped and refilled all of our cans with gasoline. We thought the price was high, but because we weren't sure what gasoline might be available ahead, we asked no questions. Actually we paid about 35c per gallon. We had to pay that price only one other time for gasoline which had been hauled about 230 miles farther. Because a big sign says, "English is spoken here," the woman proprietor probably makes such a charge regularly. We made sure we didn't need any of her gasoline as we came back.

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Graduation Week at the Institute Biblique

By Rev. S. Wayne Beaver, Bozoum, Africa

The last week in November was graduation week here at our Bible Institute in Africa. The week was filled with the usual close-of-school activities; I will try to tell you a little about each.

Baccalaureate

The week began with our baccalaureate service. The message was given by the student who has acted as our native pastor at the Bible Institute chapel for the past 2 years. He is an excellent preacher. We wish you could have heard him address his fellow graduates on the ministry that lies before them. He used I Corinthians 1:17-18 as his text, admonishing the men to go forth and preach only the single Gospel message of the Cross and not to be ensnared with trying to preach the wisdom of men. He told them that they would no doubt meet scoffing and ridicule, as the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness, but that the suffering of this present time is not to be compared with the glory which lies ahead. He then went on to describe the "glory" displayed when the governor makes an official visit, picturing with graphic detail the display of flags, handsome uniforms, and shining metals. You could just see the dignified governor making his inspection with great pomp and ceremony; these black men can really dramatize their messages. He then said, "But, brothers, this glory is *nothing* compared to the glory we shall behold."



Wayne Beaver

He went on to describe the call of a soldier, how thoroughly he is examined to see if he is fit, then, if called, he lays aside his old garments and takes up the uniform and weapons of a soldier to fight for the glory of the one who has called him and sent him forth. If he fights well, when the battle is over he returns home and one day the governor sends for all the old soldiers and rewards them handsomely. Then what a good time they have; the grimness of the battle is forgotten in the joy of their reward. Then he said, "Men, when our battle is over and we receive the reward in glory, won't we be happy, though!" He called some of his classmates by name and said, "We'll hug each other and say, 'Isn't it wonderful!'" It was really a good message and the men were stirred.

Examinations

The first 3 days of the week were taken up with final examinations. The men here moan as much as they do at home. They call it *bira* (war), and after each exam they declare that they have been "killed" for sure. You should have heard the shouting from the seniors when their last exam was finished. They carried on through a good part of the night singing and playing games.

The Fete

Our fete, or picnic, was not a feast in the true sense of the word this year, for there was no meat. The men tried in vain to get an animal, but the grass is just too

tall at this time of the year—they heard animals twice, but couldn't see them. The students were disappointed, but said they understood. The afternoon was spent in games and various contests. This is the time when the missionaries dig down in their missionary barrels. It is the ladies' task to get the prizes, and the old-clothes bag, button boxes, notions, etc., are thoroughly raided.

There were races and relay races, an arrow-shooting contest, spear throwing, sling shots, and a greased pole. The women had a race carrying a brick on their heads—you should see how fast these women can run balancing a load on their heads and not touching it with their hands. Their prize was a bright-colored dress, so competition was keen. The greased pole affords a lot of laughter for all of us. The men send the little boys up first, then when the grease is rubbed off somewhat, they try it. You should see them rub their hands and arms across their woolly heads as they proceed up the pole. Hung from two soccer goals were a lot of little prizes on strings for the women and children to cut while blind-



A front view of the Institut Biblique

folded. In this way most everyone gets a little something. There was a tug of war between the two classes which was a real battle; the seniors won, and how they did gloat! Then the afternoon's events were closed with a hockey game between the two classes, which also proved to be a heated battle.

In the evening they all reassembled up by the house for moving pictures. Bro. Jake Kliever had several interesting reels of animals, etc.—one showed a man wrestling with a lion. That really got them—oh, the grunts and groans and oh's and ah's!—every one of them wrestled right along with him. The evening was closed with singing and prayer, and a good time was had by all.

Graduation

The service was held at 9 o'clock in the morning in our Bible Institute chapel. The interior of the chapel looks very nice now. We have a nice new pulpit, a painting of a cross and crown on the whitewashed wall behind the chancel, and the women gave enough in their WMC

meetings to buy the draping for the chancel railing—they are very proud of their gift.

Bro. Chauncey Sheldon was the graduation speaker and Brother Kliever brought greetings as acting field superintendent. Bro. Charles Sumey was also present and gave the invocation. Three of our native pastors also had a small part in the service. The message was a real challenge to the men. There were three special numbers from the students, as they sang in a four-part choir. This was the first four-part singing in our mission. Miss Ruth Snyder trained the men and they have enjoyed it very much.

There were 26 graduates; each was dressed in his best and they made a handsome group. The graduates are listed as follows by name, mission station, and 2-year grade average:

Bengabedje Jean (Bekoro).....	98.7
Molepo Maurice (Bossembele).....	98.7
Yamboundou Richard (Bassai).....	97.
Namboujina Simon (Bellevue).....	96.1
Rakani Paul (Bassai).....	95.6
Houi Pierre (Nzoro).....	93.5
Miabe Luc (Bekoro).....	93.1
Kouihoul Andre (Bassai).....	92.7
Laban Marc (Bekoro).....	92.5
Mbairagoussou (Bekoro).....	92.4
Yakesse Joseph (Nzoro).....	92.3
Mbailao Andre (Bekoro).....	91.3
Mbomoa Jean (Bekoro).....	90.2
Ouanahili Joseph (Nzoro).....	90.
Baguene Noe (Bassai).....	89.8
Djendole Simon (Bekoro).....	89.8
Bodila Jean (Bekoro).....	89.3
Manaine Simon (Bekoro).....	88.6
Kouibia Jean (Bassai).....	88.3
Yatere Andre (Bassai).....	87.
Bingba Marc (Bossembele).....	86.8
Dolao Philippe (Bekoro).....	86.5
Lakounda Andre (Bekoro).....	84.2
Toldjim David (Bekoro).....	83.7
Ndombai Paul (Bekoro).....	82.1
Kangmi David (Bassai).....	81.5

The entire service, from processional to recessional, was very dignified; it is somewhat surprising how dignified our folks can be. They were very proud of their diplomas, which were run off on the mission press and embossed with a gold seal and red ribbon (the gold paper for seals was gathered from your Christmas and birthday cards), and covered with celophane and jacketed in a nice blue cover.

Aftermath

Now the men with their families and loads are on the roads leading throughout our mission—walking home. Some will have over 200 miles to walk, a weary journey with small children and loads. Won't you pray for them each one as they take up their work in their various villages, that they may be real soldiers of the cross as they battle the enemy in this stronghold of darkness. They will meet scoffing and ridicule from the "intelligentsia" and disbelief and hardness of heart from those steeped in the heathen practices of the village. But they do not battle alone—He who sends them forth has also promised to be with them. They have the sword of His Word in which they are better trained now. Pray for them that they will preach His Word in the power of His Spirit and be filled with His love for their lost brethren.

Friends in Language Study



Bruno and Monique, after enjoying an American dinner at the Samarin home.

By William J. Samarin, Paris, France

It started on the boat! No, it started long ago when God saved us and kept us by His power until the time we got on the boat. And yet our blessings with respect to France began on the boat.

After a search of 2 days, we met Bruno, a French student. I was trying to find some French person with whom I could study French. After I introduced myself we got acquainted enough for me to ask him if he would help me with French. The result was that he was a great help to me then, and will be now, for he has promised to devote an hour a week to conversation in French. These lessons with Bruno would be expensive under a tutor.

We spent an enjoyable Christmas at the chateau of Bruno. His family mansion, over 100 years old, is near Nantes in Bretagne. We had a very interesting time. Fortunately there was one sunny day that gave us opportunity to see the cathedral of Nantes and a number of chateaux in that area. The valley of the Loire River is called the "Valley of Chateaux" because there are so many of them along its banks. This time with Bruno's family was profitable, because it gave us opportunity to see more deeply into French culture and to understand more of its ways.

When we landed in Paris we found another most amiable friendship. As a result of an exchange correspondence, we had been writing to a French girl for about 6 months before leaving the States. Just a few days after we were in Paris she came out to see us at the hotel and took us on a tour of the Place de la Concorde and neighboring sights. Her name is Monique, and she has proved to be a hospitable, intelligent, helpful person eager to make our stay in France a pleasant one. Since our meeting we have been as welcome in her home as we might be in one of yours. We have eaten there a few times—one of them was the occasion of a real French dinner. And now the Proust family (Monique's family) have invited us to eat dinner with them every Thursday evening so that we might improve our French. As I write, we are waiting to go to their house. It is much past our dinner time, for they, like most French people, will not eat until about 7:30 or 8 o'clock.

Bruno and Monique have been a great help to us, and their friendship is making our stay in France more enjoyable because it has opened the door to French culture so that we might understand it and the French people a little more.

El Instituto Biblico (The Bible Institute)

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By Miss Johanna Nielsen, Rio Cuarto, Argentina

It had long been recognized that there was a need for a Bible institute especially for the instruction of as many as might desire to be better instructed in the things of the Lord, better prepared to serve Him, and most of all for the preparation of pastors and workers. But the number of pastors prepared for this was so small that, apart from giving a correspondence course, it seemed impossible.

In the year 1949 the Youth Camp came as usual. But there was a group of 20 young people there who expressed their desire to attend a Bible institute if it were possible. Who could deny such an eagerness?

The matter was very seriously considered, and finally it was decided to form an institute in two groups—the girls in Rio Cuarto and the young men in Almafuerite—although many disadvantages were presented. But when the time arrived it was found that of the volunteers, nine were girls and only two were boys. Then it was decided to arrange things in such a way that these two could also be in Rio Cuarto.

The property was not very adequate, but the Schrocks were willing to sacrifice the privacy of family life for such a worthy cause. The young people were willing to endure many inconveniences. The teachers were ready to take on this work in addition to their pastoral work, already heavy—some of them traveling much. Thus the first year passed with much blessing and in true fellowship among all.

By the second year the two rooms over the garage had already been completed, and the four young men who attended in 1950 were sufficiently comfortable; the girls not so much, because they were all in a single dormitory. The program of the institute was indeed making progress.

In the year 1951 the opportunity came to rent a much more spacious property in La Carlota and, after much prayer and consideration, it was decided to move the institute there. In this quiet atmosphere, with pretty lodgings, a large court with the luxuriant shade of many large trees, and with room for all, have grown the friendships, cemented by 3 years of fellowship during which they were busy not only in studies but also in helping in domestic duties, in personal work, in work among children, and, we sincerely believe, in the development of true Christian character. A very evident thing has been the spirit of brotherhood among all the students. I believe that there have never been quarrels among them. Never has one shown an unpleasant expression toward another. In 3 years of daily living together, with the occasions that would take place in any dwelling, it is truly exemplary.

Of the first group of students, Misses Francisca and Carlota Diedrich, Esther Di Nardo, Luisa Bettinalio, Leonor Gallardo, Lucia Molina, Eunice and Sara Siccaldi, Nelida Zanetti, and the young men, Horacio Bettinalio and Hugo Di Nardo, only one, Leonor Gallardo, had to cease studies for health reasons.

Graduates of El Instituto Biblico in November 1951



Francisca Diedrich Hugo Di Nardo Nelida Zanetti



Horacio Bettinalio Luisa Bettinalio Sara Siccaldi



Eunice Siccaldi Carlota Diedrich Esther Di Nardo

In the first year Americo Majul, of Santa Fe, entered in the second semester. In the second year Alena Wagner and Norma Stoller, of Cabrera, entered. In the third year two entered—Ofelio Nunez, of Huinca Renanco, and Miguel Pereyra, of Corral de Bustos.

Those who finished the course and graduated in November 1951 are:

Luisa Bettinalio.....	Segunda Usina
Horacio Bettinalio.....	Segunda Usina
Francisca Diedrich.....	Rio Cuarto
Carlota Diedrich.....	Rio Cuarto
Esther Di Nardo.....	Tancacha
Hugo Di Nardo.....	Tancacha
Nelida Zanetti.....	Tancacha
Eunice Siccaldi.....	Laboulaye
Sara Siccaldi.....	Laboulaye

The director of the institute in 1949 and 1950 was Rev. Lynn D. Schrock, and the director in 1951 was Rev. J. Paul Dowdy. The instructors have been Lynn D. Schrock, J. Paul Dowdy, Solon W. Hoyt, Hill Maconaghy, Luis Siccaldi, Clarence L. Sickel, Jack B. Churchill, James B. Marshall, and Miss Johanna Nielsen.

Each year there have been child evangelism classes, directed by Misses Theda Krieger and Roberta Fay, of Buenos Aires.

Thus ends the first chapter of the history of the Bible Institute.

Chosen for Service in Baja California

(Editor's Note—Rev. and Mrs. A. L. (Roy) Howard and two children, John and Kathy, are working with the Haag family in Baja California. Brother Howard graduated from Grace Seminary in the class of 1951. The Howards are members of the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles, but they have been adopted by the First Brethren Church of Los Angeles in matters relating to prayer and support. Their address is 439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, Calif.)

THANKFUL

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

We are very thankful that now we are located in San Ysidro, Calif., just about a mile and one-half from the Mexican border, where we have an excellent opportunity to study the Spanish language. God has provided us with a comfortable home in which to live, near the school which is an added blessing.

We also praise the Lord for those who have joined us in prayer concerning a location near the border of Mexico. The housing condition here is very acute. There is a great need for the Gospel in this community. Many of the people are connected with horse and dog racing in Tijuana and are little concerned with spiritual matters.

Continue to pray that God will use our testimony to the salvation of souls, as we prepare and make plans to take the Gospel into Baja California.—Roy Howard.

CHOSEN

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit,



Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Howard, John, and Kathy

and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

To my mind as a young Christian the question often came as to how God could use me in His service. I was comforted and assured then to know that He had chosen me and therefore must have a purpose for me.

How much more assuring to know now that He has not only chosen me, but He has chosen us as a family, and ordained us, and has now even sent us forth.

Pray now that we might be faithful in bringing forth fruit, and that it will remain. We desire that each of us—John 5½, Kathy 3½, Roy, and I—might, with the Haag family, work out God's plan for getting the Gospel to Baja California.—Dorothy Y. Howard.

WILL THEY BE ABLE TO GO?

By Lynn D. Schrock

God generally, if not always, leads His children through what seem to be very ordinary circumstances. This applies also to missionaries who go to foreign lands. This truth was impressed upon my thinking about a week ago in a meeting of those here at the seminary who are definitely looking forward to service for Christ in Argentina.

Since the start of the seminary year we have had three meetings with these interested students. Counting the Solon Hoyts, the Rottlers (now waiting for their visa to go to Argentina) and us, we have had as many as 10 couples in these meetings. This is most encouraging! Many of you will recall that the Sickels stayed for 10 years in one of their terms. Why? Simply because there were not any recruits to replace them.

But now there are some seven couples here in the seminary who are definitely looking forward to service in Argentina. Why this remarkable increase in interest? First, we would say, because we are seeing the results



Lynn D. Schrock

of God's blessing. He has led in these lives. But now the question: How?

It was this question that led to having a brief word of testimony from three or four of the couples present at our last meeting. These folks told how they had become interested in Argentina and, believe it or not, not a one had seen the heavens open or heard a voice telling him that Argentina should be his field of labor. No, each had a very natural testimony. Some had had contact with the Dowdys, others with the Sickels, others with the Hoyts, others with the Maconaghys; and so it went. You see, within recent years we've had someone home on furlough from Argentina almost every year, whereas, during the Sickels' 10-year term there had been no missionaries going among the churches representing Argentina—thus no volunteers.

But now there are about seven couples looking forward to Argentina! It costs to send and support missionaries. Will they be able to go? As many or more are looking forward to service in Africa. Will they be able to go? Others are doubtless considering Brazil, Lower California, and France. Will they be able to go?

It depends upon you.

Join in Prayer for These February Requests

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—

Pray for:

1. A great foreign mission offering sufficient to meet every need and to care for expansion in our various fields.

2. Mrs. Roy Snyder, who, according to our latest information, is undergoing treatment at the American Presbyterian Hospital in Elat, Africa.

3. The Schrock family and the Rottler family as they make preparations to leave for Argentina during the month of March. The Schrocks will be returning for their second term, and the Rottlers will be beginning their first term of service in that land.

4. Our entire missionary family, that each one may be kept and strengthened physically to care for their responsibilities.

5. Special wisdom for our missionaries in all fields as they face the many problems which come to their attention.

6. The general secretary and the board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society as they meet this month in Winona Lake, Ind.

7. Misses Florence Bickel, Grace Byron, and Estella Myers, who will be leaving Africa on furlough in February. It is their plan to join the Wheaton Bible Lands Cruise in Naples, Italy, on February 29 and visit the Holy Land before coming to the States.

8. The deputation work of the general secretary and the missionaries on furlough—Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt, Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber, and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams—during the next several months.

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL—

1. Pray for the new teacher training class at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that all who are enrolled will apply themselves to the training, and labor to prepare themselves to be better workmen for the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Pray that the bridge at Hell for Certain might be rebuilt soon, as it has been out for over a year and is badly needed in the work.

3. Pray for the pastor, J. Lincoln Oliver, and the first Brethren work

among the colored people at Los Angeles, Calif.

4. Pray that the plans for the new Patterson Park church, Dayton, Ohio, will be carefully prepared and that Christian people will loan money for the construction of the church.

5. Pray for guidance in planning an evangelistic meeting at Riverside, Johnstown, Pa., that it might be one to reach the entire Riverside community.

6. Pray that Bro. Lowell Hoyt will be able to find a home in the vicinity of the new Denver lots and also that a meeting place be found near the new lots.

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the rich spiritual blessings which rested upon the school during the first semester. Pray



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Pointers*

By
Mary Emmert

for the students as they are now becoming fully settled in the work of the second semester.

2. Praise God for the self-sacrificing ministry of Dr. and Mrs. McClain through the 14 years of the seminary's existence. Pray for them as they seek needed rest of body during the next few months.

3. Praise God for the missionary enthusiasm of the students at the seminary. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Miller, who will be leaving shortly for Brazil, and Mr. and Mrs. Carson Rottler, who expect to leave in the near future for Argentina.

BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD COMPANY—

1. Pray that the Holy Spirit will determine every word published by this company.

2. Pray that the Holy Spirit will use our literature to accomplish the purpose of Christ Jesus in this age.

3. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give us an enlarged reading audience.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL—

1. Pray that every Brethren woman will receive a new vision of service to the Lord in the local church.

2. Pray that our national financial secretary-treasurer will have wisdom and strength for her work.

3. Pray God's blessing on the members of the WMC in Africa and Argentina. Ask God to help them learn more of His Word.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN—

1. Pray for Holy-Spirit-filled laymen.

2. Pray for those laymen who know the blessings of salvation that they will give out the Gospel.

3. Pray that the laymen will help one of the gospel teams financially that the Word may be given out and souls saved.

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA—

1. Pray for our national project—the chapel for Dryhill, work and gifts.

2. Pray for the Lord's will and guidance for a building site.

3. Pray for Miss Evelyn.

4. Continue to pray for all SMM officers as they lead the Sisterhood in the Lord's plans.

BRETHREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray for the youth director as he visits Atlantic District churches and East District churches in February.

2. Pray for five new boys clubs recently begun at Philadelphia, Martinsburg, and Leamersville, Pa., and at Temple City and Compton, Calif.

3. Pray for Brethren Boys Clubs as they seek to raise \$1,000 to liquidate all indebtedness for the missionary project (Jeep station wagon at Albuquerque) and for the boys club supplies. Deadline for this is National Conference time.

4. Pray for Brethren students who right now are facing difficult decisions concerning their life work.

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"Residence granted." These two words formed the contents of a cable received Monday morning, January 21, by the foreign mission office from Bro. Jack Churchill in Argentina. Praise the Lord with us for answered prayer—after months of waiting, the Churchills now have their permanent visas.

According to our most recent information, Mrs. Roy Snyder was to have undergone surgery on January 21 at the American Presbyterian Hospital at Elat, where Dr. Thorne, the missionary surgeon in charge, gives very encouraging prospects for her complete and immediate recovery. Brother Snyder and Miss Elizabeth Tyson are with her. Continue to pray for Mrs. Snyder, and the others as well.

The Yellow Creek, Pa., church held a 2-night Bible conference January 24-25 with Rev. Mark Malles, of Altoona, as the speaker.

New address for Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich and family is 180 White Pond Dr., Akron 13, Ohio. Telephone UN 43848. (Change Annual, p. 73.)

The Grace Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa., is building its evangelistic program around its regular services, with a calling program promoted through the midweek service. This has resulted in the confession of Christ on the part of four adults and one boy in recent weeks.

The Clayhole, Ky., Sunday school has designated the first Sunday of each month as the day to receive a special offering toward paying off the indebtedness on their bus. On January 6 the offering was \$25.

Rev. Bernard Schneider, of Mansfield, Ohio, spoke at the Men's Fellowship Guest Night at the Fort Wayne, Ind., church on January 15.

Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa., is chairman of the Fundamental Ministers Association of Central Pennsylvania.

Rev. Emil Gruen, of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, spoke the first Sunday of the new year at the Johnson City, Tenn., church.

The San Diego, Calif., church will hold evangelistic meetings February 4-17 under the leadership of Rev. Robert Ashman.

The East District Youth Rally will be held at the Martinsburg, Pa., church February 8-9. Special invitation is being given to young married couples to attend.

A Sunday school rally will be held at the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles, Calif., February 5-7. The cooperating churches are Bell, Compton, Fillmore, South Gate, and



Los Angeles First, in addition to the host church. Rev. Harold Etling and Dr. Henrietta Mears are the speakers.

The Buena Vista, Va., church had 169 people present at the prayer meeting service on January 9. There were 222 in the Sunday evening service January 6, and 265 in Sunday school.

A Conference on Prophecy and the Jew was held at the Osceola, Ind., church January 13-16. Rev. Sanford C. Mills was the speaker.

At the Kittanning, Pa., church Mrs. Victor Claypool had a perfect Sunday school attendance for 7 years. Also there were five with perfect attendance records for 6 years, and three for 5 years.

News for this column is gathered here, there, and elsewhere. Perhaps the reason your church is not mentioned here is because we have no way of getting the news of what is happening in your church. It would be appreciated if the news or the bulletins of each church were sent to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company regularly. Please do not address mail to any individual here unless it is personal mail. If it is addressed to the company it will get into the right channels.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Hall now have a telephone. It is 34-1915 at Johnstown, Pa. (Add to Annual, p. 67.)

Something new! A Brethren work has been started in La Crescenta, Calif., known as the Mountain Brethren Church. In their first Bible school service, January 13, there were 21 people present. La Crescenta is in the vicinity of Glendale.

Special notice: The San Juan Basin Lines, Inc., will no longer deliver used clothing free of charge to our Brethren Navaho Mission. Keep this in mind when sending clothing to that mission station.

Bible readers: Many church bulletins contain the names of people who read through their Bibles during 1951, but there are too many to print here. The Lord knows who they are.

A memorial service for Dr. Clarence Sickel was held December 30 at the La Verne, Calif., church (his home church). Those taking part were Rev. Orville Lorenz, pastor at La Verne; Dr. Elias White, pastor at South Gate; Rev. George Peek and Dr. Charles Mayes, pastors in Long Beach.

The North Riverdale Church, Dayton, Ohio, will hold a Young People's Crusade February 3-10 under the direction of Magician - Evangelist Robert Pollock.

Mrs. William Niles, a long-time member of the Long Beach Second Church, died on January 7.

The La Verne, Calif., church heard Dr. Paul Bauman on January 20 and held a Sunday school workers' conference on February 1-2 under the direction of Rev. Harold Etling. Rev. R. I. Humbert will be at the church February 19-24.

Dr. Percy Crawford, in his Youth on the March Magazine (January 10, 1952), quoted liberally from Prof. John Whitcomb's article, "An Important Biblical Discovery," which appeared in the Brethren Missionary Herald (November 24, 1951).

Rev. Paul Eiselstein, missionary of the American Sunday School Union in Colorado, supervised 53 Sunday schools, 74 daily vacation Bible schools, and 7 camps during 1951. He was helped in this work by 173 teachers. The Sunday school enrollment was 1,830 and the vacation school enrollment 2,548. Brother Eiselstein made 1,138 home visits and traveled 31,824 miles to accomplish his work.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Editor, Ted Henning

WHICH WAY, LAYMEN?

The year 1951 has come and passed into oblivion; 1952 is now on the scene. What does it hold for us as Christian laymen? From the reports of the last year, we laymen should hang our heads in shame.

Laymen at Conference

I have attended National Conference now for 8 years and have had some blessed times with other laymen from all over the United States. You laymen could have had the same experiences. Time after time we have come together as brethren in Christ, and rightly so. But there are many men who never show their faces at a laymen's meeting. Some say, "I have come for a vacation." So did I. Some are too big to be seen with ordinary men. There are no such men as far as Christ is concerned. There are other men who do come and make all kinds of promises and then fall down on the job. That type of layman is probably like that back home in his own church. Dependable? No! What is wrong with such individuals? One thing: they are not Spirit-filled men. If they could see themselves as God sees them, they would be more than willing to do something for Christ.

Last year at conference we had as high as 65 men at our laymen's meetings. This was splendid. But our room could have held three times that many. The speaker brought excellent messages that would have thrilled your heart. Prayer? Oh yes, we had maybe a dozen men in the afternoon in the prayer meetings. You ask what is wrong with Brethren laymen? The lack of prayer tells in anyone's life. Men, results prove that it is the lack of prayer and being zealous for the Lord that has hindered the work of Christ.

We Need a Revival

Last year 106 churches showed a total increase of 635. Do we need a revival? Some laymen think that all we need is a Bible conference once a year. I believe in Bible conferences, but this type of meeting is mainly for believers and not for the purpose

of winning souls to Christ. We have too many people in the Brethren Church so filled with Bible knowledge that it never gets outside of their lips. Bible knowledge never saved a soul unless you put some of the simpler things to work.

Laymen, with our nation as low in morals as it can go, and with conditions in our country so upset, it is time that we arise from our slumber and go to work for Jesus' sake. Do you pray daily? Do you attend your midweek prayer meetings? No wonder the church does not go forward. Some men never show their faces at prayer meetings. This, I sincerely believe, is the place where we, as laymen, receive our power. When men become interested in prayer we will see things begin to move for Christ's work.

Laymen, God has set a job for us, just as He did for the early church laymen. "*They went everywhere preaching the gospel.*" Let us do it again before Jesus comes. Support your evangelistic teams that are out on the fields, white unto harvest. Pray—pray and give.

NEWS

We received a letter from Bro. W. V. Findley, of Roanoke, Va. His report had to do with the Southeast

District. These men have been doing a splendid work for the Lord. The district meeting was held in November at Johnson City, Tenn. Most of the good brothers had to travel 175 miles. These men are doing more than just holding meetings and taking offerings. Last year 51 persons gave public testimony that they were accepting the Lord as their Saviour. Several hundred prayer requests were noted. Several thousand tracts were given out and a goodly number of Gospels or New Testaments were also distributed.

One of the outstanding results of the work of the Southeast men last year was the starting of the Washington Heights Brethren Church at Roanoke. These men held a tent meeting with the Miller-Clark evangelistic party. Bro. Carl Miller is the new pastor at this time. They are having a splendid attendance and their quarters are being crowded out. Four lots have been purchased and all are paid for. This group of people have been directed with the Home Mission Council's help.

We want to praise the Lord for men with such vision and determination.

May we have more good news from other districts. Send all news to Ted Henning, Box 85, Middlebranch, Ohio.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, February 29, 1952, has been designated as the World Day of Prayer. Two programs are available to churches to help in observing this day, and may be secured free of charge, though a free-will offering to help pay for the production and the postage would be appreciated. The supplies are limited, so do not ask for more than are absolutely needed. If interested in either of these programs write direct to the source of the program desired:

"A Seldom Used Power," National Association of Evangelicals, 542 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.

"Christ Is the Victory," American Council of Christian Churches, 15 Park Row, New York 38, N. Y.

SCRIPTURES FOR KOREA

Syngman Rhee, President of Korea, in a plea to the Pocket Testament League for more Scriptures for Korea, said: "Realizing the power of the inspired Word of God as I do, I eagerly welcome the plan of the Pocket Testament League to distribute millions of copies of the Holy Scriptures in our country. . . . During this war, the citadel of faith has been our strongest protection against despair. . . . The widespread distribution of portions of the Scriptures . . . will help us to carry forward the mission of deepening and strengthening our spiritual resources."

That is a very remarkable testimony from one of the political leaders of our day.

The Believer and His Resurrected Lord

JOHN 21

By Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr.

The present-day Christian is sometimes envious of those believers who lived during the period of the Gospels. Jesus was physically present with them. They could go to Him directly with every problem, and receive a personal interview. How many of us have not at some time wished for a recurrence of those conditions in our own day!

But there is one chapter in John's Gospel which most clearly presents the Lord Jesus in the relation which He bears to all believers today. John 21 is sometimes referred to as the epilogue of the book. It is evident that this last chapter was written as an appendix or addition to his Gospel, coming after the formal conclusion of 20:30-31. The style of the writing, however, is the same as the rest of the book, and evidence that the book was never circulated in the early church without chapter 21 points to the fact that John wrote the epilogue also.

The purpose of this chapter is not to offer proof of the resurrection, for this had been done in chapter 20. If this were the author's aim, the conclusion of 20:30-31 would no doubt have been placed at the end of the added section. Rather, John's purpose was to present the relation which the risen Christ bears to the society of believers. As such, it is of special interest and application to all the church.

The Resurrected Lord: Supplier of Their Needs (vss. 1-14).

The incident of the miraculous catch of fish reveals the resurrected Lord as the supplier of need. When the events of Calvary had taken Jesus from them, we discover a group of needy disciples. Even the resurrection and subsequent appearances did not restore exactly the conditions which the disciples had learned to love.

On this occasion the disciples were *discouraged in heart*. Seven of the group in Galilee submitted to Peter's suggestion to "go a fishing." This may not indicate a permanent return to the old life, but it did reveal a lack of understanding of Christ's purposes for them. They believed the resurrection but were confused about the future.

They were *tired in body*. No weariness seems so great as that which follows fruitless toil. "That night they caught nothing."

Moreover, they were *dulled in spirit*. When Jesus stood on shore in the morning, they "knew not that it was Jesus." How needy are hearts when they fail to recognize the presence of the Master.

But the risen Lord was the answer to their lack. He was *sympathetic to their need*. His question, "Lads, you don't have anything to eat, do you?" (literal), indicates his knowledge of their fruitless effort.

He brought *success to their failure*. The direction of Jesus to cast "on the right side of the ship" brought immediate success in place of useless



Professor Kent

toil. The disciples were so impressed with the miraculous catch of fish that they counted every one.

The risen Lord supplied *spiritual discernment in place of dullness*. The activity of Jesus among the group brought John's recognition, "It is the Lord." Peter, with characteristic aggressiveness, headed straight for the shore. To hearts that are spiritually dull, the risen Christ brings discernment and light.

The truest sympathy in Christian life is found in Christ. The truest success in Christian service is founded upon Him. The only true spirituality for the child of God comes from the One who is the "Light of the world."

In supplying their need, Jesus is shown serving the disciples the bread and the fish. His invitation, "Come and dine," is an invitation to fellowship with Himself. The mere mechanical supply of needs is not sufficient; the human soul craves fellowship with its God and Supplier. The believer is here reminded of the

feast to come when Christ will come and serve the redeemed (Luke 12:37).

The Resurrected Lord: Object of Their Love (vss. 15-17)

This Scripture next reveals that Christ must be the supreme object of the believer's devotion. Every New Testament reader is familiar with the accounts of Peter's denial of his Lord. Since the resurrection Peter had already been privately restored to useful service (Luke 24:34), but on this remarkable occasion there is presented a public reinstatement. Here in unmistakable language is given the greatest motive of Christian service—complete devotion to the risen Lord.

Love for Christ is essential for *feeding his lambs*, the most helpless of the flock. Love for Christ is essential for *shepherding his sheep*, those who need all pastoral ministrations. Love for Christ is essential for *feeding his sheep*, the mature members of the flock who need support and nourishment.

Peter's own words give the interpretation of Jesus' charge to him, when he wrote in later years to congregational leaders: "Feed [shepherd] the flock of God which is among you . . . being ensamples to the flock" (1 Pet. 5:2-4). Only a complete love for Christ would be sufficient to carry him and his fellow disciples through the careers which awaited them.

The Resurrected Lord: Director of Their Destiny (vss. 18-25)

In closing his epilogue, John explains and corrects a report which had spread among the churches concerning the future of himself and Peter. In presenting the facts which led to the statement of Jesus, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?" he reveals the comforting truth that the destiny of the believer, both ultimately and immediately, is in the control of the resurrected Lord.

The child of God need not fret because he cannot consult Jesus in the flesh. The believer has set forth for him in this portion of the Word the promises, encouragements, and relationship which he bears to the resurrected Christ. Now the responsibility is, "Follow thou me."

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

When Life Begins

"Life begins when we realize how little there is left," said Dr. Howard M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, East Cleveland, Ohio, in an address before the Fort Wayne, Ind., Social Planning Council.

That is an illustration of how wrong a preacher can be when he turns away from the Word of God to get material for his messages. There are many people in this old world who know they are near the end of their earthly pilgrimages and yet they have never begun to live. One can never know life until he realizes it in the Prince of Life, who said:

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:10-11).

Source of Long Life

Charles (Rolling Bear) Johnstone, of Cleveland, Ohio, reported to the police that some thief stole 26 bottles of his "secret preparation" which, he claimed, had been keeping him young. Rolling Bear, who is 81 years old, and who claims he "can run as fast as a man of 20," speculated that if the thief drinks any of the liquid in the bottles "he will be difficult to find." The Indian believes that this potion will have unusual results in the body of one who drinks it.

It is very questionable whether the solution of the medicine man will do all that he claimed for it, but there is a drink that will do more for those who receive it than the Indian dare claim for his potion.

The Lord Jesus spoke of this drink on this wise: "Whosoever drinketh of this water [from the well at Sychar in Samaria] shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:13-14).

Drink from this well that Jesus offers you, dear friend, and you will live forever, not just for a span of years on the earth.

Increasing Our Span of Life

Dr. Charles Alexander, a professor of sociology, said that the average citizen of this country "now lives 66.7 years due to medical advancement and extensive health education." This, he claimed, is an average of "four months added life expectancy for each year of the last three decades."

This fact ought to bring two things to the mind of the reader: first, this is still short of the span of life set by the eternal God, and second, this ought to challenge each one of us to use these extra days to the glory of the God who gave them. Many centuries ago the leader Moses put it this way:

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psa. 90:10-12).

Life and Happiness

Dr. Albert E. Wiggam, in his newspaper column—"Let's Explore Your Mind"—claims that long life is not necessarily a guarantee of happiness. In answer to the question, "Has the prolongation of life increased happiness?" he answered:

"My opinion is yes, with some people; no with thousands of others. First, because of increasing burden on the decreasing number of young people; second, because thousands who retire at 65 have no useful work, are unhappy and often unwanted by relatives."

Happiness is the desire of all people, but length of days on earth does

not determine one's happiness. Genuine lasting happiness is available to all people in the eternal God. Concerning this the Psalmist wrote: "Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord [Jehovah, or Jesus Christ]" (Psa. 144:15).

"In Him was Life"

In 1949 Warner Sallman, widely known Christian artist, wrote his testimony in these words: "Scripture states about Christ that, 'In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not' (John 1:4-5).

"I thank God for His marvelous grace which brought *life and light* to my sin-sick soul. It is a wonderful thing to be a Christian and live a life of complete trust and dependence on Christ.

"Thirty-two years ago, when I was twenty-five, the best of medical science gave me but one month to live. In definite answer to prayer I have been restored to health and have lived these years on borrowed time—thanking and praising God for the gift of eternal life and light to glorify Him."—*Christian Life*.

This Life and Then Judgment

A few years ago a carpenter, while working at his trade, died at his own hand. He was busily engaged at the innocent work of placing a ceiling on a building he was helping to erect when accidentally he dropped a nail into his throat. He swallowed the nail and it resulted in his death.

No, he did not commit suicide, in the usual sense of the word, yet he did die at his own hand. He had not planned it that way, and possibly he had not thought of death at that particular time. He was working at a legitimate occupation, yet he died at his own hand.

This incident ought to remind every person that "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Are you, dear reader, ready for the judgment that inevitably follows death? The days you have before death overtakes you are the only days you will ever have in which you can prepare for the judgment to follow.



HOW IS YOUR THERMOMETER?

As I opened my eyes this morning I heard the voice of a radio announcer say, "Better button up your overcoat a bit closer, for the thermometer is down there close to the bottom this morning." I quickly looked out of the window, and it didn't look as cold as it really was—but it caused me to think a bit. Of course, I was thinking about Sunday school, and our Sunday school thermometers. Have you heard that little Sunday school chorus, "I've got the Sunday school enthusiasm"? It goes like this: "I have the Sunday school enthusiasm down in my heart; up in my head . . . down in my feet; I have the Sunday school enthusiasm all over me, and I'll be there next week!"

You see, if you have the Sunday school enthusiasm in such quantity that it bubbles over to those round about you, it won't make much difference about the weather, for you will really be all "steamed up" about Sunday school. That's exactly the way every Christian ought to be for his own Sunday school.

The Brethren Need a Revival

The Brethren Church needs revival now, and the best way for revival is revival through our Sunday schools. We need to send the spiritual thermometers of our communities up beyond the boiling point, and to do it we need to kindle some revival fires under our Sunday schools. How shall we do it? How did they do it in other days?

Remember the word of Ezekiel: "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none" (Ezek. 22:30). Let's remind ourselves today that God has chosen that men should spread the Gospel. The Old Testament is full of the story—men like Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Samuel, Isaiah, who said, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

God did not send angels to be pastors of churches; He sent men. God did not send angels to be superintendents of Sunday schools; He called you and you. God did not send cherubim and seraphim to build better Sunday schools; He is calling to you and me. The job will never get done if we sit idly by expecting

God to send a few choice angelic beings, some seraphim or cherubim, as the workers for our Sunday schools.

Responsibility Is Individual Matter

Mr. Pastor, let's begin with you. Without a doubt you are the key. What about your own Sunday school thermometer? Are you satisfied with your Sunday school as it is? Are you satisfied that you have reached the last possible person in your community that you can possibly win? Remember, the Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." And where the pastor has no vision for his Sunday school, the Sunday school will perish. The lay members of your church will not catch enthu-



siasm for Sunday school until you catch it yourself. And just to have enthusiasm—just to preach it from the pulpit—will not do it alone. We must be willing to do our share of the work. We must go out and gather in some fresh kindling wood ourselves—to keep the revival fires burning. Do you give as much time to the planning of your Sunday school as you do to the planning for a sermon, a funeral, a wedding? Remember, your best place for revival is the Sunday school.

Mr. or Mrs. Sunday School Superintendent, how is your thermometer? Remember, the immediate leadership of the Sunday school is yours. Would you like to see your Sunday school grow, and become a real power for God? Then remember, you are the responsible one. Never allow yourself to fall into the rut of "the regular Sunday school" next Sunday. Make every Sunday a special Sunday. Plan your work so that there will be something special every Sunday.

Last night my Sunday school superintendent called me and said: "Preacher, next Sunday we are going to have the 'Tater Family' with us in Sunday school." Who are they? I don't know yet, but I will find out,

and I will tell you about them on another page.

Keep your Sunday school wondering just what will happen next, and always have something new to happen. Special music, singers, orchestras, soloists, instrumentalists, chalk talk, object lessons, flannelgraph stories—sure the old folks will like them, too! Advertise these special features weeks in advance, send out post cards inviting all to come for the special service.

One more word: when you get some new folks into your school, don't let them get out until you have them signed up—until you know who they are, where they live, and what their spiritual condition is. Your job is big! Encourage and enthuse your workers as you go along.

Mr. or Mrs. Teacher, yours is the key position of the whole lot of us—greater than the superintendent, greater than the pastor—for you have a closer contact with the pupil than anyone else in all the world. Remember, a Sunday school revival cannot come without good teachers. I wish I could sit down with you and just chat about your problems, and how you can overcome many of them, but let me sum up what I would like to say in five words to you.

First, you must have a real genuine love for every member of your class. This is not a job for which you will receive dollars and cents in pay. As a matter of fact, it will cost you time, energy, and money to teach. Pray that God will give you that love.

Second, you must prepare to teach. Join a teacher training class. (If your church does not have one, ask your pastor to begin one at once.) Study your Bible, your pupils, your lesson helps, human nature, your job. Prepare yourself to teach.

Third, be enthusiastic. Eat, sleep, walk, talk Sunday school. Do it until you just can't wait until Sunday comes around to teach that next lesson.

Fourth, be an example. Remember, what you are speaks more loudly than what you say!

Fifth, win every pupil for Christ. This is our only purpose in teaching, that we might win our pupils for Jesus Christ, and then train them in the Christian life.



Wooster, Ohio

The First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, has just completed a blessed year in the ministry of the Gospel. At the annual business meeting, January 8, reports from all organizations indicated that \$24,500 was given for the various local and denominational interests. During the year, 14 souls were saved and added to the church through baptism. The present membership is 185. Average attendances for the year were: morning worship, 189; evening worship, 123; Bible school, 160; prayer meeting, 55.

During the year, the congregation made regular monthly payments on the building debt, the over-all expenditure through this fund being \$13,137. A local radio expenditure of \$2,567 was listed as one of the missionary projects of the congregation.

"Your Morning Devotions," the daily radio broadcast presented from WWST, Am and Fm, is sponsored by the Wooster Brethren in cooperation with the Rittman and West Homer Brethren churches. The congregation approved the continuation of the radio ministry, which began November 6, 1947. A large volume of mail comes to the church as a result of the radio ministry, and many visitors appear in the services for the same reason.

Pastor Kenneth Ashman was called to serve his sixth year as leader of this growing congregation.

An indication of what the Lord has in store for 1952, should He tarry, was manifest in the first services of the new year: four souls have accepted the Lord as personal Saviour (one at prayer meeting), one consecration was received, and two have been baptized. All of these are adults. On the second Sunday of the new year, the Bible school attend-

ance reached 204. All departments of the church are progressing appreciably and are actively engaged in spiritual service for Christ and His church.

A weekly newspaper ad, going into 16,000 homes, keeps the community informed of the Bible-centered ministry of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio.—*Kenneth Ashman, pastor.*

Young Russian Christian Association

Many of the Brethren, especially in California, have given for this work and helped to get it started. Therefore we thought you would be interested in a brief report of what we are doing.

Among recent speakers have been Dr. Wallace Emerson, Dr. Charles Feinberg, Miss Leona Soubirou, and Dr. Ijian. The first three named are teachers at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

The old shack that stood deserted in back of the building in which the association holds its meetings has been converted into a library containing over 900 volumes. Some recent additions include complete sets of Lange's Commentaries, the Expositor's Bible, the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, etc. The young people use the library constantly.

The average attendance at the evening church service is about 70. On Monday evenings the juniors meet, with an average attendance of 25 to 30. Tuesday evenings is the time for the meetings of the seniors, with an average of about 35. On Wednesday evening the junior highs meet, with an average of 40. The high school group meets on Thursday evening, with an attendance never below 50 and often as high as 80. Each night different workers and teachers are in charge. I teach a class on Tuesday evenings and supervise only on the other nights.

There are five of the young people now attending the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and two of our young people, Bill and Ruth Samarin, with little Manya, are now in France studying preparatory to missionary work in Africa.—*Jack Green, director.*

QUALITY OF CHAPLAINS NEEDED

Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr., in addressing a luncheon meeting of the supervisory chaplains from all continental armies and overseas commands, maintained that the military chaplains not only have a vital role in maintaining a "good, sound and spiritual army," but also perform a distinct service to the entire nation by indoctrinating the military personnel with "the orderliness and cleanliness of mind and spirit required for world leadership in the years ahead." He also said that spiritual leadership "is the essence of good leadership and goes hand-in-hand with command leadership."

Mr. Pace then spoke directly to the representatives of the various denominations who were guests at the luncheon and said that "the civilian churchmen" have the "task of supplying qualified clergymen for the chaplaincy" as a "grave responsibility as well as a great opportunity."

LOOK AT IT THIS WAY

A St. Louis restaurant discovered that 57 percent of its customers were recommended by friends. The rest of the business came as follows: 14 percent through recommendation by Duncan Hines, 9 percent through AAA, 9 percent by newspaper ads, 8 percent by appearance of the building, and 3 percent by billboards.

What about our church and Bible school classes? We have the Bread of Life to offer. Are you a recommendation that will bring others to Christ and this church? No other advertising is as strong as the "recommendation by friends."—*Bulletin, Ghent church, Roanoke, Va.*

REV. LORIN HAZLETT DIES

From a Santa Barbara, Calif., newspaper: "The Rev. Lorin A. Hazlett, a retired minister of the Brethren Church, died yesterday afternoon [date not given, though early in January] after a short illness in the home of his grandson and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shank. He was born February 16, 1868, near Frankfort, Ind. After graduating from Ashland College in Ohio he entered the ministry of the Brethren Church." He retired in 1941, after preaching for 48 years. Brother Hazlett was a member of the Long Beach First Church.

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SNOW IS FROM THE LORD

"He sendeth out his commandment upon earth;
His word runneth very swiftly.
He giveth snow like wool;
He scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels:
Who can stand before his cold?
He sendeth out his word, and melteth them:
He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow."

(Psalms 147:15-18, ASV)



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The *Whittier, Calif.*, church held a Sunday school conference under the leadership of Rev. Harold Etling February 3-4. There were 24 members of this church who read through the Bible in 1951. Six persons were received into membership on January 20.

The *Taos, N. Mex.*, church began a Bible institute on January 15 with 16 enrolled students. The teachers are Rev. Sam Horney (Homiletics), Mrs. Sam Horney (Synthesis), and Miss Celina Mares (Teacher Training). The classes meet each Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. The students carry out their practical assignments in the nearby towns—one of which is Talpa, where a Bible class has recently been started, there being 35 people present at the second meeting of this class.

The *Modesto (La Loma), Calif.*, church received nine new members during the last quarter of 1951.

At the *Ashland, Ohio*, church 335 people attended the morning service and 205 the evening service on January 13. Six new members were received into the church.

"Melodies of Grace" is Grace Seminary's radio program over WKAM, Warsaw, Ind., at 1220 on the dial. This program began on February 3 and will be presented each Sunday, 1:00-1:30 p.m. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company is one of the sponsors of the program.

Mr. E. L. Gartland, father of Rev. Clair Gartland, died recently.

Again we remind all Brethren that the next *National Conference* will be held at Winona Lake, Ind., August

18-24. Set your plans in order so you can attend this week of fellowship.

The *Everett, Pa.*, church had 72 people in attendance on the evening of January 6. This is a record for this new work.

Four people were received into the membership of the *San Bernardino, Calif.*, church on January 13.

A *Sisterhood of Mary and Martha* rally was held January 20 at the Long Beach Second Church with Mrs. Stuart Hamblen as the speaker.

Mr. Harold Lovejoy, member of the Long Beach First Church, was recently elected president of Long Beach Christian Business Men's Committee.

Rev. Gerald Polman, for more than 6 years pastor of the Meyersdale and Summit Mills (Pa.) churches, resigned effective on or about April 20, 1952.



A daughter, Miriam Sue, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Neil Beery on January 12 at Danville, Ohio.

The *Danville, Ohio*, church heard Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson January 9-10. While there the Jobsons stayed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Workman, cousins of Mrs. Jobson. On January 6 Rev. Neil Beery performed the marriage ceremony of Mr. Robert J. Magers and Miss Phyllis Ann Gullett.

The Patterson Park church, *Dayton, Ohio*, had one member who read through the Bible in 1951, one person read it through twice, and another person accomplished it three times. On December 2 there were 61 people present in Sunday school—a record—with 70 in the worship service.

"Church Letters," an article written by Dr. Charles Mayes for the December 14, 1951, issue of the Fifth and Cherry Light, and which appeared in the Brethren Missionary Herald on January 12, also appeared

in Christian Beacon on January 17, 1952.

Dr. Paul Bauman will conduct a prophetic Bible conference at the *Uniontown, Pa.*, church February 13-17. This church is effectively using the newspapers and billboards of the community to present itself and its message.

The Bible school of the *Listie, Pa.*, church had 47 people, out of an enrollment of 225, who had perfect attendance records during 1951. Some extended perfect attendance records of this group are: Jack Shaffer, 15 years; George Shaffer, 12 years; Mrs. A. G. Beech, 11 years, and Ray and Eunice Hottle, each 9 years. Russel Beach has been elected superintendent of the Bible school for the 13th year.

Rev. Lee Jenkins, of Lake Odessa, Mich., will be the evangelist at the *Ankenytown, Ohio*, church beginning February 10.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams, missionaries to Africa, spoke at the morning and evening services of the *Osceola, Ind.*, church on January 27. Brother Williams was pastor of this church before going to Africa.

The *Roanoke (Ghent), Va.*, church elected Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Catron to the office of deacon and deaconess on January 23.

The *Troy, Ohio*, church reports 40 at the watch night services. The average Sunday school attendance was 54 in 1951. The Sunday school pupils read a total of 13,500 chapters of the Bible, an average of 250 chapters per person. Two of the group read through the Bible during the year.

A *Troy Hill, Pa.*, Sunday school has been organized under the supervision of the Kittanning church. Wayne Stover is the superintendent and Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Bracker are among the teachers.

At its recent quarterly business meeting the *Ankenytown, Ohio*, church came forth with another "sign of the times." A motion was adopted to the effect that "the church approves the dismantling of the barn and shed on church property, the lumber from these buildings to be used in the construction of a one-car garage and coal shed. This work will begin as soon as the weather permits."

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March Books Feature Christian Experience

The Brethren Book Club is sponsored to call attention to and make available the best in Christian literature. To do this work of book-reviewing a committee of three men were appointed: Dr. Homer A. Kent, Rev. Blaine Snyder, and Editor Conard Sandy.

Policy of Book Committee

Each month two or three books are reviewed on this page in the Brethren Missionary Herald. The first-choice is always a nonfiction book, and sometimes a second non-fiction choice is presented. Also, a book of worth-while fiction is reviewed and made available as an alternate choice. The reviewers are always mindful of the fact that the majority of the members of the club are lay people and hence books are chosen accordingly.

Membership in the Club

Any person may become a member of the club by buying one of the books presented to the members. At the time of joining the new member is given a premium book. At present the premium book may be one of the following: Dr. Florence Gribble's "Stranger Than Fiction," Andrew Bonar's "The Biography of Robert Murray McCheyne," Lewis S. Chafer's "Major Bible Themes," O. E. Phillips' "Out of the Night."

One who joins the club agrees to remain a member until he has bought at least four books through the club. After buying the four another premium or dividend book is given free to the member. Membership can be started with the purchase of either of the two books listed on this page.

Choice of Books

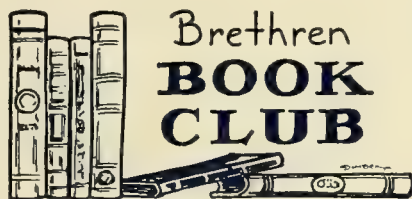
It is important to remember that the first-choice book is always sent to the member unless he notifies the company of his desire to have the second-choice book or no book for any particular month. The notice of any alternate choice *must* be in the company's office by the first of the month and the book will be sent out about the 10th of the month.

Books for March

The first-choice book is James R. Adair's "Saints Alive" (\$2.00). This is a book of 22 modern-day saints who live for God in a world of sin.

The second-choice book is Sallie Lee Bell's "Through Golden Meadows" (\$2.50). Read Brother Snyder's review of the book and you will see that this is a worth-while novel.

After reading these reviews decide which of the two books you want. If it is the first-choice book you need do nothing until the book arrives in your home. If it is the second-



choice book you desire this month then notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company before March 1.

SAINTS ALIVE

By James R. Adair

Too often in our modern times people, even Christians, have gotten a false idea of what a saint is. This has come about because many who should have known better have loosely used the word in speech and literature.

This book will help the reader to understand the word as it is used in the Scriptures. Nowhere in the book will one find a long treatise on the meaning of the term, but the reader will find here 22 brief sketches of modern saints, all but two of whom still live. Each sketch is a combination of biography and testimony, with not a dull line in the book.

Each person whose story is presented here in brief is known for two things: the ability to do something that is recognized by the world as being out of the ordinary, and a clear and definite testimony concerning salvation and the Saviour.

These sketches first appeared in Power magazine, but the author and

publishers have done a service to the reader in presenting these stories in this more permanent form.

Every Christian will find much help and comfort in reading these pages. Every parent ought to see to it that the children in the home read and reread these sketches. The message of the book will help young Christians to a fuller Christian life and it will aid in bringing other young people to know the Lord as Redeemer and Friend.

By all means read this book and learn of the "Boss of WHR," "The Real Doctor Christian," "Life With Banker Smith," "He Led the Pearl Harbor Raid," and "I Die at Midnight."—Conard Sandy.

THROUGH GOLDEN MEADOWS

By Sallie Lee Bell

Against the pleading of her father and the tears of her mother, Joy Grayson left her quiet home for a try at what was supposed to lead her to fame and fortune in Hollywood. When she arrived in the movie city she soon learned that her application papers were only fakes. After much misfortune she returned to her home only to learn that her mother had died of a broken heart soon after she had gone away. "I never want to lay eyes on you again. Get out of here," were the bitter words hurled at Joy by her father.

One reverse after another haunted her young life and many were the nights that she cried herself to sleep. But where could she go? To whom could she go in her quest for peace of mind and heart? Even after Joy found the Lord she learned that the true follower of Christ faces many trials. Her greatest shock was when she heard that her fiancé had been killed in a plane crash. You will have to read the story to learn the surprise ending.

This is one of the best novels which we have read recently. From beginning to end your attention will not waver as you follow Joy from a self-willed, narrow-minded individual to a fully consecrated missionary on her way to Africa. This story should encourage many who are battling with the trials of life.—Blaine Snyder.



The whole gang at East District winter boys' camp.



Gerald Polman leading in Saturday morning devotions.

Buena Vista Draws Biggest S. E. Rally

Ninety registered and attended the Saturday banquet, and 63 were entertained overnight in what proved to be the largest Southeast District Overnight Youth Rally, held at Buena Vista, Va., January 4 and 5. Splendid congregational singing, led by John Burns, trombone solos by



New Southeast youth officers and advisors, left to right: John Burns, Buddy, Margaret, Myra, Lynwood, Galen Lingenfelter.

Lynwood Catron and Jimmie Smals, and messages by Youth Director Ralph Colburn and Missionary Candidate Audrey Byers helped fill the schedule.

The host church young people did a wonderful job of entertaining, and the WMC prepared a delicious turkey dinner. Five young people publicly indicated their desire to give their lives fully to the Lord, which certainly made the work worth while!

Officers elected at the rally were: Myra Conner, president; Buddy Smals, vice president; Margaret Surface, secretary; and Lynwood Catron, treasurer. The young people indicated their desire to have Pastors Galen Lingenfelter and John Burns continue as advisors.

Next rally is scheduled for Johnson City, Tenn., in April.



Saturday morning's crowd around steps of Buena Vista church.

Pennsylvania Boys Enjoy Winter Camp

For 3 days, shortly after Christmas, 24 East District boys, 3 of their pastors, and your youth director, met at Blue Knob, near Altoona, Pa., for a real winter camp. It was really fun, roughing it together. There is no electricity, no running water, no heat except for a fireplace in each cabin, and no mattresses on the bunks, but with plenty of snow on



the ground and plenty of ice on the roads, we had some wonderful sledding, snowballing, and hiking.

Devotions were held each morning and evening, with Ralph Colburn in charge, and different pastors speaking to the boys. Cooking was supervised by Gerald Polman, and we had plenty of good food—nothing fancy, but plenty of it! Boys from at least seven churches were present, and a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, and spiritual refreshment was enjoyed. A similar outing is planned for next year.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

The Youth for Christ leadership training course will be held at the Northwestern Schools, Minneapolis, Minn., April 14-18. Staff members include Dr. Robert Cook, Dr. Frank Phillips, George Wilson, Ted Engstrom, Jack Hamilton, and Mel Larson.

Lake Odessa, Mich.

On Sunday, January 13, 1952, the Grace Brethren Church of Lake Odessa, Mich., marked publicly the results of the blessings of the Lord. On this day the new addition to the original building was dedicated by its people and pastor.

The addition was built at a cost of \$5,000 and was paid for at the time of the dedication. The people of the church are to be congratulated for the fine way that they undertook this debt. It was by Christian giving that they were able to complete the building debt-free.

This addition, which is 30 x 30 feet, and includes a full basement and first floor was built to help take care of the crowded condition which existed in the Sunday school. With this new part the Sunday school has been departmentalized, thus increasing the efficiency of the school.

The speaker for the dedication service was Rev. Ord Gehman, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. Also, Dr. Russell D. Barnard, Rev. Arthur Carey, and Rev. Leslie Moore were with us for the day.

At this service flowers were presented to members of the church who had been present at the dedication of the original building in 1890. They were Mrs. Renny Groff,



The church at Lake Odessa, Mich., showing new addition.

Mrs. Phoebe Mote, Mr. Charles Darby, and Mrs. Lewis Clum. Unable to be present were Mrs. Dessie Leopard, Mrs. Alive Henney, and Mrs. Mary Lou Henney.

A new pulpit was given to the church at this service by Mr. Lyle Hayes. The pulpit was made by Mr. Hayes and he gave it in the name of the servicemen and veterans of the church. Also there was given to the church at the same time a large illuminated picture of Christ in the Garden. This picture was given by the Brovonts and Hullibergers.

In the afternoon the pastor of the church, Lee Jenkins, was ordained to the ministry. Dr. R. D. Barnard was the ordination speaker. Those assisting in the service were Rev. Ord Gehman, Rev. Arthur Carey, and Rev. Leslie Moore.

The attendance for the morning service set a new record, with 180 persons present. The afternoon session was attended by 193 persons.—*Lee Jenkins, pastor.*

Riverside, Johnstown, Pa.

Dr. Floyd Taber gave us a wonderful message on December 7. While the world was remembering Pearl Harbor we were remembering Jesus Christ and hearing of His work in the heart of Africa.

The Riverside Brethren take this opportunity to praise the Lord for the pastor He has sent to us and for his expository preaching of the Word of God, which is gaining attention in the community for our church. He

and his zealous wife, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Hall, are earnest and industrious in their work for the Lord.

We had 71 people present in Bible school on January 6 and 81 the following Sunday. Thus we are using the new room we have added to our church building.

The young people have organized and elected officers as a youth fellowship group.—*Don K. Rager, correspondent.*

Dallas Center, Iowa

"We are living in critical days. It is high time that pleasure-seeking, beer-drinking Sunday desecration be given up for Christ-seeking revival meeting attending and Sunday church-going.

"Your presence and support will be appreciated at the old-fashioned revival preaching that is now going on at the First Brethren Church, where the Rev. Walter A. Lepp is preaching. (Signed) Rev. Samuel Lady, Chairman Ministerial Assoc."

The preceding article appeared in the Dallas Center newspaper during our campaign there the first 2 weeks of January.

God is faithful, who will not test us above that which we are able to bear. Though Mrs. Lepp was at death's door God, the Author of Life, undertook and through her illness glorified Himself in many ways.

In all, 59 decisions were made for Christ. Of this number there were 11 conversions, and 48 stepped out for Christ to really do business for Him.—*Walter A. Lepp, evangelist.*



Ordination of Pastor Lee Jenkins—Standing (left to right): Rev. Ord Gehman, Rev. Leslie Moore, Rev. Arthur Carey, Dr. R. D. Barnard.

Notes on Nehemiah: The Beginning of a Mission

By Prof. John Whitcomb, Grace Theological Seminary

It was in the month of December 445 B. C. that a small group of weary and discouraged men arrived at Susa, capital city of the great Persian Empire, after a 700-mile journey from the little province of Judah. Making their way through the crowded streets of the city, they finally reached the palace of King Artaxerxes and found there a man who would hear their sad account with sympathy and concern. This man was Nehemiah, the cupbearer to the king, yet a Jew like themselves, and one in whose breast stirred the heartthrob of the Psalmist, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning . . . if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

The Remnant in Exile

There had been men of like mind during those 140 long years of exile and reproach since the city of David and the magnificent temple of Solomon had been crushed under the heel of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. Even during the lifetime of that Babylonian monarch, it was Daniel's thrice-daily habit to open his window toward Jerusalem for prayer; and shortly after his time had come Zerubbabel and Joshua the high priest with a small remnant to reestablish the temple-worship in the face of bitter opposition.

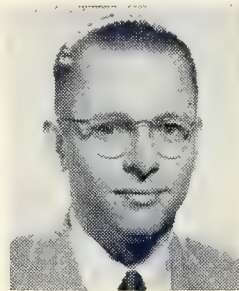
And 60 years after their time, we find Ezra, "the ready scribe in the law of Moses," burning with zeal for the spiritual welfare of his countrymen, bringing revival and repentance in Jerusalem. But Ezra's great work there was now 13 years in the past when Nehemiah's friends came to tell him of Jerusalem's tragic plight: "The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire."

A Heart for God

Do you know what most of us would have done if we had been in Nehemiah's place? We would have told those men, "I am certainly sorry to hear this, but you know those people back in Jerusalem deserve to

be in their present condition. Ezra warned them 13 years ago about mixing with heathen neighbors—and now look at them! Even if I could help, it's too late to do anything now."

If Nehemiah had been like most of the Pharisees of Christ's day, or even like some Christians in our own day, such an answer might have been expected. But Nehemiah said no such thing! Notice his response: "I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven." Fortunately the main content of his prayer has been recorded for us by the Spirit of God in the first chapter of



Prof. Whitcomb

Nehemiah's book. Here are some of the elements of this outstanding prayer:

1. Complete trust in the glory and faithfulness of God (vs. 5).
2. Full self-identification with the sins of his people (6-7).
3. Pleading and claiming the promises of God's written Word (8-9).
4. Confident expectancy that his prayer would be answered (10-11).

The Opportunity Comes

Is there any wonder that God not only heard this prayer, but answered in a most remarkable manner, using Nehemiah himself as His instrument for the building of Jerusalem's walls? God delights to do the impossible, and to do it through impossibly weak vessels that are wholly yielded to Him. What a rebuke to an apostate, unbelieving people! One man of faith, plus God, and the whole life-course of a nation began to move in another direction!

Four months had passed since that

winter day when "certain men out of Judah" came to visit Nehemiah, and now, in the springtime of the year, the hand of God began to move events and circumstances to the accomplishment of His purposes, in answer to Nehemiah's prayer. How naturally it all came about! And yet, how clearly can the providence of God be traced through it all! For it came to pass that on a certain day King Artaxerxes noticed that Nehemiah, his cupbearer, was not as joyful as he formerly had been. "Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart." And so Nehemiah poured out his heart to the king, revealing to him his concern for the city of his fathers.

A King's Question

What difference would it make to the great Artaxerxes that a city in a distant and impoverished province of Persia "lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire"? Could the king possibly have realized what Jerusalem meant in the plan of God, or in the spiritual history of the world, or even in the heart of Nehemiah? Hardly so, and yet he answered in a way that far exceeded the fondest hopes of Nehemiah: "For what dost thou make request?"

For Such a Time as This

Like Queen Esther 35 years before, Nehemiah had "come to the kingdom for such a time as this." King Artaxerxes was waiting for his request, and Nehemiah, overwhelmed by the significance of the occasion, breathed a quick, yet earnest, prayer to God: "So I prayed to the God of heaven." God's interests were Nehemiah's interests, and so the bold request was voiced: "that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it." And so, with the king's permission, and with official letters in his hand, Nehemiah started out for Jerusalem on his life work. A mission had begun.

(Watch for the sequel to this article in an early issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, entitled "The Completion of a Mission.")

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THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

Whipping Post for Guilty Officials

Mr. Charles W. Tobey, United States Senator from New Hampshire, is advocating that the whipping post be used to punish all "public officials who betray their trust." He claims that men who have been elected to public office and then use the office for personal advantage, even to the betrayal of the trust placed in them, have no honor left to protect.

The Senator's suggestion concerning such criminals is: "Let's revive the whipping post. They'd fear that. No punishment really can be adequate, but this practice of accepting resignations of those who are caught in wrongdoing is childishly inadequate."

The whipping post would not be sufficient to deter some men from taking advantage of other people, nor would it be adequate punishment in many of the cases. There is, however, a punishment ahead that will be adequate and just for every crime committed. Jude, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, stated it thus:

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him" (Jude 14-15).

Living Water Is Needed

The Permutit Company, engaged in the manufacture of water-conditioning equipment, makes the claim that "good water is still hard to find." Furthermore, the company claims: "The American Indian knew the worth of good water. He avoided stagnant pools to drink from clear, running brooks and streams."

Concerning water for the physical body the Indian revealed far more wisdom than most people show concerning the water needed for one's spiritual welfare. In the days of Jeremiah this became so very evident that the prophet cried out to all who would hear:

"Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye

very desolate, saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jer. 2: 12-13).

It Is Natural to Complain

The Pittsburgh Chronicle tells the story of a tourist in Mexico seeing women wash their clothes in hot water that came from a boiling spring and rinse them in cool water taken from a cold spring near at hand.

Turning to one of the women the tourist said: "I suppose your people are very grateful to nature for such convenience—hot and cold water in great abundance and close together."

"No," came the quick reply from the native, "there is a great deal of grumbling because no soap is supplied."

During the time of the wanderings in the wilderness the children of Israel complained many times. Of this Moses wrote: "And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp" (Num. 11:1).

Jeremiah asked a very pointed question: "Wherefore doth a living man complain?" (Lam. 3:39); and Jude asserts that "complainers" are among those who shall be judged at the end of the age (Jude 16).

The Gospel Is Dynamite

Dr. William Lyon Phelps, one-time professor at Yale University, once said that the Bible should have written across its covers these words: "Highly Explosive. Handle With Care."

Truer words than these were never spoken concerning this Book. It is indeed "highly explosive," for it is the dynamite of God entrusted to the church in this age.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Rome in these words: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (1:16).

The word in the Greek language that is here translated "power" is *dunamis*, which means "power" or "dynamite." This word appears 116 times in the New Testament and is translated "power" 77 times in the Authorized Version of the Bible.

Upon another occasion Paul wrote, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power [dynamite] of God" (I Cor. 1:18).

Uncertainties of Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late President of the United States, is very uncertain about the future life.

On a radio program last December over the Columbia Broadcasting System, she spoke on the subject, "This I Believe." Among other things she is reported to have said:

"I don't know whether I believe in a future life. . . . I came to feel that it didn't really matter very much because whatever the future held you'd have to face it when you come to it, just as whatever life holds you have to face it exactly the same way. I think I am pretty much of a fatalist."

Later, when asked to clarify her statement, she said:

"I do believe in immortality, but I haven't been able to decide exactly what form it might take. There are so many possibilities. . . . It seems unnecessary to try to decide the exact form that immortality will take. We won't be able to change it and we must accept it. And we must meet it with courage and do our best."

The Apostle Paul did not share this uncertainty concerning the future. He had a confident hope and expressed it thus in writing to the Corinthians:

"Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (for we walk by faith, not by sight:) we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him" (II Cor. 5:6-9).



“Occupy” IN PRAYER

By Dr. Orville D. Jobson, Missionary to Africa

From what one is able to observe, prayer occupies a very small percentage of time in our 24-hour day. From what one is able to observe, prayer is the one thing that the church does the least of in public worship. More time is taken up in either singing, preaching, or taking the offering and making the announcements alone, than is spent for the invocation, public prayer, and benediction all together. From what one is able to observe, even in the midweek service, which is intended for prayer, more time is spent in the opening service than in actual prayer and supplication. From what one is able to observe, a day of prayer has the poorest attended meetings of any gathering of Christian people.

If these observations are correct, and I feel reasonably certain that they are, then we are doing a pretty poor job of “occupying in prayer.” Therefore the subject is timely. Prayer is so necessary, first for our spiritual life, and second for the advance of the church and its mission in the world. I believe it is in this second sense that our Women’s Missionary Council has chosen this theme. The very word “occupy” signifies that there is a work to do for the Lord while He is in the Father’s house.

There is one question that we might ask ourselves that would bring us face to face with our responsibility to “occupy in prayer.” This is the question: If the evangelization of the world, or any given part of it, were dependent on my prayers and supplication to God for it, how much progress might I reasonably expect God’s work in that area to make? Someone may say there are more factors that enter into the picture. Maybe so, but I would remind you that in answer to the prayers of one godly woman in England, who had a burden for a revival in her own country, God led Dwight L. Moody to England, and with him a great revival. If the evangelization of any given part of the world were to weigh heavily on our hearts, God would hear our supplication and send forth workers into that area. Or, if the need is revival, He will answer with conviction and salvation from on high.

It has been written concerning the century just passed that “this century of missions bears no mark of the wonder-work of God more conspicuous than the multi-

plied and marvelous answers to prayer.” Dr. A. T. Pierson, writer of these lines, continues: “Every conspicuous step and stage of progress is *directly traceable to prevailing, believing, expectant supplication.*” And what a century! Carey, Livingstone, Judson, Morrison, and Taylor! What victories! What martyrs!

It is of intense interest to learn from Dr. Pierson that in response to a call by Jonathan Edwards to united prayer for a new and world-wide Pentecost, there was established a stated monthly season of united organized pleading with God for a lost world. This burden of the 19th century is echoed in our African day of prayer on the 15th of every month. How happy we are that the challenge of a monthly day of prayer is being taken up by so many of our churches and groups in the homeland. When we take this day as a challenge from God and act upon it in earnest, I believe God will hear and answer. He has already blessed our African field, and, we believe, in response to our united prayer. He is supplying workers, funds, and opening new doors. There is no limit with God. If we would see great things done for His name’s sake, then we must supplicate in prayer, believing His promise to answer. If this brief article is blessed of God to stir up a more universal acceptance of and wholehearted participation in our monthly day of prayer it will indeed result in great glory to His name.

Never was there more talk about the value and efficacy of prayer. Never was there more agreement and mental assent to the power and potency of prayer. Never did the church possess more excellent volumes on the subject of how to pray. But of all the generations of Christians since our Lord returned to glory we have the distinction of being the most prayerless. Satan has made us so busy about material things that we have very little time left for prayer and supplication. In neglecting prayer we have been obliged to go in our own strength and wisdom, and how heavy the load!

It is not exhortation to prayer that we need! It is prayer itself. “Lord teach us to pray.” “We know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” God help us to pray, to spend time in prayer, to supplicate in prayer!



Guest Editorial by Helen Beach

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (Rom. 12:15).

On first observation it would seem that the rejoicing end of this verse would be the easier. But let's look a little closer.

Recently a lady, when told of a tragedy affecting a woman for whom she never had any particular liking, expressed a deep and genuine sympathy for the other's sorrow. But the same lady nearly shed tears when a member of her own family got a new car.

She really is not unusual, either. Most of us are easily touched by another's grief. Sometimes, when reading of disaster in our newspapers, we are moved with compassion for those involved, even if they are strangers to us.

But who has not experienced at some time or other that old green-eyed monster raising its ugly head unbidden? We might weep with our neighbors if Junior has a fractured skull, but it is a lot harder to rejoice with them when he makes a "straight-A" average in school, especially if our child is a "B" student.

It applies in the talent field, too. A certain woman was given church work at which she was particularly adept. Strangers were lavish in their praise. But it was the old story of the prophet in his own country. Those who should have been her greatest morale-builders actually took steps to have her removed from the position. Though they were unsuccessful, the incident was to her pleasure in the work what a pin is to a balloon.

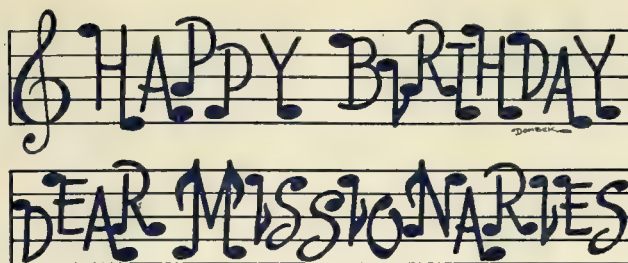
How often we have heard these expressions: "He must have some pull somewhere or he would not have that job," or "People fuss too much over Sally," or "How do they do it on his salary?" or "Why do some people get everything?"

But the picture does not have to be negative. If we truly rejoice in another's good fortune we can tell him so. What a wonderful blessing are those who are quick with a sincere word of praise and encouragement for their fellow Christians.

One group of Sunday school teachers have a warm spot in their hearts for a lady in their church who never fails to commend their efforts following special programs by their department.

Remember the friend who said, "I'm so glad for you"? Or the encouraging pat on the back and "That was a good job. Keep it up!"

It is wonderful to comfort the sorrowing, but it is far more unselfish to be sincerely happy in another's triumphs. This is not a human virtue. It requires a type



Africa—

David G. Goodman.....April 21, 1947

Argentina—

Robert Luis Dowdy.....April 26, 1948

Brazil—

Rev. J. Keith Altig.....April 9

In United States—

Rev. Solon Hoyt.....April 2

Miss Janice Altig.....April 9
(In school; send in care of Foreign Missionary Society,
Winona Lake, Ind.)

Miss Marguerite Taber.....April 11
(In school; send in care of Foreign Missionary Society,
Winona Lake, Ind.)

Mrs. Robert S. Williams.....April 15

HE FREELY GIVES

By Ida Baker, Martinsburg, Pa.

Perfect peace—when I am born anew;
Beautiful supply of faith beyond all measure.
Strength for each day—a precious promise true,
Abounding joy in Him, my new-found Treasure.

Abiding love—amidst the storms of life;
Enduring care in paths I cannot see.
Lasting faith, to conquer sin and strife,
Blessed hope, He's coming back for me!

PRAISE THE LORD!

The national WMC offering for HOME MISSIONS totaled \$2,226.23. Over the goal. Thank you, ladies, and praise the Lord. Isn't He wonderful?

of generosity with which we are not naturally endowed. Only God can give us the grace.

It all stems back to Christ's commandment that we "love one another as I have loved you." When we truly love someone his joys are ours too.

So prone my heart to envy,
My tongue to follow suit.
Whence comes this dry bitterness
At sight of others' fruit?

Take first my wilful heart, O Lord,
Fill it with love like Thine,
That the joys of those I love through Thee,
Might then be truly mine.

WMC DEVOTIONAL TOPICS FOR MARCH

Bible Study—The Centrality of Missions.

Mission Study—Occupation of the Field to the North-east and South.

Boys Are Made of . . .

Our Responsibility to Our Sons in Our Churches

By Paul L. Mohler, Pastor, Listie (Pa.) Brethren Church

We are extravagant people! We throw enough food into our garbage cans to feed millions of starving people. Enough power is going to waste in the United States, experts tell us, to turn every wheel of every industry, to electrify every home, and to lift the bulk of the physical burden of every man, woman, and child, if it were only utilized and applied.

That waste, to a large degree, carries over into our churches. There is, in our churches, enough missionary power going to waste to save every man, woman, and child, not only in the U. S. A., but around the world, if it would be utilized and applied. That power is in our boys.

Someone once said that girls are made of sugar and spice and everything nice. I think we can more truthfully say that boys are made of energy, eagerness, enthusiasm, and endless exertion. With the world in its present low spiritual state, it is half-past high time that we harness this power which, to a large degree, lies dormant in our churches in our boys. Let us capture that energy for the Lord Jesus Christ! We have an excellent mold in which to make our boys into power-

ful agents of the cross. In this day of secret Satanic agents, we need to build our boys into bold, open-and-aboveboard agents for Christ. It is our responsibility as members of the Body of Christ to use every legitimate means, in our homes, in our schools, and in our churches, to make Christ-honoring Christian citizens and men missionaries out of our boys.

This is an hour of godless religion, Christless Christianity, lifeless churchianity, spiritless Protestantism, meaningless Catholicism, and a bloodless Gospel! We need to awaken out of our spiritual lethargy and stupor!

Through the spiritual indifference of dads, the spiritual laziness of big brothers, and spiritual deadness of uncles, we have bred a generation of drunks, morons, imbeciles, introverts, extroverts, and perverts. J. Edgar Hoover and FBI statistics paint a dark, dark picture of our moral state. Two-bit politicians, tinhorn gamblers, tommy-gun bandits, God-defying Communists, government grafters, thieves, and swindlers are at an all-time high, while morality, spirituality, and godliness are at an all-time low. May God help us to lead our nation's sons to Jesus Christ the only Saviour, and our own Christian sons to a place of full surrender and service for the Lord! Let us get busy now, doing something for, and with, our boys.

One of the finest instruments for training boys for Christ in the church is the boys club. (In our church we have Sky Pilots of America.) And the only way a boys club can really be successful is under the supervision and direction of the adult men of the church. And, believe me, it works! The boys club method has had heartening results wherever it has been patiently, persistently, consistently, and faithfully tried. One dear older pastor was heard remarking: "We should have had such a thing 150 years ago!"

The boys club is the place where men with any amount of talent, much or little, can be used effectively and successfully for the Lord Jesus Christ. For too long we have let the women of the church lead our boys. Sound logic demands that the boys are the responsibility of the men in the church. It takes a man to lead a boy! A well-known story lends support to this fact.

One day a man started walking across a field in the snow. After going several rods, he heard a noise behind him and, turning around, he saw his young son stretching his legs just as far as he possibly could. The lad shouted: "Hey, Dad, I'm following right in your tracks!"

Sons do follow in the footsteps of their dads. Boys do naturally follow men. Men exert a tremendous influence over boys. Therefore, every red-blooded Christian man is responsible to lead boys to and for the Son of



God. Every Christian man is duty-bound to raise up, train, and make men missionaries for Jesus out of the boys in and out of the church!

The Lord needs men today. He needs godly men. Great men of God have been slipping away in death one by one. Dr. William Evans, Dr. William B. Riley, Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, that great medical doctor and man of God, Dr. Arthur I. Brown, and Dr. Arno Gabelein, Dr. William Pettingill, Dr. Louis Bauman, and Dr. Harry Ironside have all gone to be with the Lord. His gain is our loss! Who will take their place? God's work will go on. It must go on! But He needs spiritual men, good men, big men, great men to do His work. God can, and



will, use our boys to fill these empty shoes and vacant ministrations, if we men of the church will accept the challenge before us to lead and train our boys to use their endless energies for Him.

A boy once asked his mother: "Mom, am I going to be with Jesus in heaven when I die?" "Yes, son," she said. "And will you be there, Mommy?" he asked. "Yes, Mother will be there, too." "And Grandpa?" he continued. "Yes, if Grandpa has accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour." "Well, how about Dad; will he be there, too?" again queried the boy. "No, son," said that dear mother, her heart aching within her breast, "Your daddy couldn't leave the store."

Too many dads are like that man. They are too busy with the store, or too busy with the farm, or too busy with trucks, television, or some other trivial, transient thing to attend to the most important thing—their own soul's salvation and the salvation of their sons. Consequently our jails, our penitentiaries, reformatories, and asylums—yes, and hell, too—are full of men and

boys whose dads didn't take the time necessary to lead them to Christ and to God's heaven. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

The first duty of every Christian man, the big obligation of every man in the church, is to make good staunch Christian American citizens and missionaries for Christ out of our boys. We are hearing a lot about Americanism and patriotism today, and that is good, but we need to be forcefully reminded that the best Americans this country ever had, or ever will have, are the close-living, Christ-honoring, Bible-reading, God-fearing Christian citizens. Those are the kind of Christian citizens we need. Those are the kind of missionaries we need. The men in the church have the potential in the boys to give this country the kind of men it so desperately needs—loyal Christian men—and the kind of men God wants—fearless, Gospel-preaching, zealous missionaries of the cross.

God needs men today! He needs he-men! He needs brave men! He needs God-fearing men! He needs working men! He needs every dad in the church! He needs every big brother! He will use every man who is big enough, brave enough, he-man enough, Christian enough to stand up and to stand out for Jesus Christ and train our boys to spend their eagerness, enthusiasm, and energy for the Son of God! Will we meet the challenge and tap the unlimited spiritual power and missionary resources that lie within our grasp? If our men will, we will, and God will.



February, and the final month of giving to Grace Seminary through WMC. We went over the top for home missions. We'll NOT do less for our beloved seminary.

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Sorry, SORRY, but there is NO NEWS! Isn't anybody doing ANYTHING? We're weeping! NOBODY IS DOING ANYTHING. We're at the half-way point in our WMC year. What will our report be if we are failing to do our best NOW? Isn't ANYBODY DOING ANYTHING NOW? We want some news NOW!

"IN HIS VINEYARD"

SISTERHOOD OF MARY and MARTHA

"FOR WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD..." I Cor. 3:9a



THE GRAPEVINE

THANK OFFERING! To help build up our fund for the higher education of our missionaries' children, in April, our SMM birthday month, we are giving a birthday thank offering. There are various ways of doing this. One is to have a birthday party and invite the members of the church. Some groups have had a cake for each month of the year and decorated each to represent that month. Or, if desired, tables could be decorated for the 12 months and have the people sit at the table decorated for their month. Plan an interesting program. Individuals in the church would undoubtedly donate the cakes, and then an offering taken at the party goes to the education fund. Another method is for each SMM girl to bring an offering, at least a penny for as many years as she is old. Why not have a birthday cake for SMM? Offerings could be placed in a bank made like a cake or a box wrapped as a gift with a slot in it. Remember that this offering must be sent to the treasurer before April 30.

KEEP WORKING on those Mary and Martha goals so that you can earn the emerald or diamond awards. Check up on your goals so that in the few months that lie ahead you can complete the goals that are necessary to earn the award. To earn the emerald award you must meet all the starred goals and at least three of the unstarred Mary goals (three of goals 6, 7, 8, and 9) and three projects from any three of the unstarred Martha goals (one project each from three of goals 4 to 6). To earn the diamond award you must meet all the starred goals and *all* the unstarred Mary goals (goals 6 to 9) and at least five projects from any three of the unstarred Martha goals (five projects done, but in doing so, three of goals 4 to 10 must be participated in).

PLANS for out-of-doors projects in order to meet goal 10 should be made immediately.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR MARCH

SING TIME—Use songs and choruses with a missionary theme.

OPENING PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE—Job 38:1-18; 40:1-14.

SHARPENING YOUR TOOLS—"Only God Would Have Thought of That!"

TESTIMONY TIME.

AFRICAN VINEYARD—"Stranger Than Fiction."

Senior—"Pioneering in Africa."

Junior—"The Missionaries' Daughter."

SPECIAL MUSIC.

OTHER VINEYARDS—"France."

CIRCLE PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

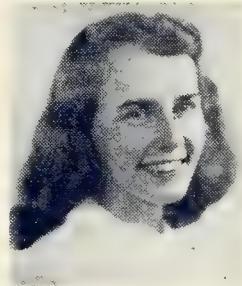
SPRING CABINET MEETING should be held now. Check over the local goals, and also the Mary-Martha goals, and lay plans that will make possible your SMM meeting all the requirements so that yours will be an *Honor Sisterhood* this year.

HOW ARE YOU COMING with your project offering? As you give for the SMM chapel in Kentucky, pray that the Lord will lead in the problems regarding site, materials, and building plans. To stimulate interest in giving, choose a certain portion of the building as that which your SMM is paying for.

INTRODUCING YOUR OFFICERS

HELEN SMALL

National Secretary



"Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame" (I Cor. 15:34).

We are living in the day when we easily hear God's "alarm-warning" that, "knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake

out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Surely we must give ear to the "ringing alarm," and awake before it is any later and little can be accomplished. Surely an SMM girl must arise, live a pure, clean, Christlike life because—"some have not the knowledge of God!"

I have always been thankful for the many, many blessings of the meetings and the service of SMM. Through the years of "growing up" in SMM, from the Junior, through the Intermediate, into the Senior, I found and learned the many great spiritual lessons that were needed to answer the above call of God. Together we learned the blackness of sin, the sweetness of Christ, the vastness of a world lost without Jesus, and the shamefulness of our own failure to be redeeming the time for Him.

Indeed, it is a great privilege to serve SMM as an officer. I praise the Lord that I can have this way to do something to somewhat "repay" for all the blessings that I have taken out of SMM; but even in this service the Lord returns many more blessings. I am glad to be one of your officers, but I am even more glad just to be an SMM girl.

In Christ Jesus,

Helen Small.

Only God Would Have Thought of That!

By Rev. Ralph Colburn

It hasn't been so very many years ago that color film was developed, and cameras perfected that took good, colored motion pictures. Sometimes we marvel at the mechanisms that make color photography possible, but those of us who have tried a little of it, know that good color photography is fairly complicated. You have to possess the right kind of a camera, and a light meter, and you must use the right lens, shutter speed, lens opening, distance focus, and sometimes other gadgets, to get a good reproduction of what you see.

But did you ever stop to think that thousands of years ago God equipped man with a built-in, stereo-movie camera better than man has ever been able to duplicate? Yes, your eyes are just that! They focus and adjust to the light automatically, in an instant of time, and many of the important pictures that they take are filed permanently in the galleries of the mind.

Yes, our eyes are wonderful cameras, and we scarcely appreciate them while we have them. But here's something strange! Man, who is supposed to be at the top of the evolutionary scale, does not have nearly as good eyes as some of the lower creatures. Many birds and animals have far sharper vision than we, and some of the lowly insects have a far more complicated vision apparatus than we. The common house fly, for instance, has two eyes, each of which is composed of 4,000 separate eyes which enable it to see above, below, front, side, and back, all at the same time. And the dragon fly has 13,500 facets in each eye! God has equipped every living creature with the kind of eye he most needs, without regard to the biological level of its existence. Only God would have thought of that!

Evolution tells us that all existing life has adapted itself to its existence, and has developed its peculiar traits according to its environment. But there is very little evidence of any such development in process. As far as history, archeology, and geology are able to discover, the forms of life we know today *always* had the same characteristics, habits, instincts, etc., with only minor changes taking place within species. All of which points to the fact that from the lowest forms of life to the highest, we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psa. 139:14).

It was God, not chance, that gave the bat his "radar" system of blind flying. It was God who designed the bird different from all other creatures, in bone and body structure, in heartbeat and temperature ratio, so that he could fly. It was God who designed the insects, and the fish, and the animals, and ordained that some should feed on dead matter, to purify the earth and the sea;

others should feed on vegetation, and still others should feed on each other, to keep them from overpopulating the earth.

And it was God who gave man dominion over all other creatures—a dominion into which man is still coming. That's why insects, or animals, could never rise to the heights some imaginative science fictionists have written of and dominate the earth. God is a God of order, and He has established an order of life upon the earth that will not be greatly changed. You and I can be thankful that God thought of that. And God has thought of everything—yes, even the minutest details of your life. So you can safely and wisely commit all that you are and have to Him.

(Seniors, if you would like a further discussion of this subject, I would suggest that you dig into the passages in Job 38 through 42 when the Lord answers Job.)

THE TOOL CHEST

COLOR BOOKS: Make your own to give to children who are shut-ins or in hospitals; use as awards in Sunday school or D. V. B. S. or mission points.

Materials needed: plain white paper (8½ x 11), smudge-proof carbon paper, pen and ink or indelible pencil, pictures to be traced, construction paper for covers (8½ x 11), gummed letters, brass paper fasteners and punch.

What to do: Trace outlines of pictures that are good for coloring on plain white paper. To make outline more permanent we suggest going over the carbon outline with ink or indelible pencil. Use two sheets of construction paper for back and front covers. On front cover make title ("Color Book," etc.) of gummed letters. Punch two holes in white sheets and covers ½ inch in from left edge and 3 inches from top and bottom. Assemble outlines between covers and fasten together with brass fasteners.

BOOK COVER AND MARKER: These make dandy gifts and awards.

Material needed: suede.

What to do: The cover is made of a piece of suede 13 inches wide and 8¾ inches long. Cut two other pieces of suede 2 inches wide and 8¾ inches long for the pockets into which the book fits. Cut another piece of suede 1½ inches wide and 8¾ inches long for the book marker. Place the pocket strips at each end of the cover, back wrong sides together; place the book marker about 3 inches in from the right-hand side. Now stitch all the way around the cover, thus sewing the pockets and book marker to the cover. Be sure to leave the bottom end of the book marker free when you stitch. To give the book marker a more finished appearance, the free end may be fringed by cutting up 2¼ inches from the bottom every ¼ inch.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray for the work beginning in France; for the workers, Rev. and Mrs. P. Fredrick Fogle.
2. Pray for the foreign missionary offering that it will be great to meet the increased foreign mission needs.
3. Pray that souls will be won to Christ Jesus through SMM.

Missionaries to France? Why should the Brethren Church send missionaries to France? Why should that country need missionaries? No doubt many of you have asked yourselves these questions or similar ones. I, too, took the same attitude until my eyes were opened to the need in that country.

France has a population of 42 million. The Roman Catholic Church claims a membership of 7 million, but millions in France know nothing of Jesus Christ, the living Saviour. It has been estimated that there are less than 50,000 born-again believers in the nation, and over 30,000 cities and villages are without a testimony for Christ—without one Protestant church. The vast majority of the people of France, and other European countries as well, are without hope—they have been given no opportunity to choose Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

France is going through dark days. This is recognized by various leaders, and one French author asserts the following: "Men are thirsty. The militant Communist possesses a faith which others envy, but we will not agree to the purchase of happiness by giving up our free will. To avoid war, to quench the thirst of men, we must restore to our young people what totalitarian systems have taken away—confidence in mankind." Is this a sufficient weapon to deal with the problem? Shall it be Christ or Communism for France? France needs someone to cope with the problem of sin, and there is only One who can do this—the Lord Jesus Christ. At present the doors are wide open to the Gospel, but for how long?

The continent of Europe gave birth to the Brethren Church. Due to trials and persecution Brethren families came from Europe to America, and after the year 1733 no organized Brethren work was left in Europe. In opening a work in France we can give back a Brethren Gospel testimony to Europe. Not only is there this aspect to our work in France, but France is a strategic point of focus in connection with our mission in French Equatorial Africa. A work in France will enable us to grasp a better understanding of the French people—their language, their customs, their culture, and we are praying that the time will come when we may send missionaries to Africa from France as a result of our Gospel testimony there.

Prayers have been answered. Our first missionaries to France, Rev. and Mrs. P. Fredrick Fogle and their family, arrived in that land in November 1951. They are now diligently studying the French language and making other preparations for the establishment of a Brethren church. The continued prayers and gifts of God's people are needed to make this work a complete reality.

Will you help them establish this Brethren church in France?

NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT

The Northwest District SMM was held in Spokane, Wash., November 24. The following officers were elected: patroness, Mrs. Glen Welborn; assistant patroness, Mrs. Vernon Harris; president, Carol Blair; vice president, Carol Lund; secretary-treasurer, Dolores MacMahon.—*Dolores MacMahon, district secretary.*

Senior—

VII. "Pioneering in Africa" (chapters 16-18).

A. Chapter 16—"Another War Voyage."

1. "The City of Cairo" (pp. 118-119),
2. The "Wall" (119-120).
3. Dr. Sims (120-121).

B. Chapter 17—"Brazzaville."

1. Housing Problems (122-125).
2. Two Called "Home" (125-126).
3. Going to Carnot (126-128).

C. Chapter 18—"Carnot."

1. Thanksgiving Day (129-130).
2. Man-Eating Leopard (130-131).
3. Opposition to the Gospel (131-132).
4. Vision—Fulfillment (133-135).
5. The Silence (135-136).
6. The Decision (136).

Junior—"The Missionaries' Daughter."

Girls, again we must change Florence's name, for since she married James Gribble, her name is now Dr. Florence Gribble. From now on we will call her Dr. Gribble.

Soon after their marriage the young couple left to explore and give out the Gospel in some of the outlying villages. On this trip Dr. Gribble became very ill—an illness that required an operation—but the nearest hospital was 300 miles away. The Lord answered prayer for her and provided boatmen and porters to take her safely to the hospital. After two operations the doctor advised James Gribble to take his wife back to America. They did not have enough money then to pay for the fare, but when the time came for them to leave Africa, the Lord supplied it. It was a real joy for them to be back and to see their loved ones after 7 years in Africa.

While in America a new joy comes into the life of James and Florence Gribble. After reading pages 112 and 113 tell about—

1. The birth of the daughter of the missionaries (112-113).
2. The answer to prayer that God gave Dr. Gribble after her little girl came (113).

Now it is time for the Gribbles to return to Africa. This time they are going to open a new mission field for the Brethren Church. Read pages 119 and 120.

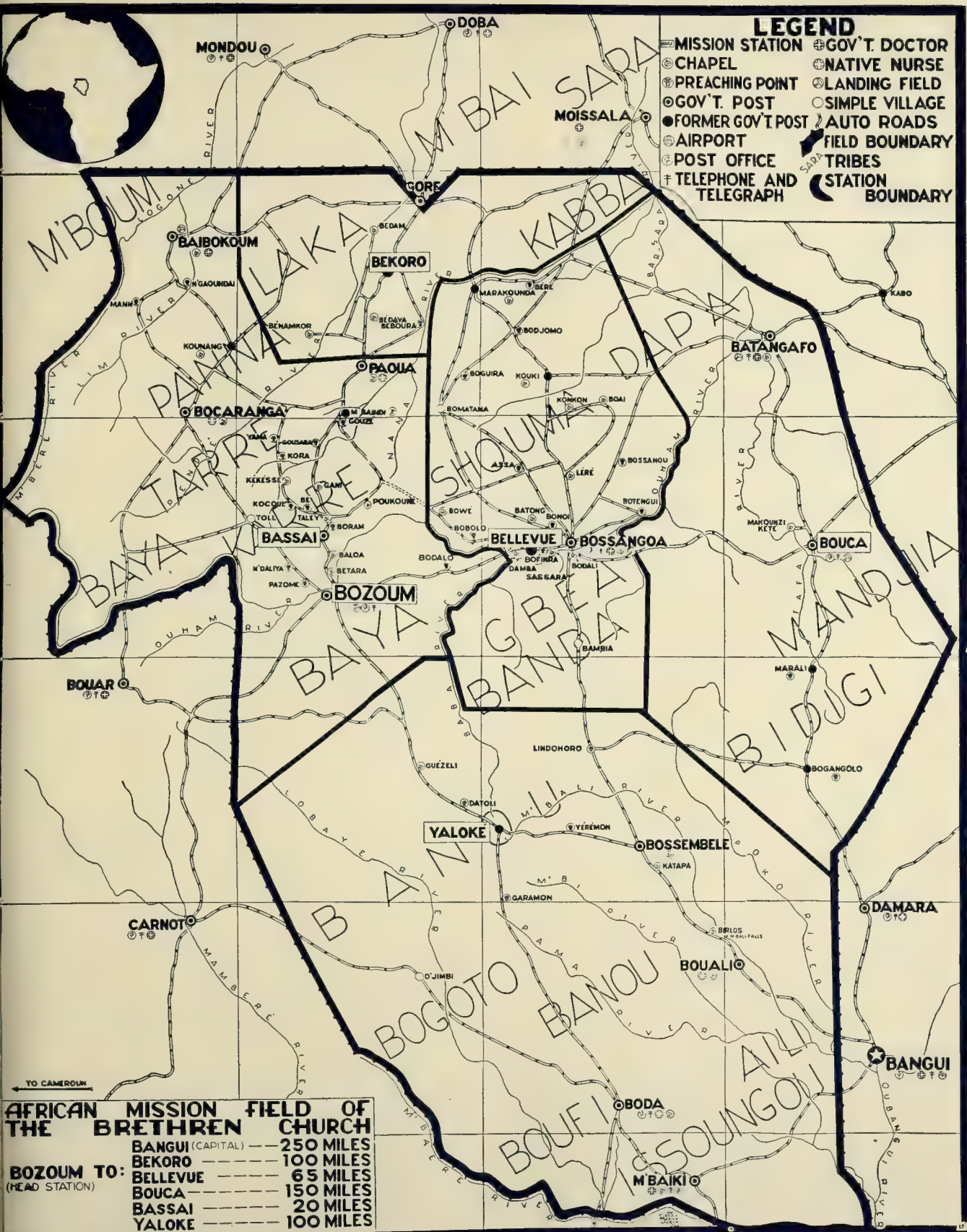
3. Now tell how little girls had to be taken care of on the boat called the *Wall*.

After coming to Africa, Marguerite had many new and interesting experiences. Page 127 tells about one of these. Read it and tell—

4. About the African natives' concern for Marguerite when a leopard was around.

Marguerite lived with her parents in Africa for about 3 years. They did not have schools in Africa, and so her parents decided to take her back to America so that she could go to school. Now read pages 142 to 144 and tell—

5. About Marguerite's return trip to America (142).
6. About Marguerite and the policeman in New York (143).
7. How God gave Marguerite just the gifts she wanted for her birthday (143-144).



Girls, keep this map in a handy place so that you can follow the progress of our mission stations and work in Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

NEWS OF THE SISTERHOODS

Dayton, Ohio—The girls are having good meetings with good attendance. They sent boxes to the students away at college, and in November they held a candle-light service for their whole church.

Waterloo, Iowa, Jr.—Twelve girls have earned their pennants already. They had 3 days of canning and ended up with 35 quarts of canned goods for the Missionary Residence at Winona Lake.

Portis, Kans., Sr.—At their Christmas party with the Senior and Junior WMC's they collected toys for the Taos, N. Mex., mission.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jr.—These girls meet twice a month, one night for a devotional meeting, and the other night to "work." A bag of baby clothes was given to the Howards to use in their work in Baja California.

Winona Lake, Ind., Jr.—They are still thinking about the wonderful time they had at a "slumber party" some time ago. Even though it was a night of much play, they rolled bandages. At one meeting they packed boxes of cookies for several of our home missionaries. They met for an extra day and made mittens for the Navaho children.

Meyersdale, Pa., Sr.—They have completed the cooking project and now are working on the Mary goals.

Buena Vista, Va., Sr.—Surprise packages were sent by the girls to the students from their church. They also helped prepare for the district youth rally that was held in their church. Best news—they gained four new members.

Covington, Va., Sr.—The girls gave gifts for a layette to be used by missionaries in their work. They have "penny partners" and are saving pennies for the chapel for Dryhill.

Limestone, Tenn.—Good news comes that this SMM has reorganized and has been growing since their first meeting. They have already had a bandage-rolling meeting and all enjoyed it. We are glad for their progress and pray that their desire to be an out-and-out SMM for Christ will be fully met.

OUR NATIONAL PROJECT

HAVE
YOU
THOUGHT
OF A
NAME
FOR IT?



SMM CHAPEL

Send your suggestions with your news items to the general secretary.

SUGGESTED BOOKS FOR GIRLS—By Mrs. Conard Sandy

TWENTIETH-CENTURY ONESIPHORUS, by Harry J. Albus. \$2.00.

A presentation is here given of the heroic Christian life of Leslie Anglin, founder of the Home of Onesiphorus for China's destitutes. God was tested by Mr. and Mrs. Anglin as they opened their home to the homeless Chinese children. Never once did He fail to supply their every need, although in 10 years their family increased from 1 child to over 500. Supplying food, shelter, and love to these needy people provides a background for this 20th-century "Good Samaritan" story.

Girls, this book is one of the reading circle books for WMC, so you may be able to borrow it from their library. If not, you can order it from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

HIDDEN VALLEY, by Douglas C. Percy. \$2.00.

This book is an African mystery novel that is filled with suspense and thrills that seem to be matters of life or death to those concerned.

The author portrays the life and customs of the Africans from authentic knowledge, having worked as a missionary among them for many years. The hero of our story is a young man who is willing to be used by the Lord as a witness for Him among those lost in the darkness of heathen Africa. Peter, our hero, has two friends who visit him in this dark land, and while here they find life is indeed anything but monotonous, and that the thrill that they seek is ever present.

Hidden Valley is a prize winner in Zondervan's Second International Christian Fiction Contest, and as your attention is held by the unfolding of the plot you will undoubtedly feel that the judges were justified in choosing this book as a winner.

EAST DISTRICT SISTERHOOD

We elected our new officers before the district conference. The officers for this new year are: president, Amy Lou Bracker; vice president, Lois Ringler; secretary-treasurer, Janet Weber; assistant secretary-treasurer, Nancy Buckel; patroness, Mrs. John Neely; assistant patroness, Mrs. Fred Walter.

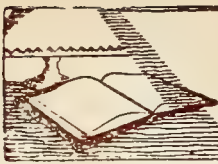
At the district conference these officers who were present were installed. When we were discussing a project we were really in a fix until one of the girls asked Brother Jobson for an idea of what we could take as our project. We took his suggestion and for our district project we are buying record machines for Africa.

We have not received anything for this, but we know the Lord will provide the needs.

We held our first youth rally since we elected officers on November 9-10 at Conemaugh. At our Sisterhood meeting we had as special music a duet from Mundy's Corner Senior Sisterhood and a solo from the same church's Junior Sisterhood. The speaker was our new patroness, Mrs. John Neely, wife of the pastor at the Conemaugh church. She spoke on who should witness, when they should witness, where they should witness, what they should witness, and why they should witness. We all enjoyed the talk very much and at the close of the rally we went home rejoicing in the things of the Lord.—Janet Weber, East District secretary.

DENVER, COLO.





As the Editor Sees It

By L. L. GRUBB



BRETHREN WARRIOR PROMOTED

Bro. Roy A. Patterson, who was recently promoted into the Saviour's presence, was one of the most influential and faithful laymen the church has ever known.

We knew him in a special way as a member of the Brethren Home Missions Council, and he was for a number of years the president of that organization. His wise counsel and wisdom, as well as wide experience in the work of home missions, made him an extremely valuable member of the board. Many times board policies were settled through some suggestion made by Brother Patterson. The Home Missions Council deeply mourns the loss of this man of God.

However, especially were we thankful for the close personal friendship of Brother Patterson. He was one to whom any problem could be taken in complete confidence and he was always ready with some splendid suggestion. Good business, faith, courage, and vision were all basic characteristics of this effective servant of God.

Our sympathy is sincerely extended to those of his immediate family as we look forward to further fellowship with him at the coming of our Lord.

WMC ASSISTS NEW BRETHREN CHURCH

Many have been the times when we have had substantial cause to thank God for the work of the Women's Missionary Council of our Fellowship.

Just recently they have proved their missionary vision again by helping to establish the new Brethren church in Denver, Colo. A check for \$2,330.21 was sent to the home mission office for this purpose and this money is already at work in developing the Brethren church in Denver.

Praise the Lord for the vision of the WMC!

IS THIS RELIGIOUS LIBERTY?

Recently a member of a Philadelphia Brethren church sent us a clipping taken from the Philadelphia Inquirer regarding this pertinent matter.

A federal district court in Sacramento, Calif., ruled that a group meeting in a home in Chico, Calif., holding prayer meetings, was violating the city zoning ordinance for that section.

We seem to have come to the place in our highly specialized age where even a small group of the Lord's peo-

ple cannot get together in a home and pray and sing songs of praise to God. This group was simply awaiting the time when they could construct their own church building in another area and move into it.

Fundamental denominations are facing increasing problems in the starting and locating of churches because there are so many arms of the law which may reach them and which often respond to political or religious pressure.

It certainly is a breach of the Constitution for any court to deny the children of God the right to meet in any home and have fellowship in the Lord when they desire.

We could wish that such a case as this might be tested in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Such instances serve to emphasize the fact that our American nation needs the Gospel of Christ and should be evangelized with all speed before the forces of Satan make church expansion practically impossible.

NATIONAL BUDGET ACCURATE SPIRITUAL BAROMETER

Our national budget for coming months will approximate 85 billions. The plan is to collect about 71 billions of this by taxes and borrow the other 14 billions, thus plunging our already poverty-stricken nation into deeper debt. The number of government employees will be increased to 2,650,000. The U. S. Government is about the biggest business in the world.

The thing that amazes and staggers one is the fact that fully 90 percent of this budget goes for war—past, present, and future. Of course the future is called "defense."

If it were not for war our tax burden would have to be only one-tenth of what it is now.

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars" (Matt. 24:6). This prophecy seems to be abundantly fulfilled already and great preparation is being made by all nations on the earth to keep things moving in the same direction.

When nations spend 90 percent of their income for making machines of war and using them to kill others; to devastate and bring carnage to great areas of the earth, it seems that we have at the same time an indication of man's great spiritual need and also the finest plea for mission support.

BRETHREN CHURCH NEEDED IN PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

A city of 40,000 people is calling for a Brethren church!

Already a group of 18 people have met and are planning another meeting with a larger group in prospect.

The southern section of this great city is being rapidly developed and will afford an opportunity for some denomination with a vision and the means to enter the field.

Parkersburg is a solid, southern community with many fine and diversified industries and it has a great future.

Our Grafton pastor, Bro. Stanley Hauser, has been

OUR COVER PAGE

The two pictures of the city of Denver, Colo., used on the cover are Hopwood photos used by courtesy of the Denver Chamber of Commerce. The upper picture was taken from the dome of the state capitol and shows the city and county building in the foreground. The lower picture is an air view of the city. In the center is inserted a picture of the group present on January 6, 1952, for the organization of the new Brethren church in Denver.

driving more than 200 miles on the round trip to Parkersburg in an effort to help the Brethren set up a Bible class.

We solicit the prayers and help of our Brethren people everywhere that this fine new opportunity for the Brethren Church might be grasped before it is too late.

**LOANS NEEDED TO BUILD
BRETHREN CHURCHES**

In these days of inflation and increasing hostility and activity against the church and the true Gospel of Christ, it becomes more and more difficult to finance the building of new church structures.

If a church does secure money from a bank for building it is usually because of some concession. At the same time the small amount of money percentagewise which may be given on a first mortgage is almost useless because usually not enough funds are available at the beginning of construction.

Other loan institutions are just as cold toward loaning money for the construction of churches because they feel it is not good business.

So, Satan has gained a major victory against the church in a day when the Word of God is needed more than ever. It seems that in the realm of law, local ordinances, financing, securing materials and labor we find increasing and at times almost insurmountable obstacles.

In spite of all these problems and a gathering intensity in each one the Lord has given us new Brethren churches in substantial numbers.

However, His own people could increase this number of church buildings and do much to ease the financial problem if they would invest in Brethren church construction. Instead of leaving their savings in a bank or safe-deposit box or in stocks, or bonds, etc., this money could be invested with good security and higher interest through the Brethren Home Missions Council in the construction of Brethren churches. This means that in addition to earning a higher interest on the investment, there will be the earning in eternal dividends through the winning of souls to Christ.

We need more than \$100,000 in such funds NOW!

If you can help us and have seen the vision of building new Brethren churches, please write us for more information at Box 395, Winona Lake, Ind.



JEWISH MISSION SERVICE IN BERNE

Responding to a call for a Jewish emphasis meeting in Berne, Ind., we enjoyed a time of real fellowship with the pastor, Bro. Ord Gehman, and the fine group at Berne.

In answer to the challenge \$210 was given for Jewish missions.

Many improvements have been made in the Berne building during recent months. Facilities for Sunday school have been greatly improved.

ARTESIA CHURCH PLANNING BUILDING

After a flying trip to California we were privileged to fellowship first with our home mission group at Artesia.

Plans are now being made to complete the church building as soon as possible. Bro. Adam Rager, the pastor, reports that several souls have been saved and that the Lord's blessing is upon the work.

MODESTO CHURCH GROWING

A large congregation saw our home mission pictures in the Modesto church.

Bro. Harold Painter, the pastor, is leading the church in a strong, aggressive program to reach the community for Christ. Many souls are being saved.

CHICO A GREAT CHALLENGE

In spite of high water and floods in California we were able to enjoy a meeting with the Chico Brethren. This is one of our newer churches and is located in a new

section of the city, thus providing one of our finest fields of endeavor. The pastor, Bro. Ward Tressler, has been diligent and earnest in representing the Lord and our church in the area, and in leading the congregation spiritually.

HOME MISSIONS FRUITFUL IN ALBANY

After some very difficult traveling we finally arrived at Albany, Oreg., for the evening service with Bro. Glen Welborn and the church.

These folks know something of the trials and heartaches of home mission work and have given a good account of themselves in Christian service and sacrifice.

A gift of all needed lumber for the building of a parsonage has been made to this church by a local layman. The men in the church will do much of the construction and so we praise the Lord for His goodness.

PORTLAND CHURCH BEAUTIFUL

What a thrill it was to see the new Brethren home mission church in Portland, Oreg. As the pastor, Bro. Vernon Harris, showed us through the building our hearts were lifted in praise to God for the mercies of His grace in making this advance possible. The upstairs auditorium is not complete, but the lower auditorium has been completed and is now used for services. The exterior and shell of the building are finished and as soon as funds are available the main auditorium will be finished.

Some of the most remarkable conversions we have

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ever seen in a home mission church have taken place here.

We are still in need of financing for the Portland church.

MEETING AT SPOKANE, WASH.

We were accorded a fine reception by Bro. William Schaffer and the members of the Spokane church as we presented the needs and challenges of home missions. This was the largest congregation we have ever seen in the Spokane church.

Many improvements have been made in the building including the laying of beautiful carpet in the main auditorium.

THE LORD IS BLESSING IN YAKIMA

A meeting with Brother Williams and the Yakima Brethren proved to us conclusively that the Lord's blessing is upon that church.

There were 128 in attendance Sunday. The previous Sunday the attendance was 136. Many new faces were seen in the congregation. The church seems to be growing in every way.

A beautiful job of landscaping has been done, setting off the entire building.

FINE MEETING IN HARRAH

Bro. Harry Sturz and the Harrah Brethren were kind in allowing us to present the challenge of home missions during the Bible school hour at a packed house. We greatly appreciated this and were well gratified with the fine response.

Evangelistic meetings were in progress and quite a few decisions were made for Christ.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETING AT SUNNYSIDE

A large group of people greeted us in the Sunnyside, Wash., church to see the home mission pictures. We enjoyed the hospitality of the pastor, Brother Collingridge. Souls have been saved recently in this church.

Not far away is the huge U. S. Government project at Hanford, Wash., where millions are being spent and where there is a fine opportunity to start a Brethren church. This is just another on the growing list of prospects for new Brethren churches.

MEETING WITH THE SEATTLE BRETHERN

It was indeed a special privilege and a great blessing to meet with the Brethren folks in Seattle, Wash., who have been praying long that a Brethren church might be started in their community.

Meeting in the downtown "Y" chapel there was a fine group of representative families present. The prospects for a church were thoroughly discussed and basic plans made to accept this great opportunity laid before us by our Lord.

One of the encouraging aspects of this work is the great enthusiasm of the people and their willingness to work and sacrifice in this effort. The families are scattered across the city and must drive long distances to a central point. This will also be true in the development of the church. How we must praise God for people who are willing to pioneer in this way.

We looked over several sections of this great city for prospective locations. There are so many fine possibil-

ities that it will be very difficult to determine where to locate.

Pray much that we might see this church established and growing.

FELLOWSHIP IN TRACY, CALIF.

Coming down the Pacific coast again we stopped in at our former home mission church in Tracy to find things moving along well and the Lord's blessing resting richly on the ministry of Bro. William Clough and the Tracy folks.

New families have been added to the church. We were greeted by some of these in the evening meeting. A fine young people's choir has been organized and is presenting music at each service.

BRETHREN JEWISH MISSION BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY

Great activity characterizes our Jewish mission in the Fairfax district of Los Angeles. Brother and Sister Button and Isobel Fraser are making hundreds of calls at Jewish homes and spreading the Gospel of Christ in a very effective manner. The reports we received were most encouraging for this type of mission work, considering its difficulties and problems.

Brother Button is now converting half of the garage on the mission property into a work space for boys and girls and plans to start regular children's meetings soon.

These missionaries are very ably representing the NFBC and certainly deserve the support of each Brethren church. We cannot ask others to support our Jewish mission work, whereas independent Jewish missions find a fertile field of income in all denominations.

There is great need in this work and we trust that each Brethren church will have a share in it.

TEMPLE CITY ALMOST WASHED AWAY

The recent floods in California came very close to our home mission church in Temple City, where Bro. Leo Polman is the pastor. However, the Lord cared for His property and the flood assuaged before damage was done to the buildings.

The church there is moving forward, with new folks coming in under the ministry of Brother Polman. And the San Gabriel Academy, a Christian day school operating in our buildings, is contributing its share in interest and activity to the work.

MORE HOME MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Recently, while in conversation with a Christian man who is a real estate developer, he offered to give us lots for Brethren churches in three cities where he has subdivisions under way. This, of course, is with the understanding that we put churches on these lots in a reasonable length of time. The communities are all fairly large cities.

The growth of the Brethren Church is limited only by the means available to grasp new opportunities.

COLORLED WORK NEEDS OUR PRAYERS

Bro. Lincoln Oliver, our Negro worker in Los Angeles, near the Second Los Angeles Church, reports that victories are being won but that the work is extremely difficult. The Second L. A. Church has provided the Negroes with a place to meet and Brother Rempel, the pastor, is contributing much in assistance. Pray for this new work.

A LETTER TO YOU FROM OUR DENVER PASTOR

4111 S. Cherokee St., Englewood, Colo.
January 23, 1952.

Dear Brethren:

Greetings in Christ from the Rockies!

"Ebenezer" would be a good watchword for us in beginning the year 1952 as a Brethren church, the first in Denver and in Colorado, for surely the Lord has been helping us. One very noticeable way in which the Lord's hand has been shown is that in almost every transaction concerning the beginning of the work here, He has worked with dispatch. There are so many ways, as many of you know, in which the Lord's work can be delayed, but it has not been so with us.

When, as prospective pastor, I came here to "spy out the land," there were two very necessary things to getting on the field immediately—one was employment, and the other was a place of residence. Both of these the Lord enabled us to settle in one day.

After arriving on the field, our immediate task was the location of lots for the church. An excellent location was found almost at once at Exposition and Federal, and the transactions (the ground was in the hands of two parties) are now closed, although \$5,500 remains to be cared for in connection with one piece. The Devil tried hard to cheat us out of this location—but that is a story all its own.

Organization day, January 6, was filled with blessed experiences. We began regular Sunday services on that day. Up to that time we had been meeting only as a Bible class and prayer group. What a thrill to know that "our own" church had actually begun!

There was a good attendance at the organization service, the figure of 40 including 7 from Cheyenne and 4 from Portis. Speaker for the service was Rev. Paul Eiselstein, American Sunday School Union missionary and member of the Fillmore, Calif., Brethren church. The Eiselsteins are moving their letters to Denver. At the close of this service, there were 19 who signed under the covenant for charter membership, not including 2 who were not able to be present.

On the following Sunday there was one confession of faith in Christ, and the next Sunday another. Both of these will be charter members. How we praise God for the evidence of His favor.

The offering given at the close of the organization service included a gift from the Portis, Kans., Brethren church of \$600. The total offering was about \$800. In the other offerings of the day a home mission offering of about \$50 was given.

Personal work is one of the foremost emphases with our members. A hospital workers group has been operating for some time, visiting bed-to-bed one Sunday out of the month in the Denver General Hospital. Often we have cause for rejoicing in the salvation of souls.

By the time this is in print, we hope to have a large sign erected on the lots to inform all passers-by: "This is the future home of the Grace Brethren Church." This will be as good advertisement as can be had.

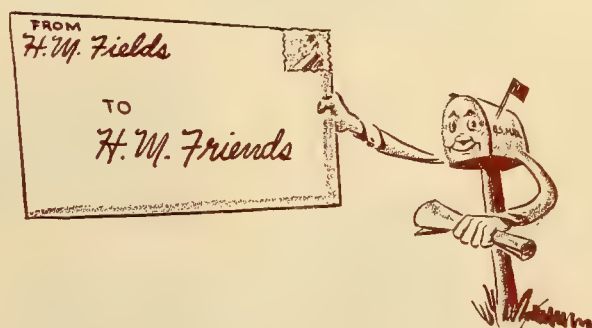
We thank God for a group of faithful, dedicated, soul-winning Christians with which to start the Brethren church in Denver.

Yours in His grace,
(Signed) Lowell Hoyt, Pastor.

PICTURES TAKEN AT ORGANIZATION OF DENVER
CHURCH, JANUARY 6, 1952



Upper photo (l. to r.)—Rev. Paul Eiselstein, Rev. H. H. Stewart, Rev. W. C. Vettters, Mr. Russell West, Mr. Maurice Davis, Mr. Donely, Mr. David Allen, Rev. Wayne Croker, Rev. Leslie Hutchinson, Rev. Lowell Hoyt. Lower photo—Rev. Lowell Hoyt, the first pastor of the new Denver church, is speaking to the group.



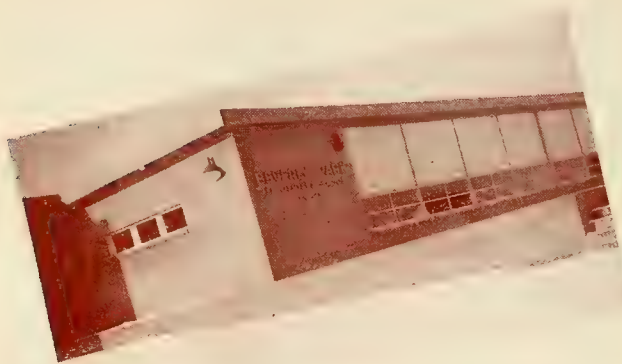
Beaumont, Calif.—

God continues to give precious unity in the work at Cherry Valley. Our annual report for the calendar year 1951 revealed that \$13,500 came in during the year and our building debt now stands at only \$800. Upstairs three classrooms have been completed and are being used for Sunday school. A public-address system, complete with records, amplifier, and speakers, was given to our church, and it has been installed in the belfry.—Gene Farrell.

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—

A BYF meeting is being held each Sunday prior to our evening service. After only a few weeks we have about 25 young people attending, but, of course, not all are Christians. Pray that we will be able to reach all of them for Christ. One girl has already accepted Christ and has been baptized. Some of our members are mov-

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*FIVE SCHOOLS in
"BRETHREN AREA"*



*250 FAMILIES IN HOUSING
PROJECTS NEED CHRIST.*

SEATTLE BRETHREN NEED OUR HELP NOW!



*THE FAITHFUL BRETHREN
GROUP in SEATTLE.*



*4 SQ. MILE AREA OF HOMES
WITHOUT A CHURCH.*

Seattle Brethren Ready to Start a Church

By L. L. Grubb

After our recent meeting with the Seattle Brethren we are more convinced than ever that they deserve the complete support of all our Brethren churches.

Three men in this faithful group have done a most efficient job of investigating three different sections of the city seeking a location for a new Brethren church. The evidence is that rather than starting one church we could easily start three churches in the north, south, and east sections of this tremendous city.

The Seattle Brethren are ready to pray, work, and sacrifice, and have so pledged themselves in starting a new Brethren church.

Is the Brethren Church ready to support them through the Minute-Man appeal? Here is the deciding factor! If our Minute-Men will send each letter back with a gift for Seattle the new Brethren church will be started. However, if these letters are laid aside our opportunity to enter this great field will be gone.

The Seattle Brethren and the Brethren Home Missions Council are depending on every loyal Brethren man and woman, boy and girl, to help meet this great challenge.

H. M. FIELDS TO H. M. FRIENDS

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ing away but we have three adults who will soon be making decisions, and we trust they will make up for the loss of the others.—*Clarence Gutierrez.*

Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)—

We are rejoicing now that several of our young people are coming to prayer meeting and have resolved to be more in prayer this coming year. Many have also resolved to read the Word more and have adopted a motto, "To read the Bible through in 1952." We praise the Lord for this group of young people and pray that through the reading of the Word some will find Christ as Saviour.—*Ralph C. Hall.*

Clayhole, Ky.—

This is my work report from October 1 to December 31, 1951. During this period I lost 5 weeks due to sickness and my vacation. One week Rev. Ralph Colburn, national youth director, visited the schools and conducted the classes. A total of 44 Bible classes were held in Leatherwood, Caney Consolidated, and Buckhorn schools. In addition, I was in charge of six Bible programs at Jackson High School. Brother Landrum was in charge of the Bible programs at Breathitt High School and Robinson High School every other Wednesday. While he conducted the program in the Robinson High School, I conducted a program for the grades. We praise the Lord for the open door of the schools in Kentucky and the opportunities to witness to these young people.—*Grace Grauel.*

Brethren Navaho Mission—

The last two Sundays we have had a good adult attendance at the mission, with four definite decisions for



These are homes in different sections of Seattle, Wash., where a future home mission church may be located.

salvation. As soon as the weather permits (possibly 4 or 5 weeks) a class will be started for instructing as many as possible of the 46 who came forward in the past year. A baptismal service will be planned after the instruction period. In the last week we have taken eight seriously ill Navahos to the hospital. The mud is making the work difficult and causes an extra amount of labor for our mission staff.—*Ray Martindale.*

Portland, Oreg.—

We have much to praise the Lord for because of His blessings upon the work. Decisions are starting to come again in the services. Now that the initial thrill of the new building is over, we are settling down to getting some real work accomplished. A new lady came last Sunday for the first time and she accepted the Lord when I called on her today. Pray that the Lord will give us many more decisions for His glory. Our average Sunday school attendance for the last quarter was 93, with a record of 117.—*Vernon J. Harris.*

SPECIAL NOTICE

It is no longer necessary to use the words "Counselor Post" in connection with the Brethren Navaho Mission. Just use the address Brethren Navaho Mission, Cuba, New Mexico.

San Juan Basin Lines will no longer deliver used clothing free to the Brethren Navaho Mission. This became effective November 1, 1951. Please send future shipments prepaid whenever possible.

—*Brethren Home Missions Council.*

Los Angeles Brethren Minister to Colored Race

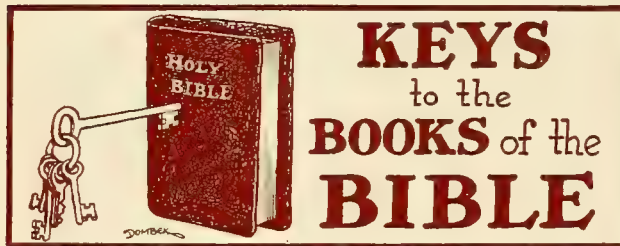
For some time the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles and its pastor, Bro. Henry Rempel, have had a vision for the evangelization of the colored race in Los Angeles with the hope that a work there might expand and develop in a greater circle to other colored folks across the nation.

To this end the Brethren Home Missions Council and the Los Angeles church have been collaborating for some time while plans were made for entering this new field.

The Los Angeles church has purchased a piece of property including a small house and a chapel where regular Lord's Day services are held. The pastor, Bro. Lincoln Oliver, has the distinction of being the first fully licensed colored Brethren minister in this country. He is working part time at this task of reaching his people in the immediate area of the chapel and has a great passion for souls.

The accompanying pictures tell a part of this story.

The prayers of all Brethren people are solicited for this new work as we endeavor to plumb the possibilities and seek our Lord's blessing upon it for this coming year in reaching the more than 200 colored families in our area.



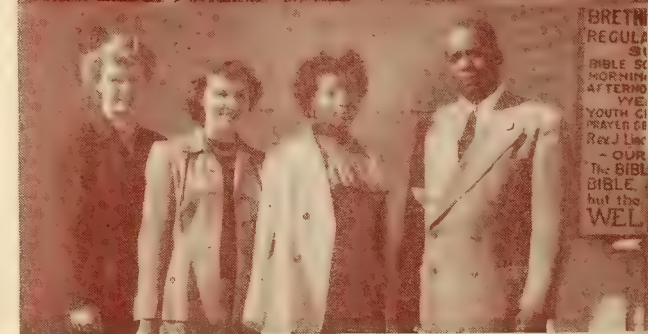
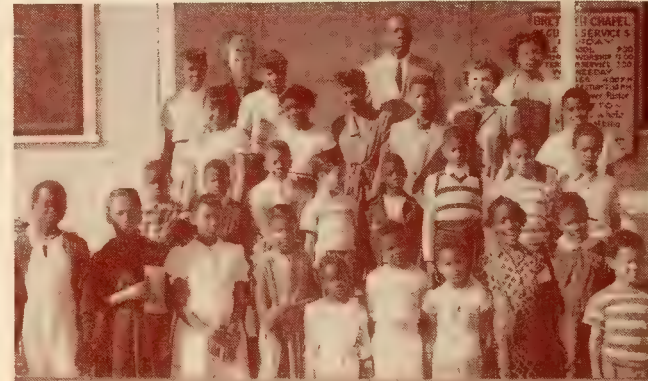
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THE GOSPEL OF MARK

1. Presents Jesus as Servant (cf. Zech. 3:8).
2. Key words.
 - A. Straightway (1:10, 18, 20, 21; 2:2; 3:6; 5:29, 42; 6:25, 45, 54; 7:35; 8:10; 9:15, 24; 11:3; 14:45; 15:18 times).
 - B. Immediately (1:12, 28, 31, 42; 2:8, 12; 4:5, 15, 16, 17, 29; 5:2, 30; 6:27, 50; 10:52; 14:43 (17 times).
 - C. Straitly (1:43; 3:12; 5:43).
 - D. Forthwith (1:43).

There was power in all His actions because He was God's Servant. It is a book of action. It is "The Gospel of Deeds." "Mark's Gospel is a swift narrative of divine doings."
3. Key Verses.
 - A. 10:45—"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."
 - B. 2:10—"But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins."
4. Key outline.
 - A. Preparation (1:1-13).
 - B. Ministry in Galilee (1:14-9:50).
 - C. Ministry en route to Jerusalem (10:1-52).
 - D. The ransom period (11:1-15:47).
 - E. The consummation 16:1-20).
5. Key thought for the day.
 - A. 16:20—"And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."
 - B. I Sam. 21:8—"The king's business required haste."



(Upper picture) The boys and girls of the Brethren Chapel Sunday school, with the workers and pastor. (Center picture) The Brethren Chapel, made available for the colored work by the Second Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif. (Lower picture) The workers at the Brethren Chapel are, from left to right, Naomi Fankewich, Geraldine Puttman, Dorothy Oliver, J. Lincoln Oliver.

ISRAEL CALLS!

A MORNING IN JANUARY

By Leanore Button

The telephone is always busy at the mission. As I dropped my work to answer it I felt a surge of annoyance. When I recognized the voice at the other end I sighed and resigned myself to spending the rest of the morning at the telephone. There are some of our Jewish friends with whom it is a pleasure to speak and others who go on and on about their children, their home, their animals without really saying anything of importance.

This time it was my evolutionist friend, Frieda. For the past 6 months I had had little opportunity to talk with her concerning the things of Christ. In fact, I felt that she was so set in her belief of evolution that it was an impossibility to do anything with her until she came to the point of accepting God's Word as truth. However, we had been praying for her daily, knowing that the Spirit of God could accomplish much. The usual conversation took place concerning her two lovely children—Melanie and Susan, her wonderful husband, how much the cat ate, etc., etc. I settled down comfortably to listen, wishing I could get at the dust I could see in the hall corner.

Usually I try to discourage telephone conversations on religion because I feel that I have a much better advantage in speaking face to face. However, for some unexplained reason (Frieda is so careful to give me no opening of any kind) we were in God's Word without either of us knowing it.

"I should hate to spend my life feeling I was a sinner," she was saying. "It seems to me that it would be a life of fear."

I explained that when one realized he *was* a sinner and then accepted the proper sacrifice provided for sin, the Lord Jesus Christ, then it was not fear but love that filled his heart and a never-ceasing praise to the wonderful grace of God in providing for his sins and in the security found only in Him.

She said she believed in living a good life and keeping the law; therefore she did not sin. I told her God's Word said ALL have sinned. She said the Bible was written for people living in a different age and therefore did not apply to us. In other words, if it didn't *sound* right, then she didn't believe it. I quoted, "The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked . . ." to which she replied, "Interpretation." I asked her what she thought I interpreted when I only read the exact words and made no comment of my own.

We argued on that for a time until she told me of the ministers and rabbis who could get together in the spirit of brotherhood, and wasn't that so much nicer than my intolerance of any other way to heaven. After all, didn't I know that all roads lead there? And didn't I know that she certainly intended to be there also? (Remember, she believes in evolution!) I told her I could not afford to be tolerant when the Word of God said there was only one way to salvation—through the Lord Jesus Christ—and though she thought it a fine, upright thing, this brotherhood, I had no time for such men who were sending people to an eternity in hell by telling them to

lead good lives and treat all men as brothers. I finished by quoting Revelation 20:15 and told her that whether she believed it or not, God's Word is true. I stressed the fact that the responsibility for her children's belief and whether they were bound for heaven or hell lay at her door even if she didn't care about herself.

The conversation lasted 2 hours. She wasn't angry, but reminded me she had been very tolerant.

Several days later I was in her home for coffee and she brought out her college text book on evolution. She asked why I was different from other gentiles and I answered by explaining the dynamic, Jesus the Messiah, which operated in a Christian's life. Then, very simply, I told her the plan of salvation once again.

"Jerry," she said, "I think I am giving my children the best possible religious training in maintaining a happy home, giving them normal lives, etc., etc."

I was glad to hear her say this and it gave me hope. She was trying to justify herself to me and I believe that for the first time she was really afraid I *might* be right.

I took home the book on evolution and read it, wanting to prove to her that I was not too narrow-minded to read anything (she refused to read a book on the refutation of evolution) and then compare it with my belief. I have looked into it carefully and I have prepared to show her why I *cannot* accept evolution and then, if the Holy Spirit of God will guide, I am going to try to show her why I *can* accept the absolute truth of the Word of God.

You know, it is desperately hard to hold these Jewish people in such a way as to present a logical argument to them when using the Word of God. They interrupt and talk so incessantly that it is hard to stay on the line of logic. However, I believe God can direct this contact in such a way as to accomplish His purpose.

I cannot ask you to pray for this contact because it will be over when you read this, but I can ask you to pray for this fine, intellectual woman and her family. Sometimes I feel that these are hopeless cases but the Lord is able to save in spite of everything.

Please pray hard for her, for her husband, Max, and for her two darling little girls who will most certainly spend an eternity in hell unless the Lord saves their parents. May they realize that Revelation 20:15 is true, but may they learn that John 3:16 is the evidence of God's love for us all, the realization of which can put their names in the safety of the Lamb's Book of Life!

P. S.—This contact was completed January 24. For 6 hours Scripture was given out. She was visibly disturbed by Isaiah 53 and Zechariah 13 and 14. Again I say—pray!



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Rev. Oscar Stern, a refugee from Hitler's Gestapo, spoke to the men's fellowship of the Whittier, Calif., church on February 12.

The Waterloo, Iowa, church has added a nursery to the church building.

The Harrisburg, Pa., church has gained 32 new members since July 1, 1951. The membership of this home mission church is now 83.

Bro. E. F. Shaffer, Bible school superintendent and holder of several other offices in the Altoona, Pa., First Church, died on January 31.

At the Cheyenne, Wyo., church 11 people confessed Christ the last two Sundays of January. A projector was presented to the church by the laymen's group of the local church.

Rev. R. I. Humberd held a 4-night Bible conference at the Modesto, Calif. (La Loma), church closing January 20 with 20 people making public decisions for Christ. Rev. L. L. Grubb was there in behalf of home missions January 14. A teacher training class is conducted in the church building each Tuesday by Mrs. Blanche Gallagher, of Berkeley.

Bro. Antone LeRoy Howard, missionary to Baja California, was ordained to the ministry of the Gospel at the Los Angeles, Calif., Second Church, his home church, on January 27. The following elders participated in the service: George Richardson, Henry G. Rempel, Adam Rager, Joseph Hoffman, Glenn O'Neal and Paul R. Bauman.

Rev. R. I. Humberd held a week's Bible conference at the Los Angeles Second Church ending January 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lingenfelter and son, Wesley, of the Leamersville, Pa., church, were in an automobile accident, their car being hit broad-

side by another car. Brother Lingenfelter was seriously injured. (He is the brother of Galen, pastor at Buena Vista, Va.)

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Yocky in January at Long Beach, Calif. Mrs. Yocky is a daughter of Mrs. Loree Sickel, of Argentina.

Frank Guy Coleman IV was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coleman at Long Beach, Calif., in January.

Bro. Mel Stoner, former bookkeeper in the office of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, is in the Methodist Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif., suffering with back trouble.

The Los Angeles, Calif., First Church has started a branch Sunday school in Imperial Village, under the superintendency of Bro. Harold Jones.



Dr. Charles H. Ashman will deliver a series of lectures at Grace Seminary April 17-18 and 22-23. He is available for services at some church near Winona Lake Saturday and Sunday, April 19-20. Address him at 1051 West 81st Pl., Los Angeles 44, Calif.

The Fort Wayne, Ind., church received into its membership 21 new members during January 1952, the closing month of Rev. John Aeby's ministry at the church before moving to Philadelphia.

A Bible class has been started in Hollidaysburg, Pa., under the supervision of the East District Mission Board. Teacher of the class is Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, of Altoona.

Rev. Raymond Kettell's new address is Portis, Kans. (Change Annual, p. 68.)

Repairs are being made to the Everett, Pa., church building, and new pews are being installed.

The new building of the Jenners, Pa., church is now under roof and the building program continues.

Visas for the Carson Rottlers have been granted for residence in Argentina. They plan to sail with the Lynn Schrock on March 23.

New officers of the Southeast District Men's Fellowship are: T. S.

A letter was just received (February 5) from Miss Elizabeth Tyson, who is nurse for Mrs. Roy Snyder. The operation which Mrs. Snyder underwent on January 21 was a success. One week later, when Miss Tyson wrote, Mrs. Snyder was sitting out on the porch of the white ward of the hospital at Elat enjoying the beauty of the Cameroun hills.

Taylor, president; C. C. Guinn, vice president; W. V. Findley, secretary-treasurer; and W. C. Fisher, assistant secretary-treasurer.

At the Kittanning, Pa., church Omer Shankle has 7 years of perfect Sunday school attendance.

The Kittanning Bible Institute began its second semester on January 17. The teachers are Rev. Gordon Bracker and Rev. H. F. Miller.

The Leamersville, Pa., church has designated February as Literature Month. During the month the reading of the Bible, Christian books and tracts, and the Brethren Missionary Herald is being featured.

The Dayton, Ohio, First Church has just given the largest home mission offering in its history. The total gifts amounted to \$6,262.

At the Sidney, Ind., church five children accepted the Saviour on February 3.

The Berean Sunday School Class of the Winona Lake, Ind., church recently elected the following officers: Joseph Dombek, president; Mrs. Homer Kent, Sr., vice president; Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton, secretary-treasurer; and Rev. Arthur Cashman, teacher. One of the projects of this class is the furnishing of teaching material for Miss Angie Garber at the Brethren Navaho Mission, Cuba, N. Mex.

Rev. Paul Mohler, pastor of the Listie, Pa., church, spoke to the "Y Boys" at the Somerset Township High School on February 1 on the theme, "Who's Boss."

The Philadelphia, Pa., First Church had a reception for Rev. John Aeby and his family on January 31. After a short program the congregation presented the Aebys with a food shower.

The alumni of Grace Theological Seminary are sponsoring an "Alumni Reunion" at the school February 26-29. The featured speaker is Dr. Ralph Stoll.

The Bible in the Christian Life

By Rev. Mark Malles, Altoona, Pa.

I want to talk to you about a very important and personal matter. Let me begin by asking a question; will you answer honestly? Concerning that Bible there in your home—when did you last read from it? Do you read it regularly.

The Bible—what an important place it should have in the life of every child of God! When you read your Bible God is able to talk to you, but I am wondering how often and how regularly you hear the voice of God through His Word.

The Bible Increases Faith

How many sincere people I have heard make the statement, "Oh, I wish I had more faith!" Have you ever said that? Listen, the Bible says, in Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Do you want more faith? Then read the Word of God more and your faith will increase. Perhaps you are not using the faith you already have, so God won't waste any more on you until you start using it.

Faith, with the Christian, is simply taking God at His word. In those times of perplexity, when all seems to go wrong, faith takes God at His word, for He has said: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

In a time of need, physical or spiritual, faith takes God at His Word when He says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

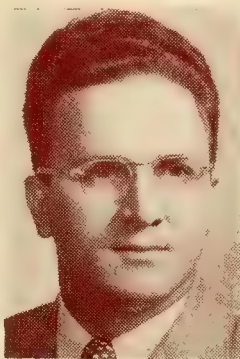
When victory over sin is desired and the heart hungers after righteousness, faith takes God at His word when He says that our old self has been crucified with Christ. "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:11).

The Bible Reveals Sin

These and other messages of good news and encouragement are not known apart from the Bible. How can you trust God for something you don't know anything about? And how can you know His promises and provisions apart from the Bible?

Do you read the Bible in your home, husband and wife? Do you two read the Bible and pray together? Do the children in your home have the Bible read to them? Or is the Bible a book unknown to them in the home? When we consider the neglect of the Bible in many Christian homes there is little wonder that parents have heavy hearts over their children's lack of interest in spiritual things!

What will the Bible do for you and your family if you read it? Well, if you read with an open heart,



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applying the message to yourself, **THE BIBLE WILL REVEAL TO YOU THE SIN THAT IS IN YOUR LIFE.** This is of great importance! There is only one thing that causes God to withhold His richest blessings from us; there is only one thing that keeps Christians from having the overflowing joy of the Lord in their lives constantly. That one thing is sin. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isa. 59:1-2). The Psalmist has said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (66:18). Now the Bible is a mirror (Jas. 1:23-24) which shows us what we are. By the way, this is just why some people won't read the Bible—it speaks too plainly about their sin, and they don't like that.

But if you are really sincere and want the Lord to show you the im-

perfection and sin of which you are guilty, then give Him a chance by daily reading the Word. It will do the work. You will see yourself in a new light.

The Bible Provides Cleansing

That is not all that the Bible will do for you. You would be hopelessly depressed if you were to have your sin pointed out to you and then not be shown any means of getting rid of it, wouldn't you? The Bible not only shows us our sin, but **THE BIBLE POINTS US TO THE WAY OF CLEANSING FROM SIN.**

Only in the Bible do we see the blood of Christ flowing for our cleansing. On the basis of the Calvary sacrifice the Bible points the Christian to I John 1:9—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." As the Bible points out your sin, recognize it, acknowledge it, and confess it to God. Then claim His promise of forgiveness and cleansing.

The Bible Merits a Try

Of course there is much more for you in the Bible than these things I have mentioned. Why not give it a try? Here is a word of caution. Don't read the Scriptures simply to gain an intellectual knowledge of them. Remember, the Devil can quote Scripture. Even he knows the facts of the Book. David said: "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psa. 119:11). Get the Word down into your heart—accept it, believe it, practice it, and oh, what a blessing it will be to you.

Right now, why don't you get down that Bible of yours, dust it off and take the relics out of it and get it in reading shape. Then open it to John or Romans, and begin today a reading habit. Call in the children, too, and read a chapter aloud, each one reading a few verses. Set up that family altar there in your home around the Bible and see how much happier all of you will be and how much closer to the Lord you will live.

(Watch for a sequel to this article, "Prayer in the Christian Life," to appear in this magazine soon.)

Love and Justice Found a Way

By Leona Dawson Cole



PART I

(Human Reasoning)

As natural as for a man to think,
It must be for the God of Love to skim
Over our sins, the world would have us think.¹
But can our acts and thoughts off-color, dim,
Be concealed behind the love of Him
Whose truth and mercy meet in righteousness;
To whom nothing impure may have access?²

This may sound strange, but nothing justifies
That stands opposed to moral law's decree;
Transgression left unjudged would nullify³
The holiness of God. Our Judge must see
That those condemned, pay all the penalty.
Should He forgive our sins just for love's sake,
The universe He governs would be at stake.

PART II

(Forgiveness)

Forgiveness is as lovely as the morning;
Joined to love, their beauty stands alone;
Each the other's graciousness adorning,
Fulfilling His command, thus making known⁴
His love and mercy flowing from the throne.
But love is powerless to vindicate.
Forgiveness does not change the obstinate.⁵

God can forgive, but how, and justify?⁶
Will He make void the faultless law He made?
"The soul that sinneth, it shall surely die";⁷
To cancel this would make Him sin's co-aid.
The penalty by someone MUST be paid!
Faithful to Himself . . . faithful to us,
Christ paid it all through death, vicarious.⁸

PART III

(Dual Sacrifice, Cosmic and Messianic)

O, for grace to search the soul and see,
That unrenewed it remains a lifeless clod:
To deeper go into Gethsemane
And look upon the spotless Lamb of God,⁹
Prostrate there beneath the Father's rod¹⁰
Of Judgment; to feel the love, the tears, the sweat,
And learn how justice, once for all, was met:

That we might feel the thorn-pricks pressing down
Into our hearts, and know God's Sacrifice
Not only died for us, but wore the crown¹¹
Of thorns; restoring nature's paradise.
Thus, the Life of life paid all the price!¹²
Dying on the cross 'twixt earth and heaven,
God's Sacrifice outweighed all sins, forgiven.

PART IV

(Love and Justice Found a Way)

"Why weepest thou?" He said when He arose.
"Why weepest thou?" The first words that He spoke.¹³
"He is risen." Victorious words to those
That put their trust in God's great master stroke.¹⁴
The chains of bondage our Redeemer broke.
The Son redeemed His Father's great and small!¹⁵
Our Elder Brother redeemed to us, God's all!¹⁶

Time may ravish all our lustrous dreams;
Take away the things we hold most dear;
But nought can stay the power that redeems
And sanctifies, until He shall appear¹⁷
In clouds of glory . . . Look up and have no fear,
The God of Love and Justice found a way
All heaven, and earth, and hell, could not gainsay.¹⁸

(1) Rom. 10:3-4.

(2) Hab. 1:13; Prov. 20:9; Matt. 5:8.

(3) Isa. 53:5, 8, 12; Rom. 8:1-3.

(4) John 13:34-35.

(5) II Cor. 5:17, 21.

(6) Rom. 3:23-24; 4:5, 25; 5:1, 9.

(7) Ezek. 18:4.

(8) Isa. 53:5-8; I John 2:2.

(9) John 1:29; I Pet. 1:19; Rev. 5:6; 22:1.

(10) Isa. 53:4.

(11) Gen. 3:17-19; Gal. 3:13.

(12) John 1:4; 11:25; 14:6.

(13) John 20:15; Mark 16:6.

(14) Heb. 7:27; 9:12, 26-28; 10:10, 14.

(15) Lev. 25:49; Ruth 3:12.

(16) Heb. 3:9-13; Rom. 8:29.

(17) I Thess. 4:14-18; Col. 3:4.

(18) Phil. 2:10; Rev. 5:13.

Ardyth Lois Joins the Parsonage Family

November 26—After more than 2 weeks of patient (?) waiting our fourth daughter and eighth baby made her belated debut. Fattest baby we ever had. Sweetest one yet. Daddy says Mother told all her babies the same thing! We stand in awe again at the miracle of birth and life as it comes fresh from the hand of our Creator. God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." The baby will experience another birth some day, please God, when she becomes a member of the family of God through the redemption which is in Christ.

November 27—Daddy came hustling into Mother's room after looking through the nursery window at his new daughter. "Such fat cheeks," he exclaimed. "Where did she get them?" "Did you ever look in the mirror?" Mother countered. "*Tel pere, tel filles*"—Mother remembered the French proverb. Daddy's pleasure showed in his smile. Our Father God has pleasure in us as we bear His image in our lives.

November 28—We named our baby. 'Twasn't hard to do. We always have more names chosen than we can ever have babies. We were ready to name twins, but Mother fears twins are just wishful thinking on her part. Such a thrilling warmth has enveloped Mother each time she has named a baby loaned to her by her Father. "Ardyth Lois," she solemnly told the recorder. And as the baby snuggled close to her breast Mother wondered why she ever wished for a boy. This girl baby is a choice jewel! And one day her name will be written in the Lamb's Book of Life. "There's a new name written down in glory, and it's mine, oh, yes, it's mine," will be Ardyth's song.

December 3—Home, and a tumultuous welcome. "Where is she?"

"Can I hold her?" "She's awful little." "I can't see why you think she's so beautiful." "Does she cry?" Hardly was this spoken when the baby answered! "She don't got no teeth," was Kent's rather scornful comment. "She doesn't have any teeth," corrected Big Sister. "Well, she don't got none," the lad insisted. "Never mind," Mother soothed her daughter, "he'll not say that in a few years."



This is Sharon's sixth birthday. How the years roll on! Kent was 4 November 29. Ardyth was born November 26. Sharon is 6 December 3. For the next few years the week from November 26 to December 3 will be one of much work, what with three cakes to bake and decorate and three youngsters to honor on their natal days. Precious Lord, may Kent and Sharon and Ardyth and all the children "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18) as they grow physically.

December 5—The baby had such a bad case of colic. 'Twas a worse bout than Mother ever experienced with any of Ardyth's brothers. Colic is an indication of indigestion. Must be that her food is too rich. How Mother stands in need of wisdom in caring for this new life entrusted to her care. And most of all she needs wisdom as to her children's spiritual diet. Dear Father, help me to feed

each child with spiritual milk to meet his need for today. Then let him grow and mature so he can eat the strong meat of the Word.

December 9—The baby laughed aloud! And she's just 2 weeks old. Mother was so glad for witnesses because no one would have believed her. Two weeks is very young for a baby to laugh aloud. The laughter was most beautiful music to Mother's ears. Here indeed was a gift from God which can't be purchased with money. "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" (I Cor. 4:7).

December 12—The baby is 16 days old. Mother is permitted to be up a little today. Solon Hoyts arrived this afternoon. What a pleasure to fellowship with these ambassadors for Christ. And such a thrill to present the latest Miller!

December 15—Mother is slowly getting back into the "groove" again. Ardyth is more of a pleasure each day. She's been her mother's "Waterloo" because more time is spent loving her, playing with her, and coaxing smiles from the wee lassie than is spent on work. Even Mother's desk work has suffered. Here is the answer to all the letters and inquiries: "Where is the Parsonage Roof column? We miss it." "We know you are busy, but please write that column." Mother appreciates all the kind expressions and she promises to do better from here on. Just lay the blame for this "silent period" at the doorstep of our newest baby. She's a doll baby we wish you could all enjoy. "Brethren, pray for us" (I Thess. 5:25). "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16).

S. S. MATERIAL APPRECIATED

"As the new year gets under way, may I take this means of thanking the staff at the Herald Company for the fine materials made available for the Bible school. We are looking forward to the day when we can use all Brethren materials from the cradle roll up." So writes Russel Beech, superintendent for 12 years of the Bible school of the Listie, Pa., church.



Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

—By Conard Sandy—

No Time for Idleness

Dr. Worthington Ford, in writing a biographical sketch of John Quincy Adams, said: "He never had an idle moment" The whole life of Mr. Adams was one of industry and activity; no one ever accused him of idleness.

The life of constant activity ought to characterize the children of God. The Lord Jesus Christ, speaking to the people of His day, said: "My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready." Later He warned of the urgency of being busy during this lifetime, for He declared: "The night cometh, when no man can work" (John 7:6; 9:4). Indeed, every child of God ought to be busy "redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16).

The End of This Life

Pica Chatter, a small trade magazine, in its January 1952 issue, claims that "science should spend less time studying the origin of man, and more time on what his finish is to be."

David, long before our day, wrote of the consideration each one should give concerning the end of this life. He put it in these words: "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee" (Psa. 39:4-5).

Hope in Christ's Return

Jacob Abbott, in his history of Alexander the Great, has related an incident that has interest to the student of the Word of God.

As Alexander was about ready to leave on one of his military expeditions he called together his generals and officers and divided his estates and revenues among them. His friends became concerned and asked him what he had reserved for himself. "Hope," was his reply.

It was the hope of selfish ambition, of arrogant pride, and of the spirit of conquest. Yet this hope had no place in controlling his behavior or

of improving his morals. He died at an early age the victim of his own drunkenness and riotous living.

In contrast to this the child of God has a hope of an entirely different nature. It is the hope of the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven to receive his bride unto Himself. Of this hope the Apostle John wrote: "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (I John 3:3).

A Motive for One's Actions

Oberlin, the German philanthropist, once became lost in a snow-storm near Strassburg. He became exhausted and finally fell into a drift by the side of the road where he was later found by a wagoner who took him to his home and revived him.

The wagoner refused any reward from the traveler. Thereupon Oberlin asked him his name and received in reply this answer: "Tell me the name of the Good Samaritan." To this Oberlin replied: "His name is not recorded." "Then let me withhold mine," said the humble wagoner.

That is a refreshing incident for the saints in this day when so many people want their names printed in public places and often for matters less than saving men from dying in the storm. The believer's aim ought to be, as summed up by the Apostle Paul: "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not to men" (Col. 3:23). Indeed, seek the favor of God rather than any compliment the world can offer.

"Fishermen Are Born That Way"

Under this title Robert E. Pinkerton has written a four-page article that appeared in the February 1952 issue of Nation's Business. Among other things he wrote: "Last year anglers spent \$2,000,000,000 on a sport that's also a hobby and a religion." Throughout the article the author tells of the thrills, the patience, and the perseverance manifested by the fishermen while fishing.

Beloved, those who are fishing for men are also "born that way." Men

cannot become fishers of men of their own will nor by their own efforts. The art of fishing for men must come from another source.

The Lord Jesus Christ put it this way: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). Once a man has been fashioned thus by the Lord he will be willing to spend and to be spent in the work of bringing others to the Saviour for salvation. It will not happen until one is "born that way" by the new birth.

Born Unto Trouble

The story is making its rounds these days of a father looking through the window in the baby ward at the hospital to see his new baby. It seemed to him that every baby in the ward was crying, so he turned to a nurse and asked: "Why are they bawling?"

"Listen," said the nurse rather severely, "if you were only a few days old, without any clothes, out of a job, and owed the government almost \$1,700 on the national debt, you'd be bawling too!"

Indeed, Eliphaz the Temanite was right when he answered Job: "Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward" (Job 5:6-7).

ELTON ROTH DIES

Elton Menno Roth, writer of many Gospel hymns and songs, died on December 31, 1951, at his home in Los Angeles, Calif. He was born November 27, 1891, at Berne, Ind.

Mr. Roth was best known among Christians for his hymn, "In My Heart There Rings a Melody." He wrote the words and music of this hymn one day while he was singing with an evangelistic team in Texas, and the next evening he had it sung by more than 400 boys and girls. Immediately it became a favorite with many people and has continued to be a much-loved and much-used hymn of the church.

THE GRAHAM MEETINGS

There is little one can write on these meetings in Washington that will be news, for the daily newspapers are keeping these meetings before the reading public. However, here is a testimony from Rev. James Dixon, pastor of the Brethren church in Washington, D. C.

"The Lord has blessed us immeasurably and we rejoice in the wonderful meetings we have had with the Billy Graham team. Truly Billy Graham is the man for the hour. I rejoice in the fellowship we have had together. His humility is a sweet, refreshing tonic in these days of arrogance and selfishness. The meetings have been well attended, with an average of around 8,000 for the first two weeks. . . .

"I have been greatly impressed with the depth of Brother Graham's ministry—a relief from the superficial evangelism that has been characteristic of recent years. The team works as a wonderful unit, with Cliff Barrows conducting the service and leading the 1,000-voice choir. Beverly Shea has brought us special music every night."

FORMOSA GOSPEL CRUSADE

The blessing of the Lord is upon the preaching of the Gospel on the island of Formosa. Two recent cable messages from Rev. Dick Hillis, Formosa Gospel Crusade missionary to the people of that island, indicate this very thing.

On January 28 he cabled: "The biggest Bunnan chieftain on the island has been led to Christ. It is real—though he is only a babe. He is going around the island telling his tribe about the Saviour. This may mean the entire Bunnan tribe turning to Christ. Rejoice, and then pray for nothing less than that."

On January 30 he cabled: "In one high school 603 responded to the invitation. One of the students later wrote: 'The students express their appreciation because you told them so clearly about God's love and salvation. . . . We understand and mean to be good Christians.'

"Prior to another meeting near an army base the officer addressed his men: 'If you go to that meeting tonight you will have to miss supper. (They have only two meals a day.) What is your wish?' Three hundred men chose to go without supper and walked 7 miles to the meeting. Two

Browsing Among the Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

CONTRARY WINDS, by Edith Snyder Pederson. 185 pp. Cloth. Zondervan Publishing House (1951). \$2.00.

This bit of romance is the story of an abandoned child who grew up in a children's home located in the Montana mountains. Because of her unknown background she always felt unwanted and unloved by those around her. Upon graduation from high school she ran away from the home and drifted into New York City. But her troubles were not left behind, for many contrary winds buffeted her pathway before she found the Lord and returned to her Montana homeland. She learned the hard way that peace of mind and heart does not come by fame and fortune, but only by Christ. The style is good and there is a definite Christian testimony borne. You will enjoy following this girl through her troubles into contented Christian service.—*Blaine Snyder.*

THE HEADHUNTER'S BRIDE, by B. H. Pearson. 223 pp. Cloth. Cowman Publications (1951). \$2.00.

This novel combines fact and fiction from the island of Formosa. O'Chosan, tiring of life in a Japanese palace, went to Formosa and there joined the Taiyal tribe. The pages of the book unfold in a realistic manner the nature of jungle life on this island. It took many crises before the natives began to accept the message of the Great Chief of whom O'Chosan told them. Many of those who did accept the true God were persecuted for their faith, even unto death, by the invading forces of ruthless Japanese. The trials of these people for their faith will grip you as you see them lay down their lives rather than give up their faith. Perhaps more specific Christian terms at places could have been used by the author.—*Blaine Snyder.*

hundred forty-three indicated their desire to know Christ as their Saviour. The 7 miles didn't seem so long even though they were hungry."

HIDDEN VALLEY, by Douglas C. Percy. 155 pp. Cloth. Zondervan Publishing House (1951). \$2.00.

Trees that burst into flame by unseen hands, witch doctors, leopard men, are all part of this African mystery thriller. The story is that of the "Prof" and a former student of his and their venture into Africa to find another former student of the prof's and there have a time of pleasure together. They arrived just at the time when the forces of evil were doing their utmost to destroy the work of young Dunning, a pioneer missionary in this dark land. The story of his rescue and recovery, the victory over the forces of evil, and the decisions of the prof and friend to establish a medical work make this a most interesting novel. This work deserves its distinction as a prize winner in a recent Christian fiction contest.—*Blaine Snyder.*

ALLEGED BIBLE CONTRADICTIONS, by George W. DeHoff. 303 pp. Cloth. Baker Book House (1950). \$3.25.

The position of the author is that most Bible contradictions really are alleged; that with proper study they vanish like the darkness before the rising sun. The first three chapters deal with the problem of the inspiration of the Scriptures. While not technical they are good and are perhaps the best chapters in the book. The writer does not claim to set forth every possible solution to the problems dealt with, but one that is reasonable. A valuable part of the work is the Scripture index which lists the passages treated. Lay readers will find this of value as a source book when faced with many of the problems about the so-called contradictions of the Bible. However, we do not endorse some of the positions taken by the author.—*Blaine Snyder.*

DR. RIMMER AFFLICTED

Dr. Harry Rimmer, well-known Bible student, lecturer, and writer, is reported as being afflicted with cancer.



Long Beach, Calif. (First)

One unit of the Torrey Memorial Conference, under the direction of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, was held at Fifth and Cherry January 13-21, with three services on each Sunday and an evening service each evening of the week.

The speakers were Dr. Vance Haver, Dr. Herbert Lockyer, Dr. Clarence Roddy, Dr. John Mitchell, Gordon H. Smith, missionary to Indochina; Dr. Walter Montano and Angelo Lovallo, former Catholic priests.

Students from the Bible Institute assisted with special musical numbers.

God truly used His servants to bring joy and blessing to our hearts as we sat under the teaching of His wonderful Word. It was a time of feasting, and a challenge to live the Spirit-controlled life.

Mr. Smith showed sound colored film of the jungle blood hunters in Indochina depicting the degradation and suffering because of spiritual darkness, and then, in contrast, the emancipation from the bonds of darkness to those who have accepted Jesus as their Saviour.

Dr. Montano and Mr. Lovallo gave revealing facts concerning the beliefs of the Catholic Church and her ambitions.

The conference was well attended except for two evenings when heavy rains descended. Many friends from other churches took advantage of the meetings and we were most thankful for the opportunity to be host to this splendid conference.—*Gladys Lantz, church news reporter.*

Hagerstown, Md.

The members of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Md.,

consider themselves the most blessed people in the whole world, for 69 people confessed Christ as Saviour and 40 were added to the church membership during 1951.

It is the strong conviction of the congregation that God thus blessed spiritually because of the total receipts of \$34,013.96 over \$10,000 was spent for others, such as missions, seminary, publications, and radio. Average attendances for the year 1951 were: Bible school, 338; morning worship, 246; evening service, 173; and prayer service, 100.

The Bible school building, consisting of four floors, fully departmentalized, was built at the amazingly low cost of \$66,265.26. During the year the congregation has paid \$12,915.26 of this amount. Some of the departments are already overflowing back into the church building.

The "Family Altar" radio broadcast, heard daily over WJEJ, AM and FM, was blessed far beyond any previous year, with several people saved and added to the church through its ministry. The broadcast is now in its 10th year and practically self-supporting: it cost \$3,355.27 for the year, with the listening audience sending in \$2,862.15 of this amount.

Four souls have acknowledged Christ as Saviour already in this

new year and 15 will enter the waters of baptism in the coming 2 weeks.—*Walter A. Lepp, pastor.*

Alexandria, Va.

On January 16 a very memorable service was held in the new building at Alexandria. It was the first communion service ever held in this building, the first for the Alexandria group as a congregation, and the first ever conducted by the pastor. The service proved to be a great blessing to the church and was attended by 50 people.

On the following Sunday 12 people were baptized and received into the membership of the church. The attendance is gradually increasing at all services, the Sunday school averaging 123 during January of 1952. There is a growing interest in the work.

Recently the congregation voted to cooperate with the National Sunday School Board in its program.—*Kenneth, Teague, pastor.*

HARTFORD TO FLY FOR YFC

Rev. Paul Hartford, of Winona Lake, Ind., has been officially designated as the first full-time flying evangelist for the Youth for Christ International. Mr. Hartford will fly his own Cessna plane and for the present will work in the Caribbean area, dropping Gospel literature and invitations to the people and then going into the cities and towns to hold Gospel meetings in the evenings.

DISCOUNT POLICY

A new discount policy has been put into effect by the Board of Directors of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, effective February 1, 1952. It is:

1. That we grant a 10% discount to our churches, except for Bible school supplies and material marked "net," when cash accompanies the order.
2. That we grant a 20% discount to pastors, ministers, licensed men, and seminary students, except for items marked "net," when cash accompanies the order.

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SWANS AT WINONA LAKE

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EDITORIALS

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Your Seminary Offering

Have you had a share in the annual offering for Grace Seminary? Have you remembered that this offering is intended to care for BOTH the running expenses of the school and its payments on the building fund? If you have not made your gift, do so immediately. The school and its young men and women need your help. Churches are urged to send in their offerings as soon as possible, for this is the season of the year when expenses are at their maximum.—P. R. B.

The Blue Envelopes

Do you remember them? The reference is to the little packets of building fund envelopes which were used during the 10-months building campaign. Repeatedly, in his travels from coast to coast during the past few months, your editor has been asked by pastors and laymen if churches or individuals can continue to use this system of giving to the school. Many have felt they could give more to train young men and women for Christian service if they could do so from month to month. Of course, in each case, the answer was, "Yes, certainly. You may use any method you desire, and if this method is the best, we will be glad to work with you." For those who have asked, may we say that there is still a good-sized supply of the packages of envelopes. The seminary will be glad to supply any church or individual with these upon request. The gifts can be made each month through the local church.—P. R. B.

Want a Project?

Several churches have inquired about special projects, connected with the seminary's need for equipment. Some have already given for such needs. For instance, before the building was even erected, the Women's Missionary Council undertook to furnish the new chapel, and its beauty today is largely the result of their consecrated gifts. This year the WMC has taken as its project the equipping of the school kitchen.

Not long ago the missionaries in Africa requested permission to furnish the tower prayer room of the school, and they immediately backed up their request with gifts amounting to \$284. What a magnificent contribution this was in view of the size of missionary salaries! What a splendid example for the rest of us! It has been decided to extend the privilege to the missionaries serving on all our fields so that the room can be equipped with carpet, draperies, chairs, and such other equipment as necessary to make this room a quiet place to which students, teachers, visiting missionaries, and others can resort for quiet meditation and prayer. This room, even with its bare concrete floor, is already being used daily.

Now, since others have inquired, we are glad to announce that the seminary is prepared to name projects

that range in cost from a few dollars all the way up to the thousands. For example, there is a real need just now for three projection screens: one for the chapel, another for one of the classrooms, and a third for our large auditorium. These will range in price from \$30 to more than \$100. Shades to darken the above-mentioned rooms are needed, so pictures can be shown in the daytime. All this equipment is vitally necessary to our work, not only as presented by the members of our own teaching staff but for visiting speakers. Recently, Dr. Jobson wanted to present pictures of our work in Africa to the student body, but it was not possible because there is no way to darken our chapel.

The library is in need of help, now that there is plenty of room for expansion. Our churches have responded well to the request for National Geographic magazines, and we now have a file, almost complete, running from 1916 to 1951. These magazines, however, should be bound into volumes, but the school cannot undertake this in view of all the other needs for library expansion at the present time.

We are praying that the Lord will lay it upon the heart of someone to give us an organ for the chapel, perhaps as a memorial. This again represents a need rather than a luxury. In addition to its use in the regular chapel services it would be used in connection with the music now being offered by the school.

There are many other projects, such as equipment for our sound-recording room, permanent seating for the rear of the chapel, etc. The equipment listed is intended to show the wide range in the equipment so far as its cost is concerned. Projects may be undertaken by entire churches, Sunday schools, individual classes, brotherhoods, youth groups, or by individuals. The seminary will be glad to suggest such projects upon request. Write and let us know about how large a project you desire to undertake.—P. R. B.

The Creed Scoffers

It is the popular thing to sneer at religious creeds. A certain writer, who grinds out a daily screed of dubious poetry for a newspaper syndicate, joins the ranks of the creed scoffers. To "love thy neighbor as thyself" was Christ's only creed and no other is needed, he thinks.

One cannot help but wonder whether such writers ever read the New Testament to find out what Christ really said and thought. The *first* and *great* commandment, according to the Son of God, concerns our relation to God rather than to our neighbor. But what Christ really taught does not greatly interest the creed scoffers. To them, man is much more important than God, and popularity is more profitable than spirituality.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." Let the creed scoffers ponder that saying. It is the Word of Christ.—A. J. M.

Saved Through The Bible Verse

That Wasn't There!

A TRUE INCIDENT OF SALVATION AS RELATED BY S. HERBERT BESS

Bob Cowden was a boyhood chum of mine. We were classmates through the 8 years of grammar school and 4 years of high school, and many of the hours outside the classroom we spent together. Bob had a good home and a godly mother who manifested a keen interest in the Word of God and sought to instruct her boy in the way of truth. He became a church member when he was 12 years of age.

World War II broke out when Bob was 23, and he had already been inducted into the army through the Selective Service Act. God was especially good to him all through his war experiences, and he came home from the war in Europe without having been seriously wounded. Shortly after having returned home he married Maureen.



S. Herbert Bess

Long before this time I had left home, and eventually had entered upon my ministry as a preacher of the Gospel. Occasionally I made short visits back to Kansas City to see my mother, and on these occasions I usually met with the Cowdens. They always gave me opportunity to speak of spiritual things and often encouraged me to explain certain portions of the Bible. I welcomed these opportunities, for I felt that Bob was not living for Christ as he ought to live and that the additional instruction and encouragement might be of some help to him. As for Maureen, I knew that her church background was from a modernistic church under an unbelieving pastor, and I doubted that she really knew the Saviour.

These infrequent visits continued over a space of 5 years. About 2 years ago on one of these occasions I directed their attention to Ephesians 2:8-9 and gave a short and simple explanation of this passage, emphasizing that salvation is the gift of God's grace, and is not acquired by the works of men. Maureen wrote to me a few weeks later and told me that she used the substance of my remarks in a talk which she was obliged to give at a ladies' meeting in the modernistic church of which she was a member. This is remarkable in light of the fact that she herself did not understand the things of which she spoke, as later events were to prove.

In April of 1951 I made a quick journey home to visit my mother, who had just experienced a major operation. I knew that I would doubtless see the Cowdens again, and decided to take with me some literature which I might leave in their home. Just as I had anticipated, opportunity was again afforded me to explain the Scriptures to them, and before leaving I gave them two of J. F. Strombeck's books, one of which was entitled, "Shall Never Perish."

Very shortly after returning to the seminary I received

a letter from the two of them. Maureen had begun to read "Shall Never Perish," and before she had read very many pages the truth of salvation by God's grace was revealed unto her and she was joyously saved. It is significant that the passage which enlightened her understanding was Ephesians 2:8-9, sown in her heart 2 years previously.

Bob also began to read the books which I had left, and at about the same time he heard a study given on John 5:24 in a church which I had recommended to him. The books put heavy emphasis on salvation by the grace of God, and the lesson which he heard only reinforced that which he was reading. Bob was a self-righteous sinner and did not like to accept the doctrine that man is a helpless, condemned sinner who must accept salvation as a gift from God, based upon the merits of Christ's substitutionary death at Calvary. In the above-mentioned letter Bob described the mental resistance which he made against that truth.

As he read those pages which insisted that salvation is the gift of God's grace, and as he reasoned on the things which he had been told, he argued within himself that a person ought to do something to be worthy of salvation. The process of reading and arguing within himself continued, and Bob in writing later of this struggle said that the verse which kept coming to his mind and the one on which he based his argument was, "God helps those who help themselves"! This, he said, was "his creed, his inspiration."

The argument became more intense as he studied on, and finally it occurred to Bob to look up in the Bible his favorite verse, "God helps those who help themselves." Providentially he had in his home a copy of James Strong's "Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible." He had a lot of confidence in this big book, for was it not guaranteed to list every word in the Bible and tell every place where the word is used? He decided to look first under the word "themselves," but he did not find his verse listed under this word. Next he turned to the word "help," for surely the verse would be listed there. Slowly he traced out every verse in the Bible employing the word "help," but was perplexed not to be able to find his verse anywhere. Suddenly the light dawned upon him, and Bob realized that that verse was not in the Bible at all! And at the same time he began to see that our God not only "helps those who help themselves," but that He also graciously helps those who cannot help themselves. Humbly Bob took his place as a guilty sinner, unable to help himself, and received salvation as the gift of God's grace through our Lord Jesus Christ—saved by the verse that wasn't there!

This ought to be the end of our story, but there is an interesting sequel. I have a brother a few years older than myself whose life has been one series of tragedies

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITATION

By Gilbert Hawkins

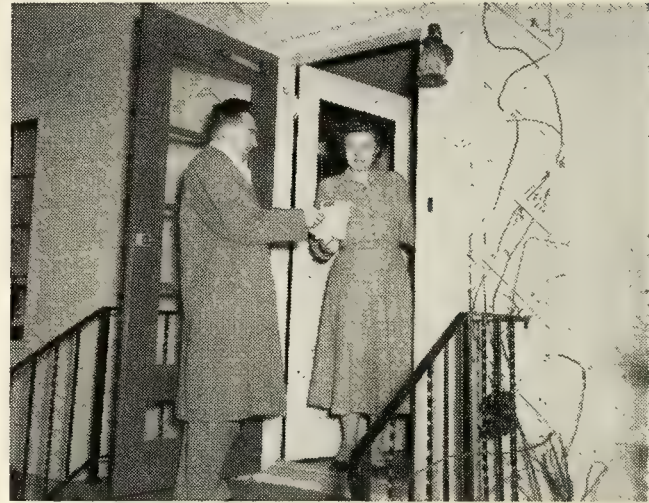
Note—Mr. Hawkins is a second-year student in the collegiate division. He came into the Brethren Church at Albany, Oreg., but is now a member of the Portland church.

Among the many and varied activities of Grace Seminary, the privileges and opportunities of working with the Gospel Team are second to none. While we are only students in preparation, we find real joy and blessing in serving our Lord now. He has loosed us from our sins and has called us to be His witnesses. Our desire is to be obedient to Him and begin to be missionaries of the cross now.

One type of work in which we have engaged recently is that of house-to-house visitation. This is one of the more neglected types of service, and we find it to be a fruitful work.

As many of you know, Warsaw is a town of approximately 10,000 population adjoining Winona Lake, which is one of the greatest Bible conference grounds in the world. Yet the spiritual needs of this vicinity are equal to most other areas of similar size throughout the nation.

We have found it to be a real joy indeed to have opportunity to open the Word of God and show the "good news" (that Christ died for our sins) to folks who have not known good news before. A man in whose home two of us called recently told us that our visit was the first time that anyone had spoken to him personally in about 22 years concerning his own salvation. We witnessed to him concerning Christ, the Scriptures, eternal



life, and judgment to come. He made no decision, but promised to read the Testament we left with him, and he invited us back.

Another family on whom we called were very antagonistic at first, but were very friendly and open to the Gospel after we explained to them that we were only sinners saved by grace.

Surely the Lord will honor this type of service, and this is not unreasonable. He said, "Ye shall be witnesses" and the joy and blessing He has for us always come as a result of our being obedient to Him. May He grant us obedient hearts.

and heartbreaks after another. He had graduated from West Point, and at the time World War II broke out he was stationed in the Philippine Islands. Early in the war he was captured on Bataan by the Japanese and spent several years in a prison camp. A few months ago he came back home to live for awhile, discouraged, heartbroken, and in the clutches of a soul-destroying habit. Very desperately he needed to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his own Saviour. God put the burden of this man's soul on Bob Cowden. Bob gave him just the kind of a testimony he needed to hear. He called on my brother two or three times, each time bearing his witness and giving helpful Scripture passages. One Sunday afternoon not so long ago Bob called again, this time to find a heart well prepared for his testimony. In a very brief time the two of them were on their knees before God, and my brother voiced his acceptance of Jesus Christ.

I got the news by means of a long-distance telephone call. As soon as possible I arranged my affairs to hasten home and confirm the good news. How grateful I am to God for the salvation of my brother! And how thankful I am that God put it in my heart to be interested in Bob Cowden. I'll never cease to thank God for the man who was saved through the verse that wasn't there!

MERRILY GOING TO HELL

Today you will not often hear a preacher courageous enough to tell his people the truth about the moving picture industry. Too many of them attend. It is rather remarkable that the severest published criticism quite often comes not from the pulpit but from those whose own work is linked up with the stage.

A well-known theatrical writer several years ago went on the warpath regarding the "filth" of the theater. He said, "Filth helped to kill burlesque. It has done incalculable damage to vaudeville. It has shamed the legitimate stage. And the movies merrily go to (the same) hell without studying the lessons the stage was taught."

It is the considered opinion of some thoughtful men that the movies are doing more spiritual and moral damage than even the old saloon did in its worst days. It is very doubtful whether any boy or girl ever took as their great ideal either the drunkard or the bartender that sold him liquor. But thousands of boys and girls are taking for their ideal certain persons of the screen whose marital adventures proclaim their morals to be of such a character as would have brought a blush to the cheek of the average old-time bartender. And he did not blush easily.—Alva J. McClain.

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A MODERN JEW WRITES ABOUT JESUS

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By Alva J. McClain, D. D., President

There is now being issued a monthly magazine named "Commentary" under the sponsorship of "The American Jewish Committee," which has for its objective the presentation of "thought and opinion on Jewish affairs and contemporary issues," with its pages open to "diverse points of view and belief." The editors certainly hew to the line in the matter of "liberality." One can find among its articles almost every conceivable viewpoint, from Jewish agnosticism to the most fanatical Jewish orthodoxy.



Dr. McClain

In a comparatively recent issue I found a very remarkable article entitled "A Religious Bridge Between Jew and Christian." The writer, Hans Joachim Schoeps, is a distinguished Jewish theologian who teaches in the University of Marburg, Germany. Dr. Schoeps begins by pointing out that "It is impossible to forget that the founder of Christianity was, in flesh and blood, a Jew, that the first apostles who brought His teachings to the gentiles were Jews." Then he points out that today both "Judaism and Christianity have a common enemy, the general godlessness which denies the existence of a transcendental realm." Thus, he argues, at least some understanding between the two faiths would be timely.

How far can this mutual understanding extend? Here Dr. Schoeps concedes nothing as a Jew. "Every Jew today, as in the past," he declares, "must reject Jesus as Messiah of Israel." "We Jews," he writes, "can in no event accept the idea that the Messiah has already come."

Does God "Stop Along the Way"?

If we ask why the Jew cannot accept the idea that the Messianic Redeemer has come, Dr. Schoeps replies, "A redeemed world would have to look different. We cannot admit that the prophetic promises concerning the character of the 'last days' have been fulfilled. We profoundly feel the unredeemed condition of the world." And then he quotes with approval the utterance of another great Jew, Martin Buber: "A partial anticipation of world redemption, as for example a redemption of the soul, is something we cannot comprehend. . . . We know in history no middle, but only an end. The end of the path of God, who does not stop along the way."

Now if I understand Dr. Schoeps, he feels that a redemption which redeems only the soul, leaving the world unredeemed in its social and political order, is not in harmony with the great Messianic promises of the Old Testament prophets. On this point Dr. Schoeps is on solid ground. But the answer to the problem is found in what Paul wrote in Romans 9 through 11. God in Christ has redeemed the souls of all believers through Calvary, and at His second coming He will usher in a completely new social and political order. If there is such a thing as the regeneration of the soul, a very present reality, there is also coming a regeneration of the world system (see Matt. 19:28). The delay of the latter

has been due to the unbelief of the Jewish nation, not to any partial redemption on the part of God. The very history of the chosen nation, as recorded in the Old Testament, should have taught Dr. Schoeps that the God of Israel does sometimes "stop along the way." Dr. Schoeps has been getting his ideas of Christian redemption from a theology unduly colored by the dualism of Platonic philosophy. He should have gone directly to the New Testament which, by the way, is in absolute harmony with the Old Testament prophets. God's redemption in the Messiah is complete, not partial, just as Dr. Schoeps has rightly affirmed. The time element of its various phases is another matter, something which has puzzled many thoughtful men, even the prophets themselves. It is not surprising, therefore, that Dr. Schoeps finds the problem somewhat difficult.

An Astonishing Admission

Popularly, it is supposed that to all orthodox Jews we Christians are flagrant idolaters because we worship Jesus as the second person of the Triune God. Dr. Schoeps argues differently. He says that according to Jewish religious law, non-Jews are divided into two classes—idolaters and "Noachides." The Noachides are those gentiles who have taken upon themselves the seven injunctions already known to Noah before the birth of the nation of Israel. These injunctions forbade idolatry, blasphemy, unchastity, bloodshed, robbery, eating the flesh of living animals; and laid upon men the necessity of seeking justice. In the Talmud such were called "sons of Noah" and enjoyed equal rank with Israelites. While Dr. Schoeps thinks that the whole number of "true Christians" is very small (which is true), he concedes that from the Jewish standpoint each one of such must be recognized as a true "Noachide"; and to these is permitted "*shittuf*," which Dr. Schoeps defines as "the worship of a second divine being." Thus he argues that true Jewish tradition has always distinguished sharply between gentile idolatry and the Christian worship of Christ. "Hence it cannot be a matter of indifference to Jews," he writes, "whether a man is a Christian or a non-Christian." Dr. Schoeps is even willing to "go so far as to declare that perhaps no gentile can come to God the Father otherwise than through Jesus Christ."

But the tragic confusion in Dr. Schoeps' thinking appears when, having made the above amazing assertion concerning gentiles, he argues that the Jew is "excepted" from the necessity of coming to the Father through Christ because of his (the Jew's) "direct election by the Father!" And so, to Dr. Schoeps, the rule of no approach to the Father except through Christ is valid to gentiles, but not to Jews! This is the limit to which a Jew may go in seeking an understanding with Christians, according to Dr. Schoeps: "We cannot recognize Yeshuah ha-Nozri as the Christ, i. e., as the Messiah for Israel." To do so, he thinks, would be to admit that the "old covenant" of God with Israel has been annulled. Here again, I suggest, Dr. Schoeps has been reading too much exclusively in the theologians who argue that God is done with the nation of Israel



RICHARD JACKSON, Jr., Reporter

A new semester, new classes, and a few new faces, but for this page it's the same old thing, a deadline passed, an editor frettin' and a reporter sweatin' over the news of the Grace Theological Seminary student body.

VITAL STATISTICS—Lots of new pre-sem candidates this past month. A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allison. The rest were all boys: to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sprowls, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ogden, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lauster.

CHAPEL SPEAKERS—Hearts were saddened this past year when the news of the homegoing of Charles Boehr, a student, reached the school. At the time of his death his mother and father, who had been imprisoned by the Reds in China, were on their way home. This past month the student body was thrilled by the testimony of this father, Rev. Peter Boehr, as he spoke concerning his son and as he pleaded for the cause of China. . . . Prof. Whitcomb brought the faculty message from the second chapter of Revelation on January 11. . . . Rev. Lynn Schrock, who has been in the school for the past semester and who will be returning soon to Argentina, spoke to the chapel on January 15. . . . Dr. O. D. Jobson brought a series of two wonderful messages on the Great Commission. Dr. Jobson is now on furlough from Africa.

CONVOCATION CHAPEL—The student body stood as the faculty, clad in academic regalia, marched down the aisle and up to the platform to open another convocation chapel, which is always an impressive service. Rev. W. A. Ogden, chairman of the board of trustees of the seminary, delivered the convocation address.

DAY OF PRAYER—Always a time of great spiritual rejuvenation, the day of prayer this year again became a real time of blessing and inspiration as periods of confession and prayer and praise blended together to make up a day which will long be remembered by the faculty and student body of this school. Rev. W. A. Ogden brought the messages from God's Word.

ORDAINED—Senior Glen Smouse was ordained to the Christian ministry in the Calvary Baptist Church of Altoona, Pa., on December 28. Dr. Ralph H. Stoll was the speaker. Congratulations, Rev. Smouse.

M-O-M—Rev. A. W. Mendenhall, of the Mt. Vernon Foundation, visited the school for the purpose of demonstrating the Memory-O-Matic filing system to the students. So many students purchased the system that a new club was founded to which all loyal M-O-M's should belong. (See Richard Muntz.)

STUDENT PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP—The meeting of the SPF was held again at the noon hour with Dr. R. D. Barnard speaking to the group on the subject of "Finances in the Church." Questions were asked, and much help was gained by the students who attended.

ATHLETICS—Grace Seminary's basketballers are now holding up a .500 record for the season, winning two games and losing two. Four more games remain on the schedule and the team hopes to end up with at least a .750 average (I hope).

FAREWELL—Our prayers and best wishes go with Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Miller as they make preparation for their soon departure for Brazil and service for Him.

and all the divine promises have been transferred to the church. He should study more carefully the Apostle Paul's argument in Romans, chapters 9 through 11, where the immutability of God's covenants are affirmed. What this Jewish writer needs to see is that the covenants with Israel have not been "annulled" in Jesus of Nazareth; rather they have been, and will continue to be, fulfilled in Him. Sooner or later, the Jew must (like the gentile) deal with this same Jesus. The real difference, if there is any, between Jew and gentile, is that the gentile in coming to God through Christ must turn his back upon all his former religion, if any. But the Jew needs only to recognize in Christ the ancient God of his fathers. To borrow the words of the Book of Hebrews, the Jew needs only to "go on to perfection," i. e., full growth or maturity (6:1). To reject Jesus of Nazareth is to reject his own Covenant-God.

Did Dr. Schoeps Leave the Door Open?

While this Jewish writer seems to have shut the door absolutely to any reconciliation of Jewish and Christian viewpoints, he closes his article with the amazing concession that this irreconcilability may apply *only to the present*. Both Jews and Christians, he argues, must go

their separate ways living according to their respective covenants, one made at Sinai, the other at Golgotha; "both absolutely valid." But there will come a time "*in the future where the parallels intersect*."

Here I can do nothing better than to let Dr. Schoeps state his wistful conclusion in his own words: "The Messianism of Israel aims at that which is to come; the eschatology of the gentile church at the return of him who has come. . . . The church of Jesus Christ has preserved no portrait of its lord and savior. If Jesus were to come tomorrow, no Christian would know his face. *But it might well be that he who is coming at the end of days, he who is awaited by the synagogue as by the church, is one, with one and the same face.*"

Surely, the days of the coming Son of Man must be very near, when, as the prophet declares, "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplication; and they shall look unto me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him" (Zech. 12:10).

The face of the eternal God is indeed one: "And the throne of God and the Lamb shall be therein; and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face" (Rev. 22:3-4).

News From Our Alumni



Edited by Rev. Harold H. Etling, President of Grace Seminary Alumni Association

SEMINARY REUNION—ALL ABOARD

By the time this issue of the Herald reaches you it will be time for you to be "getting on board" that Alumni Train for the first annual reunion. Hop a train or bus, fill up your automobile, or hitch-hike if you must, but get to Winona Lake for the reunion. The program has been arranged as follows:

Tuesday, February 26

7:30 p.m.—Dr. Ralph Stoll, of Altoona, Pa.

Wednesday, February 27

10:00 a.m.—Rev. Harold Etling. A practical-work course on the Sunday school.

11:00 a.m.—Rev. Lester Pifer. Subject: "This Business of Soul-Winning."

2:00 p.m.—Dr. Ralph Stoll.

3:00 p.m.—Alumni discussion. A period when we just "talk things over between ourselves."

7:30 p.m.—Dr. Ralph Stoll.

Thursday, February 28

10:00 a.m.—Rev. Harold Etling: "The Sunday School."

11:00 a.m.—Dr. Paul Bauman: "A School and Her Alumni."

2:00 p.m.—Dr. Ralph Stoll.

3:00 p.m.—Alumni discussion. Seminar in reverse—the former students talk to the teachers.

7:30 p.m.—Dr. Ralph Stoll.

Friday, February 29

10:00 a.m.—Rev. Harold Etling: "The Sunday School."

11:00 a.m.—Dr. Ralph Stoll.

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

Angie Garber, of the class of '51, writes: "Out here in the West, where loneliness is a constant companion, letters and news are always appreciated. In fact, in our weak moments we are sometimes tempted to believe those we thought were our dearest friends have failed us and maybe they have. . . . Two months of school is history in the first Brethren Navaho Mission School and the boys and girls are learning to read, write, and work problems. They are beginning to speak a little English." Angie's address is Brethren Navaho Mission, Cuba, N. Mex. Why not drop Miss Garber a card or a letter and let her know that we are thinking of her and praying for her?

Henry Rempel, of the class of '40, is the busy pastor of our Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles, Calif. In addition to his work as a pastor he is serving as a member of the National Sunday School Board and is likewise the chairman of the committee on curriculum

of the released time program for the schools of Greater Los Angeles.

James Dixon, secretary of our alumni association and the pastor of our church in Washington, D. C., was one of the workers in the great Billy Graham evangelistic campaign in Washington. In addition he is teaching a course in the Washington Bible Institute.

Lyle Marvin, pastor of our church in San Bernardino, is likewise teaching in a Bible institute—none less than the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. The class is a part of an extension work being conducted in our church in Cherry Valley, Beaumont, Calif. Brother Marvin reports that the new church is progressing nicely. They have just purchased an additional bit of property, giving the church ample room for expansion.

Fred Fogle, of the class of '49, writes a brief word to tell us that the family is situated in France, that they had a fine trip, and are beginning in earnest to learn the language. Blessings to you and your loved ones.

Your alumni editor is at present engaged in a series of Sunday school rallies in southern California, and we are gathering news "first hand" which we believe will be of real inspiration to all of you. We will send it along to you in the next letter.

A LITTLE HELP, PLEASE

You who are the alumni of Grace—why don't you take your pen or pencil or ye olde typewriter in hand, and jot down a few of the interesting items from your own busy life and pass them along. Others like to read about you and your work just as you like to read about them. If you have some good pictures of yourself, your family, your church, and the like, send them along. They make interesting looking. Thanks a lot for your help.

INSANITY AND CIVILIZATION

There are said to be about one-half million of insane people in the United States. This does not include that large class who are called "idiotic" and "feeble-minded," forms of abnormality which are different from "insanity."

Certain experts in this field of research do not think insanity is the result of heredity to any large extent. They point out that children are rarely insane, and that this affliction is not prevalent among savages. Insanity, they claim, is the product of a complex civilization.

The cure for this situation is not to abandon civilization, for we cannot do that, but rather to introduce into our modern civilization some new power which will safeguard the mind from its perils. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." This is the only successful antidote to the insanity of civilization.—Alva J. McClain.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Is Jehovah of Hosts (ISAIAH 6:1-3 RV)

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean

This study takes us into that class of attributes known as the goodness of God. As can be very readily seen this deals with the moral nature of God. In this respect it is possible to note a twofold division of attributes. On the one hand God possesses attributes which describe what He is in Himself. These are three in number, that is, God is holy, true, and love. While on the other hand God possesses attributes which describe what He is in relation to others, that is, because God is holy, in Himself, He is righteous in relation to others; because He is true in Himself, He is faithful in relation to others; because God is love in Himself, He is merciful in His relation to others.

It is impossible to treat all of these attributes adequately in one article, so I have selected the first of the six for this study. While in many respects it is impossible to evaluate the six in terms of one another, there is a sense in which the first of the six is the most important. It is the one attribute which gives value to all the others and without which the others could not exist.

This is the one attribute without which God could not be God, and which in the fullest sense differentiates the true God from all other gods. It is therefore not surprising that this attribute has been the object of attack from Satan from the very beginning. The seeds of doubt were planted in the garden. Four milleniums later Satan tried to barter the pure soul of Christ for this paltry world. In the end time Satan will make one final effort to establish a man of sin in the place of the sinless Son of God.

Of all the attributes of God, this one is the least in the concern of mankind, saved and unsaved people alike. It is the one attribute which man is most ready to forget, to distort, or to deny. It is the one attribute in the nature of God which makes salvation necessary, and the one attribute which God bestows in moral fullness when He saves men. It is the one quality without which no man shall see God, nor have the privilege to enjoy the courts of heaven.

So vital in importance is this attribute to a true understanding of God that this one message should be carefully considered by every reader. It is not only the key to the nature of God, but it is the doorway to the dealings of God in His methods and movements among men.

I. THE HOLINESS OF GOD APPLIES FIRST OF ALL TO HIS DIVINE MAJESTY.

It will be discovered that the Hebrew and Greek terms for holiness bear the sense of separateness. One use of the word will confirm this. In Genesis 38:21 it is recorded, "Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the wayside? And they said, There was no harlot in this place." The word for harlot is the word elsewhere translated "holy." It thus can be seen that a harlot was one who stood in a separate relation to all society. Such then is the meaning of the word.

When the word was first used of God it had first to do

with His separateness from the standpoint of His greatness. In this sense He was high, mighty, great, above the entire universe which He created. The Psalmist had this in mind when he wrote these words of Psalm 99: "The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. The Lord is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy" (1-3).

Isaiah too wrote similar words in the course of his prophecy. In the midst of words of sore denunciation upon the people of Israel for their sins, there come these words of encouragement: "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I will dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isa. 57:15).

But perhaps the classic passage intended to convey to the mind of the reader the high dignity and majesty of God is recorded in Isaiah 6. It comes at a time in Israel when Isaiah the prophet is most inclined to depression, for the greatest person in his experience has been claimed by that king of terrors, death. Uzziah had been king for 55 years. His reign was marked by prosperity and prestige and power. And Isaiah, closely associated with the royal household, had been impressed and awed by this king. Then one day that long, glorious reign came to an end. For the moment the sun went down below the horizon of this young prophet, and darkness spread abroad with all its fears. In the midst of this depression, a vision came to Isaiah in the temple. Note the description of what he saw (Isa. 6:1-3). The nearest thing to the experience of this prophet that I know is the death of President Roosevelt in 1945. At the time I was in Altoona, Pa. On the day following I entered a bookshop just at the moment the proprietor was placing a sign in the window stating that his store would be closed during the funeral. He shook his head in despair, and with tones as measured as he could make them he said, "He was a friend of the laboring man." I replied, "Yes, that is what they all felt." I was quite sincere, but he took the wrong meaning, and snapped back, "Well, he was." But for the despair of this man there was no vision like God gave Isaiah.

II. EVENTUALLY HOLINESS CAME TO REFER TO THE MORAL PURITY OF GOD.

There is not a great step from majestic greatness to moral purity. If God is above His creation in greatness, then reason requires that God also be good. Therefore the word "holy" came to refer to God's moral purity. And in this sense the word "holy" is used almost exclusively throughout the Bible. After ascribing praise to the majestic greatness of God in the first three verses of Psalm 99, the Psalmist passes over to the fact of moral purity in the remainder of the Psalm (4-9). In an earlier Psalm he asks the question, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?"

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully" (24:3-4).

It appears then that holiness is the fundamental moral attribute of God, and the thing that makes Him God. As Isaiah views the vision in the temple, with Jehovah high and lifted up, and His train filling the temple, he sees some of the spirit creatures that have been in the presence of God from the beginning. The seraphim indicate their modesty in the presence of God by covering themselves with their wings. And when they cry out it is, "Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory" (3, RV). This ministering choir does not cry out, "Love, love, love, is Jehovah of hosts." God is not holy because He loves, but He loves because He is holy.

The basic nature of the kingdom of God is holiness. That is the meaning of the Psalmist, "For God is the king of all the earth . . . God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness (47:7-8). The king who sits on the throne some day shall wield a scepter of righteousness; He is anointed to this place because He loves righteousness and hates iniquity (Heb. 1:8-9). During His reign, "they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

III. THE PRACTICAL VALUES FROM THE FACT OF GOD'S HOLINESS ARE MANY.

Perhaps the first experience of the sinner who gets a vision of God's holiness is a revelation of his own sinfulness. That was Isaiah's experience, and it has been the experience of every soul who ever came to the Lord. Isaiah cried out, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (5). It was Socrates who said, "Know thyself." And as wonderful as that may be, no man ever knew himself until he first caught a vision of a holy God.

It is also evident from the Scripture that God's holiness is definitely responsible for the salvation of the believer. In every respect it corresponds to holiness. Again the Psalmist said, "Oh sing unto Jehovah a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath wrought salvation for him" (98:1 RV). That event at Calvary where sin was done away forever was followed by the resurrection where Christ was "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead" (Rom. 1:4).

Once the believer has entered into the camp of the saints, he then learns that an obligation for holiness rests upon him. In fact, he is called saint, or holy one. This is by no means true of his state. But it is true of his standing. And he is therefore obligated to bring his state up to his standing. But there comes the call of the Lord which is basic, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy" (I Pet. 1:15-16). And the command is not mere idle talk, for without holiness "no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

The practical value of the holiness of God is further enhanced by the encouragement to humility and contrition. Though we have cited the passage before from

Isaiah, it is in order again. "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isa. 57:15). What a stimulus to virtues that are so wanting.

There is no matter of greater concern to the saints than that because of the holiness of God His promises and covenant are unchangeable. "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever and his throne as the sun before me" (Psa. 89:34-36). "For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant" (Psa. 105:42). This was the intent of Christ's high priestly prayer, "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are" (John 17:11).

As a warning to saints and sinners alike, let all remember that holiness provides the awful background for divine judgment. Believers must come before the Bema seat someday, but Paul reminds them that "knowing therefore the terror of the Lord" (II Cor. 5:11), he persuades men. Someday all the wicked shall come before a great white throne. Its awful whiteness unrelieved by any color whatsoever, symbolical of the holiness of God, causes even the earth and the heaven to flee away (Rev. 20:11ff.). This alone ought to act as a solemn warning to men to flee from the wrath to come.

IV. THE HOLINESS OF GOD PROVIDES THE PROPER BACKGROUND FOR THE CALL TO PERSONAL SERVICE.

It is highly questionable whether anything short of the absolute holiness of God provides sufficient background for an effective call to ministry.

It was on the background of a vision of God's holiness and Isaiah's sin and the sin of his people, that the call came, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isa. 6:8).

It was out of a background of the majesty and moral purity of God that caused Job to abhor himself and repent in dust and ashes. Then there came his commissioning for priestly ministry in behalf of those miserable comforters (Job 42:8).

Daniel's vision of the Lord's holiness left him sick and without strength. But it was here that Daniel wrote the vision and sealed the words of the book until the time of the end for the generations yet unborn (Dan. 12:4, 9, 13).

It was on a similar background of holiness that John fell at the feet of the Lord as dead. And then when touched by His gracious hand he was then commissioned to write the things he had heard and seen (Rev. 1:17-19).

It was Peter who beheld the majesty of Christ when the miraculous draft of fishes came from the sea. His first response was to get away from the Lord. "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." But his sinfulness and the sinfulness of people only put him in a position to be used of the Lord. It was then that the call came. "And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him" (Luke 5:10-11).

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The *Tracy, Calif.*, church recently organized "The Friendly Girls," a club for girls from 7 to 12 years of age. Average attendance at meetings has been 13. A nursery was organized in the Sunday school. The WMC meetings have more than doubled in attendance in recent months.

The *San Bernardino, Calif.*, church had a Bible conference under the leadership of Rev. R. I. Humbert February 15-18, and began evangelistic services on February 19 with Rev. Norville Rich as the evangelist.

The women of the Washington Heights Church, *Roanoke, Va.*, have organized a WMC with Mrs. O. R. Keith as president.

Rev. Arthur Collins, pastor of the Berrien Springs, Mich., church, has enrolled as a student in Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind. He will continue as pastor of the church.

The *Central District WMC* groups are supplying straw ticks for the young people's Camp Indisinewa. The Lake Odessa WMC has already reached its goal of five.

The *Jackson, Mich.*, church now meets in the Masonic Hall in nearby Michigan Center. The Thursday night Bible class meets in the Kenneth Janz home.

From the *Clayhole, Ky.*, church: "Yesterday was the first Sunday of the month. That means a special bus offering. With a goal of \$30, we received \$36.09. The Sunday school superintendent got my pocketbook and emptied every penny into the offering. He used his own money, too. (Signed) Sewell S. Landrum."

The *First Church, Los Angeles, Calif.*, received five new members during January.

There were 240 people in morning worship, 261 in evening service, 258

in Sunday school, and 121 in the midweek service of the *Winona Lake, Ind.*, church the week of February 3.

The *La Verne, Calif.*, church is holding a Bible conference under the leadership of Rev. R. I. Humbert February 19-24, and an evangelistic campaign under the leadership of Rev. Robert Ashman February 24-March 9.

Dr. Mickey Walsh, of Philadelphia, was the speaker at the *East District Youth Rally* at the Martinsburg, Pa., church February 8-9.

The *Sampleville, Ohio*, church had 48 in Sunday school on February 3 and 24 in the midweek meeting the week before.

The *South Bend, Ind.*, church is holding a brief conference entitled, "Trophies of God's Grace," February 21-24. Speakers include Peter Tanis, Joseph Kurp, and Arnold Vander Muller, all from the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago.



From bulletin of the First Church, *Dayton, Ohio*: "The Advisory Board voted unanimously! Dr. Orville D. Jobson, missionary serving the Lord in French Equatorial Africa, told of the great need of a microscope to be used in connection with the medical work in Africa. Our church will accept this project. It will cost close to \$500. It will be dedicated to this great work in memory of Bro. Roy A. Patterson. The special offering will be received Sunday, March 9, when Dr. Jobson will be preaching in our church at both services."

The Community Brethren Church, *Whittier, Calif.*, had an all-time high in Sunday school attendance on February 3 with 206 people present. A young people's Christian Endeavor Society was formed at the beginning of the year and average attendance has been 10.

Bro. Joseph Dombek, chalk artist, will be at the *Canton, Ohio*, church March 1-2.

Rev. Charles Turner, a graduate of Grace Seminary in the class of 1951, has accepted the pastorate of the *Flora, Ind.*, Grace Brethren

Church, his ministry to begin about April 1.

Dr. Charles Ashman spoke at the *Glendale, Calif.*, church on February 17, and Mrs. A. B. Shaw, of India, spoke to the WMC of the church on February 12.

Foreign Missions should have the interest, the prayers, and the gifts of every member of the Brethren Church. During the months of February, March, April, and May the denomination places special emphasis upon this phase of the work of the church. Be sure to have your part in proclaiming the good news to all men.

Mr. Robert Walters, a radio announcer, who formerly studied for the Roman Catholic priesthood, spoke at the *Yellow Creek, Pa.*, church on February 10.

The *Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio*, church voted "that this church should go self-supporting as of February 1st."

At the *Cheyenne, Wyo.*, church there were seven decisions on February 3, four of which were first-time confessions of Christ. This is a total of 18 decisions in 3 weeks, of which 10 were first-time.

Rev. Paul Eiselstein, one of the charter members of the new church in Denver, Colo., working for the American Sunday School Union, has 20 Sunday schools under his supervision. During January the average attendance in these schools was 760 per Sunday.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman is speaking at the *Erieside Midwinter Bible Conference*, Cleveland, Ohio, February 21-24.

Three of the *Miami Valley (Ohio)* churches have joined together for a missionary conference February 29 through March 2. Services will be held simultaneously in the three churches: Camden, Clayton, and Covington. The speakers—Dr. Russell D. Barnard, Dr. Floyd Taber, and Rev. Solon Hoyt—will rotate from place to place, thus each speaker will be at each of the three churches.

The *Martinsburg, Pa.*, church had an all-time high in the Sunday school attendance on January 27. The attendance was 201.

There were 49 people present at the prayer meeting of the *Altoona, Pa.*, First Church on February 6. This is the highest prayer meeting attendance in the history of the church.

Notes on Nehemiah: The Completion of a Mission

By Prof. John C. Whitcomb, Grace Theological Seminary

(This article is a sequel to "Notes on Nehemiah: The Beginning of a Mission," which appeared in the February 9 issue.)

Just 90 years before King Artaxerxes sent Nehemiah back to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and its wall, God had sent the angel Gabriel to announce to Daniel that such permission would be granted. This was to be the beginning date for the famous 70-weeks period of God's dealing with Israel, as found in the Book of Daniel, chapter 9. "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks . . ." How majestic and unhurried are God's movements in history, and yet how precise and perfect! When Nehemiah began his long journey to the Holy City with royal letters in his hand, God's time-piece of prophecy began to tick off the years, to be interrupted by the official rejection of His Son, resumed at the beginning of the 70th week, yet future, and completed with the glorious second coming of Christ.

The Gigantic Task

But surely no such thoughts came into the mind of Nehemiah as he came to the city of his fathers to begin his life work of governor and wall-builder. Instead, he was immediately faced with the staggering task of rebuilding a ruined city inhabited by a discouraged people. The question might well have been asked—and probably was, in the mind of Nehemiah—what could one man do to help in such a situation, even if he did have letters from the king? The answer to this question is recorded for us in the Scriptures, and deserves to be counted as one of the greatest achievements in the annals of human history.

A Moonlight Ride

For 3 days following his arrival in Jerusalem, Nehemiah rested from his long journey, seeking, no doubt, the will of God for the days ahead. Then, without so much as suggesting

his plans to Israel's leaders, he arose in the night, mounted his horse, and with a few companions examined the ruins of Jerusalem's walls in the light of a brilliant moon, while the population of the city was wrapped in slumber and unconcern. The next morning, with great tact and a delicacy of approach that deserves to be studied, Nehemiah challenged the rulers of Israel to begin the work of rebuilding: "Come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach." How easy it would have been to denounce them for their sloth and to command



Prof. Whitcomb

them to rebuild their city. But Nehemiah had long since identified himself completely with the failures of his people, and his contagious enthusiasm brought an immediate and joyous response: "Let us rise up and build!"

The Attacks of Satanic Enemies

The work had begun! The people of God were on the march, under the flaming enthusiasm of a man who was sold out to the God of Israel! What a wonderful combination, and yet—as in every similar case in the history of God's people—Satan, that archenemy of every work of faith, was not dead. Stung into a frenzy of wrath by the success of Nehemiah, Satan and his servants began to hamper and to hinder on every side. Even before his arrival in Jerusalem, Nehemiah's enemies had sensed the beginning of trouble for their cause, and "it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel." With the work on the wall actually begun, however,

inner thoughts were turned into open words of ridicule and rage: "They laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king? . . . What do these feeble Jews? . . . if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall." How subtle are the methods of our Enemy!

In the case of some Christians, Satan's fiery dart of ridicule would be sufficient to put to silence the word of testimony—so why should he bother to use greater weapons? But Nehemiah was made of different material, so mockery was now exchanged for military attack and fifth-column infiltration: "Then they were very wroth, and conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it." But even as the first attack, ridicule, was met by prayer and determination, so now the second attack, physical interference, was met by preparation and watchfulness. It was now clear to the enemy that Nehemiah was no ordinary leader, so their three greatest weapons were now brought to bear upon him: compromise, false accusation, and finally, treachery. The subtlety of these Satanic attacks, and the remarkable answers of Nehemiah to each one of them is recorded for us with realistic vividness in the sixth chapter, and reminds us of that greater conflict nearly 500 years later: Christ and Satan in the wilderness of Judea.

A Precious Book

How many a pastor, wearied by daily conflicts with this same enemy that Nehemiah faced, could receive encouragement to carry on, by a study of this precious book! The same problems and discouragements must be faced, but the same God is mighty to bring victory through humble instruments that are wholly yielded to Him! "So the wall was finished . . . And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God."

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING

Yesterday we viewed for the first time the great Coliseum of Los Angeles in which the Olympic games were held in 1932. As we stood looking at the entrance to the stadium, through which more than a million people passed during the last year, we saw a great cement pillar formed like a torch. During the Olympic games there burned a continual fire in that torch, a symbol of the games themselves and of the men and women who participated. The stadium was empty now and the fire in the torch has long since gone out, but I came away with a question in my heart, a question about Brethren Sunday schools and Brethren teachers across the land.

Our forefathers have erected some wonderful buildings; they had a vision of the future, and they built well and large. They had a passion to carry the Gospel unto the uttermost parts of the earth. *Is the torch still burning?* God still has a method of reaching men. Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." In the days of the apostles, men turned aside to hear the message, because the men who gave it were burning with a passion to deliver it. Teacher, preacher, superintendent: has your light gone out?

It Is Time to Prepare

I know that it is still February, but it is time to prepare for your summer daily vacation Bible school. Whether you live in a crowded city district or in a scattered rural community, you ought to have a daily vacation Bible school. Perhaps you have had one before; if so, then plan for an even better school this summer. To do this, you ought to begin to plan now. The first secret of an outstanding D. V. B. S. is to *begin early*.

The Sunday school superintendent and the pastor ought to meet together and choose the person who is to direct the school. This will give your director plenty of time to choose the rest of the staff, and to begin work on the courses to be taught. Choose a director (if the pastor does not desire to do the work himself) who will shoulder the responsibility and stay with the job until it is done. The director ought to be one with real administrative ability, imagination, initiative, pa-

tience, and above all else, a person of spiritual maturity, able to enlist the support of the men and women on the staff.

Our Children Are Working

How we ought to thank God for the boys and girls of our Brethren Sunday schools. In the current Junior-Intermediate Quarterly it is suggested that the boys and girls should attempt an acrostic and send it to the author of the quarterly. A



number responded and we have chosen two that represented some real thinking.

First, an acrostic from Gerrie Makinster, age 10, a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The acrostic is on the word "Jesus":

J—ustification
E—ternity
S—alvation
U—nearned
S—anctification

The other one we have chosen came from Sarah Jane Quartz, of the First Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio, the acrostic being on the word "love":

L—ife with Christ
O—ccupy with Christ
V—ictory with Christ
E—ternity with Christ

Keep them coming, boys and girls, and perhaps yours, too, will be printed.



From Our Churches

Donald McMichael, superintendent of the Bible school of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, led the cabinet-choir in singing two special selections during the morning worship service Sunday, January 20. Brother McMichael had promised the congregation that such a choir would appear upon the attainment of an attendance of 200 in a regular Bible school session. That occurred on January 13. The first selection was a medley of Bible school songs obtained from the National Sunday School Board. The second number was an old familiar Gospel hymn. There were 24 in the choir, including teachers, officers, and assistants. The choir was well received. Superintendent McMichael and his collaborators are meeting once each month for study and planning to increase the efficiency of the Bible school.

From Uniontown, Pa.

We received a copy of a very fine program of a Sunday evening service at our Uniontown church. The program was built around a pageant depicting the books of I and II Kings (our present lesson study). It is written in an interesting fashion, and would be a fine way of presenting the story of this quarter to your school. If you are interested in a copy of this, write to us, and we will mail it to you. It was given the first night of the quarter, but could be used even yet in your school. The pageant used the entire time of the Sunday evening service, and carries with it the real challenge to yield our lives to Christ. Congratulations to Rev. Clyde Landrum and this up-and-coming Sunday school.

With Your Editor

Your Sunday school editor at the present moment is in southern California conducting a series of Sunday school rallies. All the churches of the area are cooperating in this series of rallies, and in those already held a fine response was given and a new enthusiasm seems to have taken hold on our Sunday school workers. Continue to pray for your National Sunday School Board.

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

"The King Is Dead"

On Wednesday, February 6, 1952, the world was startled by the announcement of the death of George VI, King of England and of the British Commonwealth of Nations. He was a very popular king, or, as one editor declared, "the common man's king."

King George had been in poor health for some years, but in recent days he seemed to be recovering very acceptably from a major operation. He and his family were planning a vacation and good-will tour in the early spring of this year, and his daughter and her husband were already on a tour that was to take them to most of the nations that comprise the British Commonwealth of Nations. The death of the King, however, changed all of these plans; the king will not make the proposed trip and his daughter had to return at once to England as Queen Elizabeth II.

The death of George VI reminds one and all again that the kings whom men choose are subject to limitations and human frailties. Here is further evidence of the universality of God's declaration: "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27).

God Has an Eternal King

God has chosen a King for Himself, one who is eternal and whose kingdom shall never know an end. This truth was revealed to David almost 3,000 years ago. David, after he had brought a certain amount of peace to Israel and had built a palace for himself, wanted to build a temple—a permanent abode—for his God to replace the Tabernacle that had been used since the beginning of the exodus from Egypt. He desired to build this temple at Jerusalem, the center of the nation's life, but God had other plans—He reserved the building of the Temple for Solomon, and to David He said:

"And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his

kingdom for ever" (II Sam. 7:12-13). Note that this throne shall have an eternal establishment because it is the throne of the eternal Son.

The Understanding of the Psalmist

How did the saints of God down through the years understand this promise of God? It is impossible to know how all of the saints understood this truth, but it is possible to read the testimony of some of them. Here it must suffice to note the witness of the psalmist, as he wrote under the direction of the Holy Spirit. In writing one of the Psalms he quoted words of God to this fact:

"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. . . . Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. . . . My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven" (Psa. 89:3-4, 27-28, 34-37).

The Character of God's King

It is evident, therefore, that God has a King of His own choosing, one subject to His will in all things. The question that must be considered next is: What kind of a king is this one whom God has chosen? What kind of a character does He have? There are many passages in the Word of God that might be considered here, but one given by Isaiah must suffice at this time.

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots [this is a reference to one of the Davidic line who shall be king]: and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in

the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins" (Isa. 11:1-5).

This old world surely needs, right now, the King who has all those qualifications and qualities of character. It may not be very much longer before He does take control and before He puts everything in its rightful place.

The Scope of This King's Rule

No other king in all the world has ruled over more territory than that over which the King of England rules, yet this rule cannot be compared to the rule to be exercised by God's King. John saw Him riding forth on his white horse and He "hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." John also saw the day when "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 19:16; 11:15). Indeed, this King shall have a rule that is universal over all the earth.

WHAT IS YOUR DEVOTION?

Commenting on the devotion of British young people to Christ, a young German doctor says, "They do not give to Christ anything like the devotion we gave to Hitler." The word "consecration" has become so unmeaning to us that we almost have to go to devotees of Communism to relearn true devotion. If we will not learn from Christ, Solomon might say to us: "Go to Stalin, thou sluggard; consider his ways, and be wise" (see Prov. 6:6).—*The Prairie Overcomer*.

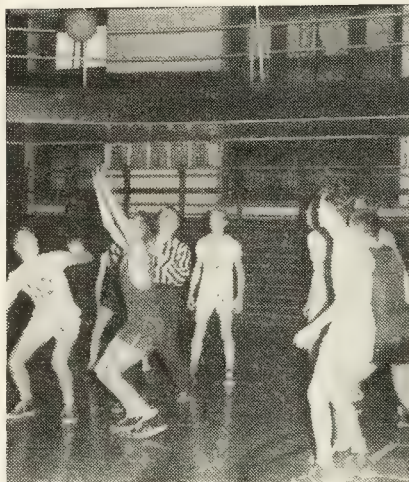
"It is so much easier to admire the grace of God in others than to pant after the same degree of grace for ourselves."—*Selected*.

BOYS CLUBS ARE GOING FORWARD

ROANOKE BOYS ORGANIZE BASKETBALL TEAM

Boys from our Ghent Brethren Church in Roanoke, Va., have organized a basketball team and entered into a local "Y" league. Using Brethren Boys Club T-shirts and white gym trunks, also lettered "BBC," they present a snappy appearance on the floor. Although they lost their first two games to superior teams, the boys show promise of developing into a good, working and winning club.

They were encouraged some in entering the league by some of the men of the church, but most of the initiative came from the boys themselves, and they begin each game with a prayer huddle. The accompanying picture shows a jump-ball scene in a recent game.



Basketball at Roanoke

YOUTH BRIEFS

Some of our young people at Roanoke have been spark-plugging a new Bible club at Jefferson High School. Meetings are held before school every morning, and attendance varies between 10 and 20. Singing, testimonies, prayer, and occasional special speakers vary the program.

Some of our young people at Taos, N. Mex., have been witnessing for the Lord and distributing tracts at the nearby Indian pueblo—which has been forbidden territory as far as the Gospel is concerned. Pray that a good nucleus of these Pueblo Indians might be really saved, and a real work done for the Lord through them. About 1,200 Indians live at the pueblo, and no Protestant mission has yet been able to reach them.

Our Washington, D. C., BYF has taken to meeting after church on Sunday nights, and has seen interest and enthusiasm grow greatly. Meetings are usually held in homes, and the attendance has grown from a handful to a real houseful—over 20 on occasions. They've recently been enjoying a series of discussions, led by different young people, on the general theme, "Is Christianity Practical?" Leaders have pointed out that it is—on the university campus, in the office, in the armed services, etc.



BBC BRIEFS

Our new club at Martinsburg, Pa., has grown from 6 boys, at the first meeting, to 36 at recent meetings! Some of these boys come from the nearby church at Vicksburg, Pa.

Another new club has begun at Alexandria, Va., with a nucleus of 8 or 10 boys. Wilbur Hess is the club chief, and he has several able assistants. At a recent meeting with the youth director, the boys were really enthused about the club.

Martinsburg, W. Va., is another church ready to start a BBC with excellent prospects for a fine, live club.

Has your club figured out a practical way to have a real share in the \$1,000 offering goal to clear the decks of all indebtedness on our missionary and other projects? Let's all get busy on this!

"Do not take up your time so much with studying your own heart as studying Christ's heart. For one look at yourself, take 10 looks at Christ."—Robert Murray McChesney.

HELL FOR CERTAIN BBC SHOWS PROGRESS

Our only boys club with a woman chief, down in Kentucky, is coming along fine, and recently were the recipients of a fine box of new tools—mostly woodworking tools—sent from the fellows in the office where Miss Evelyn used to work in California.

Also, recently they had a special meeting—but we'll let Miss Evelyn tell about that:

"On January 19 our boys club invited Evangelist Coy Turner to come and speak to us. We told him to wear old shoes and old clothes. Our trip was all planned, and 10 of us hiked clear to the top of the mountain—in the head of a holler—to our meeting place.

"Here we found a small log cabin which our boys had built. Over the door was a sign with a cross which read, 'Jesus Saves.' Underneath was printed, 'Jesus Is Good to Us.'

"All 10 of us could just fit in, and we sat on the floor. In one corner the boys had a large can, rigged with a smoke pipe, and a good fire kept us nice and warm. We wish you could have looked in on the little scene—the boys will never forget it. After Brother Turner had spoken to us, we removed the top from our stove, and roasted wieners and marshmallows.

"A good time was surely enjoyed by all, even if the boys did nearly wear the 'chief,'—I mean the 'squaw'—out!"

PASTORS, CHURCHES ATTENTION!

If you need help in the form of workers for your D. V. B. S., or a young evangelist, or team for summer youth revivals, please contact Youth Director Ralph Colburn as soon as possible. We have Brethren young people anxious to do this type of work to serve the Lord. Let us know how many you want, when you want them, etc., and we'll try to help you get the finest Brethren youth available.



Compton, Calif.

It is with deep regret that we of the First Brethren Church, Compton, have complied with the request of our pastor, Rev. Forest Lance, and have accepted his letter of resignation.

The Lord has been so very good to us during the 3½ years that Brother Lance has been our pastor. Much has been accomplished for the glory of the Lord, both spiritually and materially, in this short time. Many have come to know Christ as personal Saviour and have been added to the membership. Our auditorium has been remodeled, and a new Hammond electric organ has been purchased.

As our friend and pastor we shall miss him greatly, but we are thankful for his faithful and fruitful ministry in this place. We ask the Lord to bless him and his family as they enter into a new work to which he feels God is calling them.

For the congregation:

Mrs. Helen McCall,
Recording secretary.

Beaumont, Calif.

We—the entire congregation—are thankful for the ministry of our Bro. Robert Ashman, who ministered in our midst January 13-27. The meetings were hindered by the heaviest rainfall this area has had in 8 years, and by an epidemic of colds, flu, and virus pneumonia; yet God richly blessed us.

During the last week of the meetings there were decisions at every service except one. There were 28 decisions, 14 of which were first-time confessions of Christ as Saviour during the 2 weeks. Some of the decisions were made in the Happy Hour program for the children. Four of these people have been baptized and received into the membership of the church. One person has accepted the Lord since the meetings.

Brother Ashman truly works with the pastor for the good of the church itself. His pastoral experience of 14 years at the Peru, Ind., church makes it possible for him to under-

They Built Better Than They Knew

By T. A. Eisenbise, La Verne, Calif.

From time to time leaders in the Brethren Church come to La Verne and show pictures of the many church edifices that are springing up over the brotherhood. These buildings are in turn suggestive of the work that has been going on and the effort being put forth by these determined people. I say "determined people" because of their zeal to raise high the banner of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some of us have been very deeply impressed because of the knowledge that has come to us by virtue of the messages and facts that have been brought to us in this way. Especially is this true to those of us who are familiar with the work of the leaders who were instrumental in launching this great movement.

Right in line with all this was the coming into our midst of Bro. Paul R. Bauman quite recently. He showed us pictures of the new seminary building, which is certainly a remarkable accomplishment when all the facts are taken into consideration. Brother Bauman stressed the fact that is well known and believed by all Bible readers who are faithful to the Word: that the holy men of old who prophesied centuries before the things came to pass spoke far beyond their knowledge at the time of their prophesying and writing.

Just so, the success of this Brethren movement, under God, has far exceeded the hopes and dreams of such leaders as H. R. Holsinger and William Bauman. *They built better than they knew.* Imagine these two leaders coming back and taking a trip together with William Bauman's grandson, Paul, in visiting these various Brethren churches—125 of them. Can you imagine their bewilderment, and the depth of joy in their hearts, as they would visit these churches?

stand the position of the pastor in the church. Furthermore, he is a "wizard" with children—always being a step ahead of them.—*Gene Farrell, pastor.*

Portis, Kans.

On Sunday, December 30, the First Brethren Church of Portis had a

In the stirring days of those men, which seem as but yesterday, nothing could have induced us to follow their leadership. We were governed at the time by the best that we knew; we could see such a short way into the future. Even those leaders had little conception of the far-reaching and eternal consequences of their efforts. Yet God has wonderfully led His people down through the years. God help us, in this generation, to have an ear to the voice of the Spirit.

Some years ago the chief of police of Los Angeles invited the ministers of the Church of the Brethren to have lunch with him. I was among them. We met before the hour set for the lunch and spent the time in a sort of little "council meeting." It happened at the time when the Church of the Brethren in San Diego was thinking of selling the church plant. This matter was up for discussion. The Brethren Church was interested in buying the building.

One of the elders, then living in Los Angeles, now called up higher, speaking of the Brethren Church, said something like this: "These Brethren people are making a success of every place where they have started churches. Whether we like it or not, these Brethren are succeeding because they are preaching the Word."

It is logical to conclude that the cause of the difference between churches that succeed and the liberal ones that are on the standstill or going backward is to be found right at this point. One group preaches the Word and the other does not.

May God be merciful to us and help us who have professed His name, especially that we may be kept true to His Word.

basket dinner in honor of our incoming pastor, Rev. Raymond Kettell, and family, and an appreciation for the services of the retiring pastor, Rev. Hilland Stewart, and family.

The chairman of the arrangement committee was Mrs. Hud Turner. The Stewarts were presented with a platform rocker, and the Kettells

A Christian's Duty To His Government

Editorial in the *Moody Monthly* for July 1951

were given a "pound shower" of food.

Several spoke in behalf of the faithful ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Walter Bodge represented the Sunday school; Mrs. T. N. Garner, Mrs. Bertha Disney, and Mrs. Dan Brumbaugh spoke for the women and girls of the church; Wendell Cram represented the boys; Albert Hill spoke on behalf of the Crystal Plains people; and Paul Brumbaugh spoke on behalf of the Solomon Valley Christian Laymen's Association, which Brother Stewart helped to organize.

The parsonage has been completely redecorated, and 12 new tables have been secured for the church.

There has been a definite increase in the attendance at our Bible school and church services in recent months.

Tribute to a Brethren Pastor

Betty Burkhart, who writes a column, "Happenings Out Our Way," for the Nanty-Glo (Pa.) Journal, wrote in her column for January 17, 1952, these words: "What has the church got?" asked someone the other day of the Pike Brethren Church, 'that fills the parking lot with cars, regardless of weather, that makes one have to be present a half hour before the services in order to find a seat?'

"What does it have? It has a pastor who is sincere, who knows the problems of his people, who helps them learn how to overcome those problems, who lives what he preaches."

The pastor of the Pike Brethren Church is Rev. Clair W. Gartland.

TESTIMONY FROM HAWAII

Mrs. E. J. Jones, of 204 Red Hill Ave., Honolulu 17, Hawaii, wrote: "The Brethren Missionary Herald is truly our oasis in a spiritual desert over here where a true testimony for Christ is sadly lacking." Mrs. Jones is a member of the Brethren Book Club, thus she is keeping up with the best in Christian literature to help her spiritual life in that desert.

DATES SET FOR 1952 SESSION OF WINONA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

The 33rd annual session of the Winona Lake School of Theology will be held June 18 through July 25. Among the teachers for this year's session are the following: Dr. J. A. Huffman, president; Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, Prof. Norman A. Baxter, Dr. L. R. Marston, Dr. Harold G. Mason, Dr. Edwin Young, Dr. Arnold C. Schultz, Prof. Robert Walker, Dr. Warren C. Young, and Prof. John A. Huffman, dean.

As previously announced, this school is conducting a flying seminar to Palestine and other places in the Near East, beginning late in July. For any additional information regarding either of these write direct to the school, Winona Lake, Ind.

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

The Revised Standard Version of the Bible will be published late this summer and made available to the reading public on September 30, 1952. This translation is the result of 16 years of work on the part of outstanding Bible scholars. The New Testament in this version appeared in 1946, and now the whole Bible is about ready for publication. This work is heralded as the "greatest Bible news in 341 years."

MOODY INSTITUTE LITERATURE

Moody Bible Institute's colportage department distributed 12,000,000 pieces of Gospel literature in 110 countries in 28 languages during 1951. In the United States 240,000 pupils in 9,227 schoolrooms received free copies of the Gospel of John. In addition, literature was sent to hospitals and jails for free distribution.

The royal road to success would have more travelers if so many weren't lost attempting to find short cuts.—*Calvin*.

Many Christians are tempted with things of this world because they are tampering with them.—*Bulletin, Modesto, (La Loma) church*.

Disregard for law, the throwing off of restraint, lack of reverence for authority—these are signs of the times. Increasingly the spirit of anarchy is stalking abroad. Against this the Christian must be on his guard, saturated with the Word of God, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

... We may well remind ourselves as Christians of our duty to our government. This is a danger point, for it is one place where personal convictions and prejudices may cause us to miss the mark.

The Word of God teaches us to honor, to reverence those in authority (Rom. 13:7; I Pet. 2:17). Perhaps such authorities are personally as evil as Nero, but that does not excuse our speaking disrespectfully of them in their position. We should oppose wrong and do all in our power to put down oppression. But we should never stoop so low as to speak in such a way as to lower men's opinion of authority.

Again, the holy Scriptures teach us to obey the powers that be (Rom. 13:1, 5; I Pet. 2:13). Though we must allow for the voicing of opposition, even for revolution against tyrannical and totalitarian powers, aside from such rights we are to be in subjection. No one who has been born again, no one who is filled with the Holy Spirit will habitually break the law.

The child of God will also pay his taxes (Matt. 22:21; Rom. 13:6-7). It is our judgment that the general tenor of the teaching of the Bible allows for protest and even revolt against unjust and exorbitant taxation. Beyond these considerations, however, the Lord's servant will not try to evade the payment of tribute.

At least one more duty is ours. We are to pray for those in authority (I Tim. 2:1-2). Perhaps more fervent supplication for our nation will result in remedying the situation about which we may complain so vehemently. Perhaps the heart of the ruler may be touched of God in answer to prayer. Let us not fail, let us not sin against our nation, against our rulers in failing to pray for them.



**"I WANT A
TEACHER"**

*"Suffer the little children
to come unto me, and
forbid them not: for of
such is the kingdom of
God" (Mark 10:14).*

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

Busy Days

These editorials are being written and the material for this issue of the Herald is being assembled during the midyear meeting of the foreign board. Our foreign mission activities now touch four continents with our five fields. This alone indicates the extent of our efforts and opportunities. Reports just received from the different fields are most encouraging; board actions have been courageous. No attempt will be made to mention specific actions of the board in this issue, but you can be assured that there are actions which will thrill you and challenge you when the full report is given.

Stretching to the Limit

Your foreign board is stretching to the limit the funds at hand, and is walking by faith in this serious business of sending forth new missionary candidates. Caring for the regular work and sending forth the new workers will mean that we will spend about \$25,000 more than our income this current year. We can do this only because of your faithful giving during the years when we had but few new recruits. The Brethren Church is growing. All offerings are increasing. Family incomes and church incomes are much larger. We are going forward by faith, trusting that foreign mission offerings will also greatly increase.

I Believe!

I do believe when the Lord thrusts forth laborers He will care for all their needs. I do believe He has thrust forth SEVENTY missionaries into our various mission fields. I do believe it is His will that many of the FIFTY other candidates knocking at our doors should be sent out. I do believe that a valiant army will follow in their train throughout the years of the future until our blessed Lord comes again. I do believe that the evangelization of the ONE MILLION to TWO MILLION people in our foreign mission fields is our responsibility as the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. I do know Brethren people have been loyal to our foreign missionary program. I do know that funds sufficient have always been provided for every missionary project in which we have engaged. I do know that not one foreign mission candidate has ever been withheld from service because of lack of funds. I thank God for these "believes" and "knows."

When I see the tremendous scope of our foreign mission program today—a continually expanding program;

when I interview the candidates—15 or more to go to the fields this year, and like numbers for future years; when checks are placed before me for signature in the amounts of \$1,000, \$3,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, and in varieties of smaller amounts, until funds seem to just melt before me, I am made to cry in the words of the one of long ago, "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief." The waves frightened that one so long ago, and these waves frighten me. Then I remember my "believes" and "knows" and take heart. *Believe* with us that our God will supply every need for all the valiant souls out on the battle line for Christ. *Pray* for the harvest and the harvesters.

A Faith Mission

Many people want to support and serve only with a "faith" mission. I, too, have that conviction. The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church is a "faith" mission. James Gribble and those who began the testimony in French Equatorial Africa stepped out wholly on faith. Our missionaries in all fields are schooled in the experience of trusting God for everything. I wouldn't want to serve in anything except a "faith" mission. And it is faith—whether every individual or every family unit looks to the Lord for personal transportation and support for the 4 to 6 years out of the United States, or whether they and the members of the sponsoring society and all the officers entrusted with the work look to the Lord for the supplying of the needs for the *whole* mission. Ours is a faith mission of this latter type, and God has honored our testimony and this plan of operation through the 40 years of our active history. It is so easy to make an empty boast of faith, but we know how challenging it is to trust God for everything, and look to Him as the supplier of every need. Especially do those missionaries out in the hard places of the earth rejoice in the privilege of walking daily in a "faith" walk. Pray for us—pray with us—let's all pray together "that our faith fail not."

"We Want a Teacher!"

Who of you, having seen the beautiful color motion picture filmed by Dr. Jobson in Africa and shown by him in so many of our churches, has not been moved by the one scene where little children are holding up a slate and on it are the words written, "We want a teacher"? And they do want teachers! I well remember the words spoken to me in Africa so often—"Mbi ye na dico" (I want to read).

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Only 1 out of 100 of the native boys and girls will ever learn to read in the government schools. Many of the 99 are the children of our native Christians. We have a large native church in Africa—there are over 10,000 actual members and about 20,000 who have accepted Christ and give evidence of salvation. An overwhelming number of these are illiterate. Usually they are people with keen minds, anxious to learn, but there are so few schools and fewer teachers. Africa has many needs today but none is greater than the need for capable young lady missionaries who will be willing to do the rather glamorless task of teaching the boys and girls and women in the trade and tribal languages (there are at least 15 of these), or in French. We should be most happy to correspond with those who would be interested in knowing more of this great opportunity for fruitful Christian service.

Missionaries En Route

Miss Estella Myers and Miss Grace Byron, as you read this, will be with the Wheaton Bible Lands Cruise somewhere in Bible lands. They will arrive in the United States sometime in the early spring. Miss Florence Bickel will probably be sailing to the United States during the early part of March, but we have not received full details as yet. Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Miller and family will fly to Belem, Brazil, on or about March 10. Rev. and Mrs. Lynn Schrock and Rev. and Mrs. Carson Rottler and their families will sail from New York for Buenos Aires, Argentina, on or about March 23. Be praying for these folks as they make their long journeys.

"Attend Your Church or Synagogue!"

Have you heard this statement as much in the last few months as I have? If so, do you believe it? The undiscerning will say, "That's fine!" But is it? If it's true that "church" and "synagogue" can be said in the same

breath by a Christian and seem to have the same place and value, then Christ died in vain, St. Paul was a fool to have suffered as he did, and our whole Christian program is a mistake, a whim, a sin! The general import of every broadcast and every newspaper advertisement which I have heard or seen back of this "attend your church or synagogue movement" is that church and synagogue, Christ and Moses, grace and law are on the same basis and have the same value and produce the same standing before God. *I don't believe it!*

Acts 4:12 says, ". . . there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Christian faith, foreign missions, and all Christian service have lost their value and meaning if Moses is equal to Christ, synagogue has the position of the church, or law is in any way comparable to grace in the souls of men. I love the Jewish people and have no sympathy whatever with the anti-Semitism of our day. I yearn for my Jewish friends to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Messiah-Christ, but I'm convinced that this end will never be accomplished by any watered-down message of the Christ. I urge all true believers to be on the alert for this compromise appeal—"Attend your church or synagogue."

Reporting Your Easter Offering

Your Easter offering report should arrive in our office at Winona Lake, Ind., by June 1, 1952, and will not be counted as a part of the offering of this fiscal year if it arrives later than June 15, 1952. Report blanks will be included with one of the final shipments of Easter offering supplies to your church. Send us one and keep a duplicate for your records. Names and addresses of donors should be listed on the report blanks.

Please make all checks, money orders, etc., payable to THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH, and send them to Miss Ruth E. Reddick, the financial secretary, at Winona Lake, Ind.



Foreign Missionary Editor's Mail Box

On February 2 the following interesting letter was received from Miss Marybeth Munn, Bekoro, Africa. "The work happily goes on here at Bekoro and the sick people, it seems, are coming from the ends of the earth to get well. Some are such pitiful and hopeless cases that I have no idea what to do for them. Others we can help, and many have gone home thanking the Lord for strengthened bodies once again. We always ask the ones getting pay medicine to put down a deposit to assure us that they will come until the treatment is over, otherwise it would be rather a waste of medicine in some cases. One day I was refunding to all those who had come faithfully and everyone that was on the receiving end went on his happy way—that is, all except one lady. When I handed her 30 francs back as her refund she acted quite upset. I couldn't understand what it was all about so I explained that her shots were so much, some pills were so much, and this was what was left. She

kept talking excitedly to the nurse in Kabba, so I asked what could be troubling her. She just had no more coming back! The nurse told me that she wasn't angry; she just couldn't understand. Hadn't she come with a game leg, runny ear, and hardly strength to get here, and now her leg was well, she could hear again, and she had strength to do all her work—how could she have 30 francs left over? I told her that if she wanted to really show her appreciation for what the Lord had done for her, she could give that 30 francs to Him on Sunday. She seemed really happy then and went on her way rejoicing.

"The leper work is something fantastic. We just don't know what to do. Of course we are keeping Beandje (the leper colony) for the Christians of our field, where they may come for their treatments. But the local lepers

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Baja California--a Land of Drought--II

By Walter E. Haag

From El Rosario the road climbed up a brushy canyon which was full of quail. Steeply it then climbed up a mountain where the narrow roads would have required a long back before passing could have been done. Fortunately the Lord didn't let any such necessity occur the whole trip. On top of this coastal range of mountains we spent the night. We had worn our sweaters all day and, as the fog started rolling in about dark, we went to bed early and slept late, even though we were cool in our sleeping bags. Having prepared ourselves for a hot trip, we were uncomfortably cool on that mountain top.

As we traveled along the next day (our fourth), we began to descend the mountain ridges. Along one cactus-covered and brushy hillside we saw a thin, hungry coyote watching us. He wasn't much over 50 feet away when we drove up alongside of him, and even when we stopped he stood watching, but started off and away before we thought to get our cameras out.

The map we were using didn't even show the next little junction, San Agustin. Perhaps it should not have been listed, but there were two houses, a windmill, and a shed where gasoline was kept. We found it a valuable stopping place. We purchased gasoline each time we passed by and refilled our water bottle from the windmill as we returned. The main road goes straight ahead to the little village of El Marmol, which we visited on our return trip. It is the result of an American who went there many years ago and started surface mining of the onyx. The several hundred people living there seemed to be some of the best fed and clothed of any of the working class that we saw. This is probably due to the steady employment of the men by the mine owner who ships his onyx by truck to California.

To El Arco

From San Agustin we took the short cut across to where it joins the main road from El Marmol. We traveled south over mountains and through valleys, with very few houses along the way. Through this desolate region was a little Catholic shrine with its virgins, saints, candles, and offering plate. A flat-backed headlamp from an old-model car, prior to the days of streamlining, served as the offering plate. A slot in the lens was sufficiently large to accommodate the most generous gift. The shrine was in a hole that had been carved out of the side of a giant soft granite boulder—a hole perhaps 3 feet deep and 4 feet high. It was evidently a shrine for travelers of the road as there was no house within miles as far as we could determine. Somewhat later we did pass by an old-time ranch where several families lived. They had a garden and fruit trees along a little trickle of water. Here, too, were palms growing, which resembled those found in the canyon at Palm Springs, Calif. Evening was soon upon us and we made camp for another night. Though we hadn't met another car all day, two trucks passed by during the night.

The next day (our fifth) we traveled down the middle of the peninsula through mountains at an elevation of about 2,000 feet. We passed some dry lakes with smooth, hard, flat bottoms, but at other times we came to places

where roads would branch out like the fingers of one's hand as they attempted to find a passage around or through a dust hole. It was as we were stopped and trying to decide which road to take that another car came up behind us. We exchanged greetings and while the driver decided on a course to follow, his companion asked our destination, and we asked theirs. We found they were going to Santa Rosalia, too. He was a priest there and was now returning with the car which he had purchased in the States. He then asked if we would like to travel along together so that if one car had trouble the other could help. We decided against that as they were driving a lighter car and could travel so much faster. We didn't reveal our identity and purpose for going to Santa Rosalia at that time, but I am sure we weren't in Santa Rosalia long until he knew our mission,



Operations at the onyx mine at El Marmol.

(The rough blocks are loosened with crowbars, swung into position for shaping into rectangular blocks, given a number, and shipped to California by truck.)

for the nickname the young boys had for us was "Halleluiahs." We thought it quite a coincidence for the priest of Santa Rosalia to offer to help us along the way.

Stuck in a Dust Hole

In the same general area on our return trip the Lord allowed us to become stuck in one of the dust holes so that we were delayed long enough that two Mexican fellows could walk from their car a mile away to come to us for aid. Their Model A Ford had gotten out of time and there they had been stalled for over a day. Roy went to work on it and, thanks to his mechanical ability, in short order had it running for them. Thus we were able to witness to these men. They seemed deeply interested in the Gospel and asked for tracts and a Bible. We had no Bible to give, but gave them a New Testament which they promised to read. The man and his son worked in Tijuana at the radio-telegraph office, so we hope to see them again some day.

We crossed a large dry lake bed, which would be

suitable for car races or a landing field for planes of any size. As the road started to climb into the hills again we stopped and used some of our precious water for taking a bath—one of the most refreshing of the whole trip. For after several days of dust which seeped into the car and over everything, we were filthy!

The next day (our sixth) brought us out nearer the Pacific coast again where the cool sea breezes were welcomed. We stopped to take pictures at the little village of Rosalito with its six or eight houses. We were most interested in the man and his burro in front of the best

house and the general store. Packed among the leaves from a certain kind of tree were delicious fresh black mission figs. We bought some of them but none of the tree leaves which the man said he sold as greens to be cooked. We weren't *that* hungry for greens.

Our travels that day took us through El Arco, a little mining village sitting on the 28th parallel. This parallel divides Baja California into northern and southern districts. It also is the place of time change from Pacific to Mountain time, as one travels south but always eastward.

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DEDICATION OF THE NEW RESIDENCE IN MACAPA



Part of the Dedication Day Crowd, Sunday, January 20.

By Rev. Edward D. Miller, Macapa, Brazil

Sunday, January 20, 1952, is a day long to be remembered in connection with our work in Brazil. That was the day of our first public service in Macapa in our own residence. God was gracious in giving us a very beautiful day, and thus many people turned out for our first service on Sunday afternoon. Counting those on the outside, there were more than 200 in attendance. The governor of the Territory of Amapa, Major Janary Gentil Nunes, was among those attending. (The man holding hat in hand—almost in the middle of the picture—is the governor.)

We had been planning for this day ever since we began construction on our house here in Macapa in November. The house, which is now complete, suits our needs for a church and a home. We live in one side and the back, and have one large room and a porch for our services. This room will seat around 60 very comfortably. Of course, many more can hear and see from the porch.

Bro. Keith Altig came over from Belem on Friday be-

fore the dedication, and we spent all day Saturday using the pickup truck and loudspeaker to announce our services. On the whole, the people seemed very interested in our work and our message. Many had already expressed a desire to come to our services prior to this time. Of course, many came out of curiosity the first Sunday, but since our opening service we have had seven people publicly confess Christ as their Saviour.

Our first series of meetings lasted through Tuesday night, January 22. Besides the regular preaching service, Brother Altig showed colored slides of the Life of Christ, and then on the last night we served refreshments following the service. All in all we can say that we were more than satisfied with the results from these first few meetings in Macapa. Of course, our numbers are much smaller since the first day, but many new ones continue to come every day. Our prayer is that we might see many turn from the darkness into the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ in the days that lie ahead. Brethren, pray for us!

Building for Time and Eternity

By Rev. J. Keith Altig, Icoaraci, Brazil

There are always interesting things to be seen in every foreign country, especially in relation to the people and the homes in which they live. A few days ago we were visiting in a home far out in the country. It is a place where a few weeks ago there was only the untouched forest. A man with a large family, who had been forced out of his home in another state by the drought, had come to this place where he began to carve a home out of the jungle. He cut down the trees and, selecting such poles and branches as would serve his purpose, erected the most elemental kind of dwelling. There isn't a sawed or planed board in the house, and the walls and roof consist only of dried palm branches arranged so that they keep out at least some of the rain.

Another type of dwelling is made principally of mud. A framework is erected first of poles set about 6 inches apart upright in the ground. Then other poles are nailed or tied with vines at right angles to the first so that it looks like the bars of a jail with 6-inch squares. Then the mud is packed into the openings and smeared on the outside and inside to cover the poles. If the builder has been careful to make the walls straight and smooth they can be finished with plaster and the house looks very good, but before long the plaster begins to fall off, the mud falls out, the poles fall in, and the house falls down.

There is an abundance of good wood in this part of Brazil, however, and many of the houses are built of wood and look much like any frame house in the States. The usual custom is to put the boards on up and down and cover the crack with another little board like the

The best type of building is made of hollow tile. The clay to make tile is found in abundance along any river bank and there is a great industry in making tiles, bricks, and pottery things of all kinds. The building being used as a church in Icoaraci is of this type of construction and,



A house of jungle material.



Erecting a mud house.

early California houses. The house the Edward Millers are building in Macapa is being made of finished lumber and will look much like the usual American frame dwelling.

although it is many years old, it still stands straight and true, not sagging or cracking anywhere. The foundation is broad and firm and only the best materials were used. A beautiful, rare type of dark hardwood was used for the doors, door frames, and window frames—these are as sound today as they ever were. The floors are made of alternate strips of light and dark hardwood which, when sanded and polished, are simply beautiful.

Human lives are much like buildings. There are the lives consisting of cheap and easy things, the things of very little value, the things easy to acquire, but at the same time transitory and fragile. These lives, like houses made of jungle materials, will soon fall into ruin. There are lives built of sordid and earthly things which, though they might appear to be good, will be revealed by the passage of time as to their true worth or, rather, worthlessness. The cultured, educated, and refined people of the world who are without Christ and the salvation He provides could be an illustration of the nicely built, attractive houses built of impermanent materials. The passage of time will destroy and bring to an end their useful existence.

The finest type of life, of course, is that which is built on the solid foundation of Christ. The materials are the great doctrines of Christianity. The character and morality of true Christianity are desperately needed in the world today. The world needs well-built houses, and they are a blessing to humanity, but more than this the world needs well-built lives—Christian lives, people with a knowledge of Christ, of God and His will.

African Christian Homes

By Mrs. Orville D. Jobson

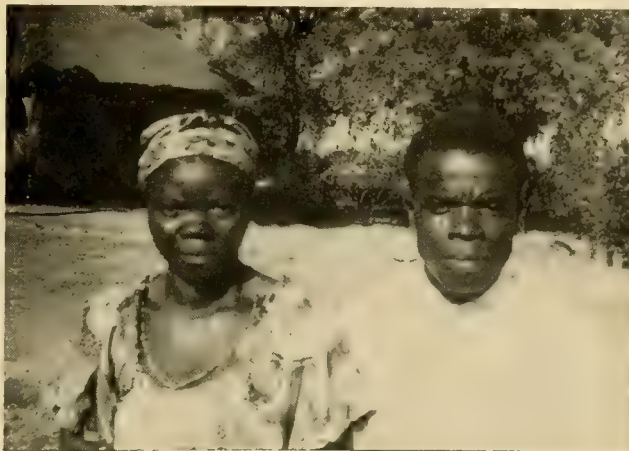
Looking back to the first years of our work in French Equatorial Africa, there is one impression that remains with me, and that is the joy in redeemed faces as these souls came to know Christ as Saviour and Lord. The transformation is nothing short of a miracle—Christ's transforming grace in Africa's darkened souls. At first only the men and boys made the step, and we were thankful to God for them. However, we knew that the African Christian home would be the formation of a real Christian community. It was not long before some of the women came, but these were timid and none of them made an effort to read the Word or lead in private or public prayer. They were received into the church without learning to read because we were anxious for the men to have believing wives. When one remembers the position of woman in the African economy, it is not surprising that it has taken such a long time to have truly Christian homes, and leaders from among the women. But when Christ comes into a life, He makes it new, and when these dear African women really understood that the message of salvation was for them, we began to see wonderful changes. Truly Christian homes are now to be found all over our field, among each tribe, and in every district.

One of the outstanding homes is that of Gaiwaka Noel at Bozoum. Here the family gathers for Bible reading and prayer every evening. They gather around the little kerosene lamp placed on the home-made table, and Pastor Noel and his wife take turns reading the portion of the Word for that day. Such a home reflects the Spirit of Christ. The mother and father are leaders in the church. The children are growing up in the church with a beautiful testimony. The oldest of the children, John, looks forward to the ministry when he can fulfill his obligations to the state for the education he has received. Of course such a home would be challenged by the enemy of the Lord. He found an entrance in the mother's behavior, but the faithful father and children have prayed the mother back into fellowship.

Another home is that of Yanji Etienne, the first to receive the Lord in our established work in Africa and be admitted to baptism. Yanji married in 1925, and he and Bassawene have remained faithful for over a quarter of a century. Prayer in the home has kept them faithful, and while they have not been blessed with children, yet

they have been a testimony of God's power to save and keep. At a recent meeting in the Bozoum church, Yanji gave a sterling testimony of what the Lord had done for them throughout the years. Such witnesses are a real blessing to the believers who may be going through severe testings.

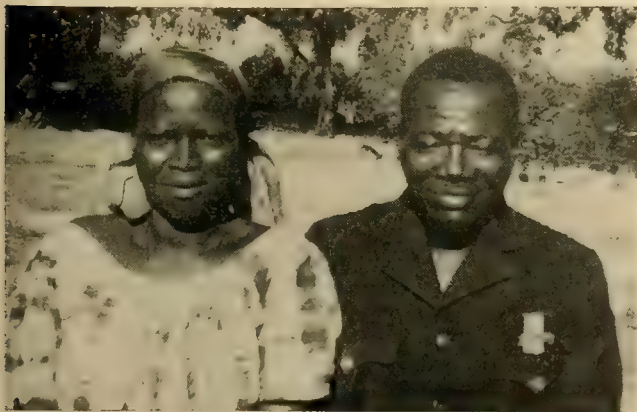
Each of our stations in Africa has a caretaker or guard, as he is sometimes called. He cares for the tools, work equipment, and is on hand when the missionaries need help. At Bozoum we have been blessed with a good, faithful man of God for this work. It is none other than Ouamalanji Isaac. All of our missionaries know this man.



Ouamalanji Isaac and his wife, Semeni.

He is faithful, honest, a good worker, and does his work as unto the Lord. He has been with us for many years, in fact, long before he was married. Here is another Christian home. He is married to Semeni, and they have one son who is named for our own son, Roger. The evil one tried to break this home many years ago, but good advice on the part of a missionary led to a perfect reconciliation, and now the home is a real challenge and testimony to all of our Christian homes. These people live just a short distance from the missionary's home, and we can hear their conversations, so not much is hidden. Of course, they do have their little misunderstandings, but at evening prayers wrongs are made right and they go on living happily together.

You have gathered from these three testimonies that a Christian home is a possibility in Africa, but that such are always open to attack from Satan. May this constant temptation of our Christian homes be a challenge to you to pray for them, and especially for the homes of the leaders, such as the elders and the deacons. How Satan tries them to the utmost! Some of their homes have been threatened so many times, and yet God's grace has been appropriated and the victory won. There is no divorce in the African Brethren Church, and our dear folks must appropriate God's grace for victory or else their testimony is ruined. Knowing this, many of our people make a more serious effort to live together for the sake of the Lord who bought them. Pray for the Christian homes—the source of all blessing in the Christian community in Africa.



Yanji Etienne and his wife, Bassawene.

A Normal Day in the Life of an Argentine Pastor

By Rev. and Mrs. James B. Marshall, Corral de Bustos, Argentina

Just how do the missionary pastors conduct themselves in Argentina? That is more or less what most people ask when they write for the first time. Well, for the first 9 months I couldn't answer that question, for I wasn't a pastor, but after serving in Corral de Bustos for 7 months as the *pastor evangelico*, I might be able to partially answer that question. I say "might" because there is the danger of over- or underestimating the task of a missionary in Argentina. What may be my normal day would be completely abnormal for another man, and vice versa. Therefore, what I write is *my* day and not that of someone else.

Properly speaking, one has to begin the night before, because one's day begins as a result of the previous night. Let's start with Sunday night. Since this is the springtime, folks just can't possibly get to meetings before 9:30 p.m. For a "Yankee" fresh from the States that is impossible to understand, but something to which he resigns himself. About 10:30 the meeting closes but the people don't go home. If you have ever noticed that "settling-down look" that comes over people after they have eaten a big meal you have some idea of what I mean. The tenseness is gone; they feel satisfied; the time has come to just sit back and talk. And that is what they do! No, we aren't complaining, for it is one of the things that binds our folks together. They don't have much Christian fellowship during the week and so on Sunday night they try to fill up the empty spaces. We rather enjoy it now, too, since we understand the language better. At first the babble of voices sounded like a cheering section at a Chinese football game played backwards on a tape recorder, but now we can pick out the conversation that suits us and enter into it. Before midnight, usually, the hall is cleared of people, the chairs stacked away, and the dust settled for the night.

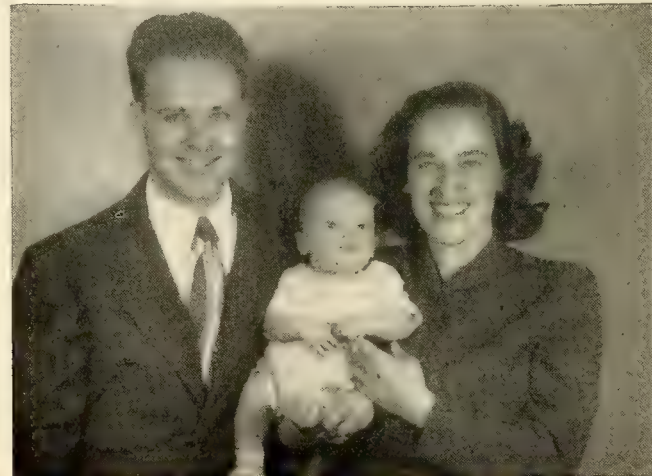
Monday morning is nearly always market day. Our well-laid plans to get up at 6 o'clock didn't materialize, and so Margaret has to hurry to get the baby bathed and fed before he gets too fussy. At 8:15 the market is quite crowded and so once again I get some practice in patience. Don Ricci, the vegetable man, who is a believer, is trying to convince a señora that one tomato costs 50 centavos. She just can't see it because 3 years ago she could buy several tomatoes for 50 centavos and maybe a little parsley to go with them. Finally, Don Ricci shrugs his shoulders, raises his eyebrows, and says, "Very well, 40 centavos." The señora turns in triumph and walks away. These folks buy enough for one meal at a time. In the morning they buy for dinner and in the afternoon for supper. But when we buy, we buy for several days. As I walk out of the market with my basket laden with vegetables, fruit, and meat, the folks turn and stare. I never have figured out if it is because of my North American necktie or the big basket of groceries. Anyway, I have begun the day feeling like an exhibition piece in a curiosity shop. But according to the Word, "all things work together for good," and it makes me think. Well, maybe I have been feeling rather proud lately, but those penetrating stares rubbed the finish off

my pride. Would that they might take as much interest in our message as they do in our actions!

The rest of the morning passes quietly in study and meditation—that is, not counting the baby's fussing, filling the stove with kerosene, answering the doorbell several times, and the time lost trying to find some Spanish words for English words that probably aren't in the dictionary yet. I have found that the hardest part about learning Spanish is forgetting some very poor English that we North Americans speak.

Dinner at last! Once again we determine to speak only Spanish at the table, but half way through the meal our resolution is forgotten. We justify ourselves by saying that Michael has to learn English some way, or his grandparents won't like it.

After dinner we can think of so many things to do, but all the stores are closed, the post office is closed, and



Rev. and Mrs. James B. Marshall and Michael Stephen.

the people are taking their siesta. Until 3 or 3:30 p.m. we just can't accomplish much outside. There are believers whom we should visit, but they don't like visits during siesta time. Invariably we want to do something and can't. How about the patio? Maybe I can rake up those old bricks and sticks. But no, the sun is like an oven and after 10 minutes of work I decide that the Argentines are right—a fellow ought to rest during the heat of the day.

Some of the most interesting hours of the day are the hours we spend visiting in the homes of the believers and others who have shown some interest in the Gospel. The first question they ask is, "How is Michael?" A baby surely provides a subject for conversation. We like to leave him in the car in his big basket, for he behaves better that way and doesn't get quite so many kisses.

Sometimes we discover problems that call for tact and wisdom in order to solve them. For example, our neighbor, a believer who owns a little grocery store, was tell-

ing me that his wife was sick. In the course of the conversation he remarked that she was going to visit a *curandero* (a quack doctor), and that he was sure he could heal her. He told me that he had gone to one when he was sick and the *curandero* healed him. I asked him how, and he told me the *curandero* put his mouth against his chest and spoke some mysterious words. Then shortly afterwards the sickness left him. Carefully I tried to show him the fallacy of such methods, and the danger of it inasmuch as he is a believer. He and his wife are young believers but firm in what they know, and they are anxious to learn. They both agreed to pray and trust the Lord for strength and health instead of going to the *curandero*. However, such customs are firmly rooted in the lives of these people and it is difficult to get them to change. Ordinarily we never mention a better or more modern way of doing something, but when it touches the spiritual life of the people then it is necessary.

Finally evening arrives. The air becomes cooler. The municipal public-address system begins to blare out Argentine jazz; children race up and down the streets shouting in raucous voices; the smell of garlic and onions frying, or the smoke of an *asado* (meat roasted over an open fire) drifts over the patio wall, and the whistle of the departing evening train warns us that the day is almost over. The natural darkness settles once again over the town, but we know that in a few hours the light of morning will come and another day will begin.

But what of the spiritual darkness? It is night in Argentina. Here and there a light burns brightly in the life of a believer, but there are so few. Yes, we have dim lights down here, too—believers whose lives are coated with the dust of worldliness. Sometimes I think a dim light is worse than none at all—at least I don't get a headache trying to see by it.

We're waiting for the morning to come when the "Light of the World" will shine forth as the Bright and Morning Star, but while we wait we long to see the light of the Gospel shine forth in the lives of many souls. Pray with us that our days here might be to His glory and to the end that sinners may accept Christ as their Saviour.

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—local, if you can call 100 to 150 kilometers in all directions local—are many. Last year we just gave them the oil, but now if we can get enough of the sulphones they will be able to buy that when they can afford it. Beandje is the answer for some of the leper work, but it doesn't nearly answer the big leper question. Some people will never be able to come here from the villages. On my local list I've found that about one-fifth are baptized believers. The same is probably true at each of the other stations. So we've thought that each dispensary should have some of the sulphones and have the privilege of treating those near them. As I've treated these who come every week to Bekoro, I've seen that walking so far each week for a year has torn down anything that the medicine we gave them could have done. So I told Brother Kliever and the others that I'd like to go out once a week and meet some of these half way. If I went over near the Pende, many of the Laka people could get in on this. So, Lord willing, when the pickup

comes and enough of the medicine comes, I'm going on Mondays to give medicine to those who can come to Yini, the village near the Pende, and also to a village near Paoua.

"Mary (Cripe) is now here, too, and she helps a lot in every way. The day that I go to Beandje she stays here at the dispensary and cares for the work. On the day that I admit (examine the new lepers) she comes with me to help. Some days we've seen lepers from morning until night, taking just enough time off to eat lunch. The sulphone drugs really do help wonderfully. The word is out far and wide that lepers are being 'healed' at Bekoro. So they are coming and coming, and the fact that they have to pay doesn't seem to stop them at all. But wouldn't we pay most any money if we were lepers and saw our bodies decaying and falling apart? I just have an awful struggle to turn any away, but I have to sometimes, as Beandje just can't hold everyone, and if they can't find a place to live they can't stay. The story of the wonders happening at Beandje have evidently been greatly exaggerated, however. Some poor people without any hands or feet thought that their toes and fingers would grow back on. Pray much that this continuous contact that we have with this class of people might pay rich dividends for Christ."

From France comes a bit of news from the *Don Miller* family, in a letter written on February 1. "We have a new address now. We have moved from where we were and Fogles are moving next week end. We were very thankful for the house that we had at first because we needed a place to live so badly and it was God's way for us for a while. We were so very fortunate in finding the place that we now have. We were very concerned about finding a place in this same town where Nancy is going to school, and we asked the Lord to definitely lead in that direction if He saw fit. Believe it or not, we are living in the very house where the school is held. This lady runs a private school here in the daytime for about 15 students and then rents the rest of the house to some family. The family that was here moved out and she told us we could move in. The lady is a widow and she lives here also. She is a wonderful Christian lady, and she wants to try to help us with our French. We are very grateful to the Lord for working all of this out for us. Our new address is: Donald F. Miller, 81 Boulevard des Etats-Unis, Le Vesinet, Seine et Oise, France."

A recent letter from Bro. Jack Churchill, Almafuerte, Argentina, expresses praise and thanksgiving for answered prayer. "The Lord has answered prayer not only in the matter of our permanent residence, but in another matter also. The building in Rio Tercero, after several months of being stopped because cement was not available, is now going ahead. The cement is still scarce, but the constructors have finally been able to scrape enough together to finish roofing the second story. One of the believers here in Almafuerte received 42 bags of cement which he had been waiting for, but since he is not now in a position to use them, he turned them over to the Galli Brothers, who are doing the building in Rio Tercero. We are trusting now that the house will be in shape to at least hold meetings by the end of March when we will finish our tent meetings." When the house in Rio Tercero is finished, it is planned that the *Churchills* and *Mrs. Sickel* will move from Almafuerte to live in the new house.

PRAYER STARTERS FOR MARCH

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—

Pray for—

1. The foreign mission offering, that the amount received will be sufficient to care for an increased missionary personnel and an increased sphere of missionary responsibility.

2. Brother and Sister Roy Snyder, who are still at the hospital at Elat, where she is recuperating.

3. Bro. Ricardo Wagner in Argentina, who is taking a complete rest under doctor's orders.

4. Mrs. Edward D. Miller and two children in Macapa, Brazil, who have had recent health problems.

5. Miss Grace Byron and Miss Estella Myers, who joined the Wheaton Bible Lands Cruise in Italy on February 29, and for Miss Florence Bickel, who accompanied them to Italy on her way to the States.

6. Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Miller and family, as they fly to Brazil around March 10.

7. The Lynn Schrock and Carson Rottler families, who expect to sail from New York on March 23 for Argentina.

8. The new missionaries under appointment and the many missionary candidates.

9. Our various fields of activity—Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Baja California, and France.

BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL—

1. Pray for the organized calling being done through the prayer meeting group, that souls may be won to Christ, and that folks will be added to the Juniata, Pa., church.

2. Pray for the BYF recently organized at Albuquerque, N. Mex., that many of the unsaved young people attending will come to know Christ as their Saviour. As many as 25 young people have been attending these BYF services.

3. Pray that the Yakima, Wash., church will be able to reach the parents of the children now attending the Sunday school.

4. Pray for the Brethren in Seattle, Wash., that the Lord might give wisdom in organizing and locating a church.

5. Pray for the executive committee meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council as it meets on March 20, 21, and 22 to make final plans for the year ahead in home missions.

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the increasing interest on the part of our Brethren people for the work of the seminary. Pray that the financial needs of the school may be met completely in the offering now being sent in by the churches.

2. Praise the Lord for the way He has continually cared for the financial needs of the students. Pray



for some who have families and are in need of work.

3. Praise the Lord for the blessings of Dr. McClain's life and ministry. Pray that he may receive rest, strength, and renewed vigor during the next few months.

BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD COMPANY—

1. Pray that the Lord will lead every writer of Brethren material to always present a message that will bring conviction to the sinner and spiritual strength to the saint.

2. Pray that all Brethren people will be led to use their own Brethren publications in every way possible.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL—

1. Praise the Lord for the large WMC offering for home missions (the Denver lots).

2. Pray that the WMC will be of greater help and encouragement to the Sisterhood girls.

3. Pray for your district WMC president as she leads in the district work and serves on the national board.

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA—

1. Pray that the lesson material may be blessed and used of the Lord in the lives of our girls.

2. Pray that the girls may get a vision of what their united efforts are doing in missionary work.

3. Pray that the officers and patronesses may be Spirit-filled and directed for this important work.

BRETHREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray for the youth director as he works among western Pennsylvania churches at this time.

2. Pray for our Brethren summer camps which are now being planned.

3. Pray that our new BYF programs will continue to be effectively written and used of God among our youth.

4. Pray for the dozen recently organized Brethren boys clubs, that the leaders might be able to take time to keep the clubs successful, and that the boys may respond well to the challenge of the Gospel.

BRETHREN LAYMEN—

1. Pray that every church may hold regular laymen's meetings, and that their programs may be well adapted to their needs.

2. Pray that the laymen in each church may assume the responsibility for the boys' work.

3. Pray for every evangelistic meeting held this spring. Let us fan the revival flames with our prayers.

GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELDS—

1. Pray that the national Christians on our mission fields may be strong enough to resist the false teaching of Jehovah's Witnesses, Catholics, Seventh Day Adventists, Communists, and others.

2. Pray for this year's classes in our Bible institutes in Argentina and in Africa. The new terms are likely under way by this time.

3. Pray for the "Life of Christ" lessons being translated in the child evangelism work in India, where the Goodmans are laboring.

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A boys club was organized at the Cheyenne, Wyo., church with 40 men and boys at the first meeting (perhaps the wild-meat feast had something to do with this number being present). The speakers were the police chief and the night chief of Cheyenne. This church had 18 more decisions for Christ during the first 2 weeks of February.

Rev. R. I. Humbert held a 4-day Bible conference at the Tracy, Calif., church. The Sunday school attendance at this church was 101 on February 10 and five people made public confession of Christ recently.

Rev. Carl Miller, of Roanoke, Va., spoke at the meeting of the Southeast District Men's Fellowship. He declared: "Many people are so busy doing church work they have no time to do the work of the church—winning souls."

The Compton, Calif., church is holding an evangelistic campaign, beginning February 19. The evangelist is Rev. Donald Rood.

The Kittanning, Pa., church on February 3 reached a worthy goal. This congregation had gotten into debt with Rev. Robert Crees when he served as pastor there years ago. He forgave the debt; nevertheless the congregation under the ministry of Rev. Gordon Bracker completely paid it on February 3.

The Leamersville, Pa., church will hold its spring evangelistic meetings March 2-16 with the pastor, Rev. Robert Crees, doing the preaching. The Eureka Jubilee Singers will help with the last week of the meetings.

Rev. Anthony Zeoli spoke at the Allentown, Pa., church February 20-22.

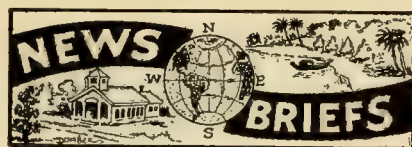
The Ashland, Ohio, church during January had an average attendance

of 314 in morning unified service, 192 in evening service, and 58 in prayer meeting. Average weekly offering for all purposes was \$443.64. Dr. Charles Mayes spoke at this church on February 17.

Announcements of future engagements to be included in this column must reach this office at least 15 days before the event if they are to be printed in time to be of advance notice to the readers. Please be sure to include the five fundamental news elements—"Who," "What," "Why," "Where," and "When." At least two items printed on this page were sent to us without mentioning the all-important "When."

Rev. and Mrs. Ward Miller, of Osceola, Ind., are spending last year's vacation now at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Mr. Tommy Thompson, brother of Mrs. Dallas Martin, who resides in Los Angeles, is a victim of one of the worst forms of polio. He is in a Santa Monica hospital.



A son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Meredith Halpin at Los Angeles on February 14, and he was given the name of Dareld Dean.

A Sunday school rally was held at the South Bend, Ind., church February 8, sponsored by the Brethren National Sunday School Board. Speakers included the following elders: Caleb Zimmerman, James Hammer, John Zielasko, Leslie Moore, Richard DeArney, and Ward Miller. Cooperating churches were South Bend, Osceola, Winona Lake, Sidney, Fort Wayne, and Leesburg, all of Indiana, and New Troy, Mich.

Six decisions were made for Christ, three for the first time, at the Covington, Ohio, church on February 17.

There were nine decisions at the San Bernardino, Calif., church on February 10. Three were to accept Christ as Saviour and five were to unite with the congregation.

When 56 people attended the prayer meeting service on February 13 at the Altoona, Pa., First Church, a record for the regular midweek service was established.

Bro. Thomas Inman will speak at the Leesburg, Ind., church the morn-

ing of March 2, and the picture, "Hidden Treasures," will be shown in the evening. On March 9 in the morning Bro. Richard Jackson will preach, and in the evening Bro. Joseph Dombek, chalk artist, will draw and speak. The midweek service on March 6 will be cared for by Bro. Donald Bishop.

Mrs. Helen Weishaupt, member of the Los Angeles First Church, has joined the teaching staff of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. She has done postgraduate work at both UCLA and USC and is now teaching Kindergarten Methods.

The Buena Vista, Va., church will hold its winter Bible conference March 2-9, with Bro. Conard Sandy as the teacher.

The Whittier, Calif., church received three new members on February 10. Rev. Earl Poysti preached at the church on February 17.

Mr. Samuel Wilson, aged 76 years, and faithful member of the Covington, Va., church, died on January 16.

The Roanoke, Va., Ghent church held a Bible conference February 10-15 with Dr. Norman B. Harrison as the leader. He spoke also at the YWCA each day at 1 p.m., sponsored by the Roanoke Bible Institute.

Two people were received into the membership of the Bellflower, Calif., church on January 27, and 192 were in Sunday school on February 3.

There were two public decisions for Christ as Saviour at the Berrien Springs, Mich., church on February 10.

A correction: In the report of the Young Russian Christian Association in the Herald for February 2 this statement appeared: "There are five of the young people now attending the Bible Institute of Los Angeles." Bro. Jack Green has written to say that five have graduated already and that there are now 25 of the young Russians from his association in that school.

Young people from Winona Lake, Ind., journeyed to New Troy, Mich., on February 16 and were featured in a "Youth With the Truth" program. Testimonies, musical numbers, and a message by Jesse Deloe, Jr., were heard by an enthusiastic Saturday-night audience.

The Hagerstown, Md., church will hold a Bible conference March 6-9 with Dr. O. E. Phillips as speaker. This church received six new members on February 10.

The Protest in Protestantism

By Rev. W. A. Ogden, Johnstown, Pa.

"Knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel" (Phil. 1:17).

Was it only a dream, or is it legend without a firm basis in fact, that on the night of October 30, 1517, Frederick, elector of Saxony, saw a monk writing on the old wooden doors of the Castle Church of Wittenberg in characters large enough to be read by the elector at Schweinitz, 6 leagues off (in his own town some 18 miles away), with a pen which appeared to reach as far as Rome and to loosen the papal crown.

Theses Nailed to Door

However the story got started, it was on the following night, October 31, 1517, that Luther affixed his memorable theses regarding indulgences to those same old wooden doors. Those doors of wood have given way to magnificent portals of bronze, but they still thrill the hearts of Protestant Christians around the world, for they bear a long Latin inscription of Luther's famous 95 theses which, when published, raised a standard whose scroll was read by Christendom, and set in motion a great movement which shook the foundations of papal Rome.

In 1876 James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore, wrote a book, "Faith of Our Fathers." He seeks to solicit the confidence of his non-Catholic readers by informing them that in this book the "doctrines of the Catholic Church are expounded by one of her own sons," and therefore are free from the falsehood and misrepresentations of her enemies—the Protestant clergy and church.

Meaning of "Indulgence"

Since, therefore, Protestantism traces its roots to Martin Luther and the old wooden door of the Castle Church of Wittenberg where we find his 95 theses nailed, and since these said theses are a protest against the papal indulgences granted in his day, we will, in all fairness, turn to James Cardinal Gibbons' book both for a definition of "indulgences" and an answer to the protest of Luther.

"The word indulgence," says Gibbons, "originally signified favor, re-

mission, or forgiveness. Now it is commonly used in the sense of unlawful gratification, and of free scope to the passions. Hence, when some ignorant or prejudiced person hears of the church granting an indulgence, the idea of license to sin is at once presented to their minds.

Punishment as Expiation

"An indulgence is simply a remission in whole or in part, through the superabundant merits of Jesus Christ and His saints, of the temporal punishment due to God on account of sin, after the guilt and eternal punishment have been remitted."

In other words, the person has been forgiven, and the guilt of eternal punishment has been remitted, but (Gibbons), "There often remains



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some temporal *punishment* to be undergone, either in this life or in the next, as an expiation to divine sanctity and justice."

The punishment indicated has been determined and pronounced by the priest who has heard the confession and imposes "canonical penances on grievous criminals, who were subjected to long fasts, severe abstinences, and other mortifications for a period extending from a few days to 5 or 10 years, and even to a lifetime, according to the gravity of the offense."

Errors in Doctrine

These penalties were sometimes canceled, it being held that "a society that can inflict a punishment can also remit it." This doctrine of indulgences is said to "be necessary now . . . at least as a mild and mer-

ciful payment of the temporal debt due to God."

Note these errors in the doctrine as here stated: (1) There is *no place* in the Word of God where the "abundant merit of the saints" can be invoked as a release from the guilt of another's sins. (2) The church has never been given authority to "inflict punishment for debts due to God. (3) Scripture knows *nothing* of expiation for sin in the life to come (purgatory). (4) In no instance does the Scripture teach that a sinning Christian can expiate or make payments for his debt due to God.

God Is Faithful

The Word teaches that in Christ alone is final and full forgiveness of our sins; that God forgives us *freely* for His sake, and that the believer who has sinned, in true repentance turns from his sin, confesses it, and throws himself upon the mercies of God who has said, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

With these things in mind, we turn now to Gibbons' account of the matter of Luther:

"This is a proper place to refer briefly to the bull of Pope Leo X proclaiming the indulgence which afforded Luther a pretext for his apostasy. Leo determined to bring to completion the magnificent church of St. Peter, commenced by his predecessor, Julius II. With that view he issued a bull promulgating an indulgence to such as would contribute some voluntary offering toward the erection of the grand cathedral. Those, however, who contributed nothing, shared equally in the treasury of the church, provided they complied with the essential conditions for gaining the indulgence. The only indispensable condition enjoined by the papal bull, were sincere repentance and confession of sins."

Indulgences Granted

We see here that members of the church who were under penalties for any reason were approached with

the proposition of making some monetary contribution toward the building of St. Peter's Cathedral. In return for this gift, if they also professed repentance of their sins, they were granted indulgence. That is, the bans were lifted, fasts were broken, "severe abstinences, and other mortifications," even though they may have been enjoined for life, were lifted, and the person was free to return to the normal routine of the offices of the church (it being understood that the most generous offerings would avail them nothing without true contrition of heart).

This simple and proper matter, says Gibbons, was the occasion of Luther's violent antagonism to the church, and of his "apostasy."

Now, there is yet another word of history on this matter. In 1511, while he was a theological professor at Wittenberg, Luther visited Rome. His heart was strangely and fervently moved, and as he approached the city he exclaimed, "Hail, holy Rome! thrice holy for the blood of the martyrs shed there."

Conscience Revolts

He approached the Holy Stairs—the stairs which were declared then to be the stairs the Saviour's feet had trodden in Pilate's judgment hall in Jerusalem—and began to ascend them on bended knees. But in this his conscience revolted. "Not by such works can men be justified or sanctified, but that 'the just shall live by faith.'" This was to become his watchword, and the new birth of Christian faith and liberty. The works and the forms, inherited largely from paganism from the days of Constantine, were to be dropped and a return to simple faith in a Sufficient Saviour was to be the lifeblood of the restored church.

Moreover, while in Rome, the historian tells us, Luther was shocked by the secularity of the pope (Julius II) and of his court, as well as by the levity, licentiousness, and even infidelity common among the priesthood. He returned home with the impression that "Rome, once the holiest, was now the worst of cities." He did not renounce the ecclesiastical system of Romanism, but his sentimental enthusiasm for the Roman church as it then existed was gone.

It is at this juncture that we join the historian's account with that of Cardinal Gibbons, in regard to the sale of indulgences:

minican preacher and papal agent, who was raising money for the new St. Peter's Church, came in contact with Luther. Tetzel's "scandalous sale of papal pardons without proper explanation of the need of repentance as a condition of absolution, and the purchase of these indulgences by multitudes under the impression that they were obtaining passports to heaven," roused the indignation of one who had found the only pathway to pardon and peace. "God willing," said Luther, "I will beat a hole in his (Tetzel's) drum." This he did when he nailed his theses to the door of the church.

Pope on His Side?

At this time Luther did not consider himself in conflict with the church, but alone with Tetzel. He was certain in his mind that Pope Leo himself would repudiate Tetzel and his loose and un-Christian manner of granting indulgence. But he was due for a rude awakening. Pope Leo X had said of Luther that, "Friar Martin is a man of fine genius," and the cry against him, "a squabble of envious monks."

But in August of 1518 Leo had decidedly altered his views, and Luther was branded as a heretic and ordered to Augsburg to meet the papal representative and answer the charges lodged against him. It is here that the historian reveals the basic weakness of the papal system, and the supremacy of the way of faith in the Word of God. Luther proposed that the discussions be carried on on the basis of the Word of God. This was rejected. Remember, friend, that the papal system boasts an *infallible church and an infallible pope—but not an infallible Book*. Two things so far apart could not both be infallible! The word of the church—the system of the pa-

pacy—must endure. Let the Bible teach what it may!

Stands on Word

In this situation, Luther was constrained to appeal from the Pope to the general council, and thus ceased to be a high papist, however still a Romanist. A year later, at Leipsic, he was compelled to again choose, and this time his choice was a step further, for he repudiated the supreme authority of the councils and took his stand upon the Holy Scriptures as the sole ultimate standard of truth, and thus ceased to be a Romanist!

Luther was again served a papal bull, demanding that within 60 days he repent and retract, or suffer a papal ban. In answer he publicly burned the papal decree in token of defiance of the pope, and also burned a copy of canon law in token of his renunciation of the Roman church. The church answered by summoning him to an imperial diet at the city of Worms.

"I am resolved," he said, "to enter Worms, although as many devils should set at me as there are tiles upon the housetop." A brilliant assemblage met him—princes and nobles, prelates and doctors, and the youthful Emperor Charles V was the presiding officer; and, of course, the demand was for Luther to recant. Here he speaks his bravest words—words that still ring around the Protestant Evangelical Christian world today—his watchword and ours:

"Unless I am convinced by Scripture and reason, I cannot, I dare not retract anything. Here I take my stand: I can do none otherwise: so help me God."

His Protest—Our Protest

This is the protest that resulted in a new birth of freedom for the faith once for all delivered unto the saints—a faith and a hope and a liberty that has endured for four and one-third centuries, and has sent the true Gospel of God's love and grace, unfettered by papal bans, restrictions, forms, indulgences, worship of saints, and superstition and fear, to the ends of the world.

If the spirit of protest that was in Luther dies, our Protestant liberty will die with it.

Our protest must be (1) for an infallible Bible; (2) for a Sufficient Saviour; (3) for a separation of church and state.



Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

—By Conard Sandy—

Fire Prevention Brings Results

The city of Fort Wayne, Ind., is planning for a great celebration in the near future. The occasion will be the presentation to the city of "the grand award in the United States for the best 1951 municipal Fire Prevention Week program."

Through a number of years this city has been working toward this goal, having been third in the standings in 1950. Now the city has reached the highest goal in this phase of its life and leaders from over the nation will come to the city for the celebration.

There is another realm in which "fire prevention" pays big dividends. The Spirit of God wants every saint to engage in this work. Through the pen of Jude He wrote to the church:

"And of some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh" (Jude 22-23).

The kind of "celebration" that will be held in some future day will be determined by your part, my part, in pulling others "out of the fire." This work demands haste; in many cases tomorrow will be too late.

He Was a Man

The Chicago Tribune paid tribute to the late King George VI in words that ought to be an inspiration and a challenge to every man. Said the Tribune:

"George VI will be remembered as a man of simple piety, a good man, a kindly man, and a model of what a constitutional monarch ought to be. . . .

"George was not responsible for any of the policies of the British government in his time, and, accordingly, history will not credit him with any successes in war or statesmanship, nor will it charge him with any failures. Rather, he will be honored as one who accepted responsibility manfully, bore himself with simple dignity through all his years, and, in the end, suffering from grave illness, looked death in the face without fear."

Mr. Clifford B. Ward, writing in the News-Sentinel, Fort Wayne,

Ind., said of the late king: "Whether he was a success as a king, he was a success as a human being."

God wants His own to behave themselves like men. He has not asked most of us to reign over empires, nor to do great deeds, or to write important books; but He has asked everyone of us to be men in every sense of that word.

In writing to the believers at Corinth the Apostle Paul stated it thus: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all things be done with charity" (I Cor. 16:13-14).

He Does Not Know My Christ

The newspapers report Mr. Edgar Eisenhower, brother of General of the Army Dwight Eisenhower, as having said: "I'm sincerely opposed to Dwight's running [for the Presidency of the United States]. I question whether Christ Himself could do the job that has to be done. . . . I'd hate to see Dwight get in a wringer."

Without arguing the political implications of that statement, let it be said that the Christ of whom Mr. Eisenhower speaks is not the same Christ I know. The One I know *can* and *will* set not only the United States but the whole world in order in the fullness of God's time. The Spirit of God has assured the saints of this in these words:

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. . . . For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. . . . And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all" (I Cor. 15: 21-28).

Warning Against Deception

According to Pathfinder (February 20, 1952), "Waggish Bob Lealess, 17, carefully trimmed the paint-daubed cardboard and sent it to Sydney J. Key, Toronto art gallery curator. Back to Vancouver came a letter praising his 'accidental effects' and 'experimental use' of his mate-

rials. They really were accidental: the abstract painting had been made by artists in an engraving plant where Lealess worked—cleaning their brushes."

The curator was deceived over what he thought was a "piece of art." It is easy to deceive most of the people, at least some of the time. Knowing this, the Lord Jesus warned His followers:

"Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matt. 24:4-5).

The Apostle John, the beloved disciple, added this warning in his letter to the Christian family of believers: "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous. He that commiteth sin is of the devil" (I John 3: 7-8).

Trust Is Important in All of Life

Muriel Lawrence, a newspaper columnist, wrote recently in her column an article entitled, "It's Big Day When Child Shows Trust in Our Rule."

This is very true; however, it is not only true of the child in the physical realm, but it is equally true of the child of God in the spiritual realm. Many centuries ago the psalmist expressed this same truth in these words:

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. . . . Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psa. 37:3, 5).

STATION LEAVES NETWORK ON ACCOUNT OF BEER ADVERTISING

Radio station KOME, of Tulsa, Okla., owned and operated by John Brown University, will go independent on March 1. For some time the station has been affiliated with the Mutual Broadcasting System. Insistence, however, that KOME carry beer advertisements caused the severance of the working agreement between the system and the local station.

Prayer in the Christian Life

By Rev. Mark Malles, Altoona, Pa.

(This article is a sequel to "The Bible in the Christian Life," which appeared in the February 16 issue.)

In a recent article we considered a few things about the importance of the Bible in the life of the child of God. Reading it will build and strengthen your faith. The mirror of the Word will show you the sin and uncleanness in your life. Then it will show you the way of cleansing by the blood of Christ.

Prayer goes hand in hand with the Bible in importance in your life. God speaks to you through the Bible; you speak to Him through prayer.

Be honest with yourself. How often do you pray? And when you pray, how long do you stay with the Lord? Have you prayed today? yesterday? If not, how long since you prayed?

Wrong Attitude About Prayer

You know, some people look upon prayer as an emergency measure, a handy thing to have around in case something goes wrong. Did you ever see the fire extinguishers that hang in public buildings? Most of these things have never been used, though they've been hanging in place for years. Why not? Because there has never been a fire in that building. So it is with many Christians and prayer. They realize they have this privilege, but they hang it up on a wall, so to speak, and wait for a fire, for some emergency, and then they'll get it down and pray ever so hard! Is that your experience?

That's a very wrong attitude toward prayer. Prayer is you talking to God. It should be just as natural, just as regular, just as joyous as any conversation with your dearest friend. Then, on the other hand, intercessory prayer is *work*, and it should be engaged in in an attitude of perseverance and determination.

Prayer is *necessary* for the Christian—necessary for *fellowship*, for *cleansing*, and for *victorious living*.

Prayer Necessary for Fellowship

While we were sinful and rebellious, God loved us and sent His Son into the world to die for us. God caused the iniquity of us all to strike

upon Him when He died on Calvary for us. Then God sent the Holy Spirit into the world to tell us of His love and to lead us to believe on His risen Son. When we came to Jesus by faith and received Him as our Saviour He delivered us from judgment and made us the children of God, heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Words cannot fitly describe this great thing that God has done for us.

Now, having so wonderfully saved us, He wants us to *fellowship* with Him in prayer. He wants us to confide in Him our heartaches, to tell Him about our needs and the needs



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of others—just to get down on our knees and talk to Him as we would talk to a close friend. Christian, do you do it? Now that He has saved you have you come to know Him as your close friend? Do you have this prayer fellowship with Him? You'll not know the full joy of the Christian life until Jesus Christ becomes a real, living, ever-present friend. And you won't appreciate Him in this way until you learn to spend time with Him in prayer.

Prayer Necessary for Cleansing

Prayer is necessary for *cleansing*. The Bible reading you do will show you your sins, but then those sins must be confessed before God will forgive them. Now confession is made through prayer. Confession is to be made to God through the only mediator, the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 2:5). In prayer, then, there must be a time for heart-searching and confession. The praying, con-

fessing Christian is in position to know the fullness of joy.

Prayer Necessary for Victory

Prayer is also necessary for *clean, victorious living*. You won't live a life that is Christ-centered, self and sin put out of the way by God's power, if you do not have a prayer life. Show me a Christian separated away from sin and separated to the Lord, and I will show you a Christian who knows something about the experience of prayer. Power and prayer are inseparable. Martin Luther said: "I judge that my prayer is more than the Devil himself; if it were otherwise, Luther would have fared differently long before this. . . . If I should neglect prayer but a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith."

E. M. Bounds has said: "What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer."

Personal Suggestion

Set aside a time each day to fellowship with God in prayer. Have a time alone with Him, behind the closet doors. Have a time of family prayers, when mother and dad and the children kneel together and talk with God. Oh, what God would do today in America, and in the world, if His own people would turn again to the Bible and submit their lives to it and then begin to pray, really to pray, calling on the Lord for themselves and interceding for others. God is ready to bless. Are we, His people, ready to receive?

My prayer is that God will give to His own people in these days a real hungering and thirsting after righteousness. May He give us a renewing of Bible reading and earnest prayer that will result in a great sweeping revival that will draw multitudes into the fold of salvation before Jesus calls the church out of the world.

LESTER W. KENNEDY IS ORDAINED

By Dr. Homer A. Kent

The ordination service for Lester W. Kennedy, who in January completed his classroom work in Grace Seminary, was held in the Winona Lake Brethren Church Sunday evening, February 11. The entire evening service was devoted to this notable event and a splendid crowd was present to witness the impressive ceremony.

The congregational singing was led by Dean Risser, a member of the Middler class in the seminary. The seminary quartet, composed of Roy Clark, Gene Witzky, Dean Risser, and Russell Irwin, sang an appropriate number, following which the ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean of the seminary. The authorizations for the service were read by the pastor of the church, Rev. Herman W. Koontz. Rev. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., read from the Scriptures appropriate passages which provide the basis for such a service. The questions and vows were presented by Dr. Homer A. Kent, registrar of the seminary.

In the service of laying on of hands it was altogether fitting that Pastor Koontz should offer the prayer of dedication. Brother Kennedy came into the membership of the Winona church under his leadership. The charge to the candidate was given by Dr. Russell D. Barnard, general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, as all the ordained elders in the congregation stood to their feet.

The closing hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues," was sung at the request of Brother Kennedy, inasmuch as this was the favorite hymn of his father, who many years ago laid down his life on our mission field in Africa. It was a special joy to the candidate to have his mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, present for the occasion. She is now home on furlough and has served on the African field for 26 years. The closing prayer and benediction was offered by Rev. Lester W. Kennedy, his first public act



Rev. Lester Kennedy

of service following his induction into the eldership.

Brother Kennedy and his wife, Lois, are under appointment by the Foreign Missionary Society to go as missionaries to French Equatorial Africa. Shortly after the Grace Seminary commencement next May, Brother and Sister Kennedy will go to France to spend some time in language study and upon completion of this study will go directly to Africa to begin their missionary service.

CONVENTION PLANNED FOR UNION OF GOSPEL MISSIONS

The International Union of Gospel Missions has planned to hold its 39th annual convention in Trenton, N. J., May 17-21. Pulpits of more than 100 of the Trenton churches will be occupied by delegates to the convention on May 18.

Rev. George L. Bolton, pastor of the Bowery Mission of New York City, is president of this organization. The speakers at the convention include Mrs. William A. Sunday and Homer Rodeheaver, both of Winona Lake, Ind.

This organization has also planned for the annual Rescue Mission Training Conference to be held at Winona Lake the week of July 22-27.

No one has ever been kept from God because he had too much to do; but because he permitted his work to become a care and burden.

Browsing Among The Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

THE APPROACHING END OF THIS AGE, by Louis S. Bauman, D. D. 64 pp. Paper. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. 1952. 50c.

In this volume is collected seven of the last messages written by Dr. Louis S. Bauman, so well known and loved in the Brethren Church.

These articles first appeared in the King's Business, the last article appearing in the December 1950 issue, a month after Dr. Bauman went to meet his Lord.

The subjects of the various chapters are:

1. Does the Hydrogen Bomb Mean the End?
2. Apostasy: The Death Rattle of the Age.
3. The Russian Bear Prowls Forth to His Doom.
4. Israel Lives Again! Part 1.
5. Israel Lives Again! Part 2.
6. What Nations Will Be Included in the Impending World State?
7. The Nations Marshalling for Armageddon.

Just to say these chapters were written by Brother Bauman ought to be sufficient to call this volume to the attention of all Brethren people and it ought to create a desire by all to have this last book from his pen. Here he wrote in his usual clear and characteristic style, and through these words "he being dead yet speaketh."

MRS. BOB MUNRO DIES

Mrs. Bob Munro, wife of Evangelist Bob Munro, died on January 15 in their hotel room while her husband was holding evangelistic meetings in Canadian jails.



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A SIGN OF SPRING: CROCUSES RAISING THEIR HEADS THROUGH THE SNOW

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Eccl. 3:1).



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Rev. Edward Lewis, of Middlebranch, Ohio, preached at the Akron, Ohio, church on February 10.

Rev. John Aeby, Philadelphia, Pa., held special meetings for the Grabill Mennonite Church, Grabill, Ind., February 18-25.

The South Bend, Ind., church, pastored by Rev. John Zielasko, will hold evangelistic services March 10-23 under the direction of Rev. M. L. Myers, of Martinsburg, W. Va.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, of Winona Lake, Ind., will hold a prophetic and missionary conference March 9-16 at the First Christian Church, Mishawaka, Ind.

The Uniontown, Pa., church, of which Rev. Clyde Landrum is the pastor, will hold evangelistic meetings March 10-23 under the leadership of Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Covington, Va., church heard Mrs. Minnie Kennedy on February 20 and Rev. Guelich, vice president of Appalachia Bible School, Whitefield, W. Va., in special meetings February 24-March 2. On February 10 the congregation voted to assume the support of Rev. J. Keith Altig, pioneer missionary of the Brethren Church in Brazil. The church is constructing a parking lot next to the church building.

Rev. Jerry Yerian, secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union, spoke at the La Verne, Calif., church on February 17.

The remodeled building of the Long Beach, Calif., Second Church was dedicated on February 24.

The Roanoke, Va., Washington Heights Church had 57 people in Sunday school, 44 in morning worship, 12 in BYF, and 24 in evening service on February 10. The total offering for the day was \$57.85. This

new congregation gave \$262.01 to home missions this year.

Sally Jean, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George Richardson, of Bellflower, Calif., was married to Russell Clyde Adkins on February 2.

The Waynesboro, Pa., church will hold its evangelistic meetings March 17-April 6 under the leadership of Rev. Robert A. Ashman, of Winona Lake, Ind. Rev. Dennis Holliday is pastor of this church.

Rev. Robert Dell now lives at 2716 Sycamore Ave., Montrose, Calif. (change Annual, p. 72).

The Chico, Calif., church heard Rev. Theodore Miller, of Covina, Calif., on February 10. Brother Miller was pastor of some of the members of the Chico church when they were all members of another denomination in Chico.



The Alexandria, Va., church set a new record with 48 people present in prayer meeting on February 20, and a new Bible school record with 147 present on February 17.

Evangelistic meetings at the Altoona, Pa., First Church begin on March 16 with the pastor, Rev. Mark Malles, doing the preaching.

Five people were baptized and received into the membership of the Ashland, Ohio, church on February 10.

The Berne, Ind., church will hold evangelistic meetings March 16-30 under the leadership of Rev. Ward Miller, of Osceola, Ind.

There were 67 people in Bible school at the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church on February 3. This is the record for this congregation. Dr. David L. Cooper, of Los Angeles, spoke at this church February 25-26.

Rev. Alan Pearce and Rev. Oran Smith preached at the Long Beach, Calif., First Church on February 17.

Dr. Harry M. Shaffer, member of the Long Beach, Calif., First Church since 1917, died on February 5.

At the Cheyenne, Wyo., church there were 11 decisions for Christ on February 10, and two decisions on February 17.

BANDAGES NEEDED NOW

Bandages are needed for packing with medical equipment which should be shipped from Winona Lake in March. Bandage secretaries, please note.

—Dr. Floyd Taber.

Dr. Mark Fakkema spoke at the Roanoke, Va., Ghent Church on February 17. He conducted Christian schools workshops in the G. T. Hitch home February 21-March 2.

Rev. Gerald Polman, who recently resigned his pastorates at Meyersdale and Summit Mills, Pa., will become the first pastor of the new work in York, Pa., about May 1.

Rev. Forest Lance, who recently resigned his pastorate of the Compton, Calif., church, will become pastor of the new work in Findlay, Ohio about May 1.

Rev. Wesley Haller, pastor of the church at Ankenytown, Ohio, was taken to the hospital for an appendectomy on February 20. This was in the middle of special meetings being conducted at Ankenytown by Rev. Lee Jenkins.

Rev. John Neely submitted his resignation to the congregation of the Conemaugh, Pa., church on February 24.

The Uniontown, Pa., church voted to help pay the weekly traveling expenses of its pastor, Rev. Clyde Landrum.

During the absence of Rev. W. A. Ogden, who was attending the mid-year session of the foreign board, the Johnstown, Pa., church heard Rev. W. B. Metzler, Rev. W. A. Moyer, Rev. W. L. Faas, and Mr. Carl Up-house.

A Sunday school rally will be held at the Fort Wayne, Ind., church on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. This rally is sponsored by the Brethren National Sunday School Board, and speakers include Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, Rev. Richard DeArme, Rev. Ord Gehman, and Rev. James Hammer.

The Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale Church elected and set aside Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hautt and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Radcliffe to the office of deacon and deaconess. A new member was received into the church membership on February 17.

Mrs. W. A. Sunday, of Winona Lake, Ind., spoke at the Waynesboro, Pa., church on February 14.

April Books Feature Eastertime Reading

By Conard Sandy

The Brethren Book Club presents to its members the choice of two books for April, either of which is most worth while and will bring a great blessing to the reader.

Books Offered This Month

The first-choice book for the month is Frank J. Powell's "The Trial of Jesus Christ" (\$2.00). The one who reads this book will have a greater appreciation of the events that led up to the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus.

The second-choice book is Lon Woodrum's "Of Men and of Angels" (\$2.50). This is a heart-warming novel, showing the happiness that comes in the end to those who love and serve the Saviour.

Membership in the Club

Each month two books are presented for consideration by the members. One may become a member at any time, and upon joining, a free or premium book is given, in addition to the first book purchased. In other words, one can join by ordering and paying for either of the books mentioned on this page. When one does this the club will send also to that person, free of charge, any one of the following books: Dr. Florence Gribble's "Stranger Than Fiction," or Andrew Bonar's "The Biography of Robert Murray McCheyne," or O. E. Phillips' "Out of the Night." It is just that simple.

When one joins the club he agrees to remain in membership until he has secured four books and paid for them, though they need not be books offered consecutively—they may be any four books offered in the course of 1 year.

Selection of Books

After the member reads the reviews of the books offered he chooses the one he wants. If it is the first-choice book he need do nothing until the book arrives at his home. If it is the second-choice book, or if he wants no book for the month, he simply notifies the club of his de-

sires. The member pays only for those books he receives, but the members of the review committee cannot know one's desires until notified of them.

Note This

If you do not want the first-choice book for April you *must* notify the Brethren Book Club at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company before April 1.

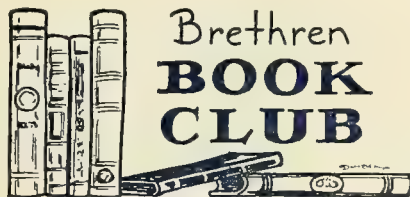
THE TRIAL OF JESUS CHRIST

By Frank J. Powell

First a word about the author. Mr. Powell was admitted to the bar in England in 1921, and has practiced

well-written, easily understood, and will prove very profitable reading to all believers, especially at this time of the year when we remember in a special way the death of the Lord Jesus in our behalf. Here is the explanation that will cause you to understand in a new way why Jesus appeared before the Sanhedrin, before Pilate, before Herod, and again before Pilate. Here is the explanation why there were two high priests at the time—Annas and Caiaphas. Here is the explanation of the reason why the trial was by night and why there was difficulty in getting witnesses against Christ.

In fact, here are many things that the reader must read for himself to really understand "The Trial of Jesus Christ."



OF MEN AND OF ANGELS

By Lon Woodrum

"There's no place like home," but Steve Glen had to travel the world, both on his own and in the armed service, and then return to Gold Springs before he learned how true the saying is. As a young fellow he had notions like the Prodigal Son, so set out to see what he could find elsewhere in the world.

After many years with no apparent purpose in mind, he decided to go back home for a visit. It was this return which set him on the road to adventure and romance. Young Glen had tried just about everything there is in an effort to find himself and happiness. That is, all but two things: the Lord and a home of his own. How he found these is the heart of the story.

With his acceptance of the Lord came a call to the ministry. His struggle through seminary, his fight for the cause of righteousness in his community, his tragic loss in the death of his wife make this a gripping novel. You will laugh and cry as you follow this gallant man around the world and into the pulpit. "Of Men and of Angels" is a real romance, but also the story of real spiritual achievement.—Blaine Snyder.

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God's Hand in Palestine and America

By W. R. Wallace

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Those of us who believe the Bible are convinced that the Jewish nation, Israel, was a divine product. The Bible, as I understand it, teaches that the people of Israel were a divinely called-out, divinely developed, and a divinely located people for a special purpose.

The story of God's call to Abraham and of Abraham's unquestioning obedience, as told in the 12th chapter of Genesis, is one of the most interesting episodes of the whole Bible and of all history. How strange and mysterious this call to get out of his country and away from his kindred and his father's house must have seemed to Abraham and his friends! How perplexed and disturbed he must have been as he contemplated its meaning! What courage it must have required to obey such a call—a call to leave all that a man holds most dear, to cast away all that is commonly called security and all of his deep-rooted moorings and go out into the unknown and the unseen, relying solely on the inward sense of a call from God!

What pressure his relatives, neighbors, and friends must have exerted upon him to persuade him not to enter upon what seemed to them a mad adventure! But the inner voice, unheard by others, bade him take the step. So Abraham, the man of faith that he was, unaffected by the arguments of those who sought to hinder him, unhesitatingly gathered his family and goods together and set out across the barren and uncharted desert.

Father of Believers

The secret of this unusual action was, of course, his unbounded faith in God. In this he has become for all time an example to all who really and truly serve God. Thus Abraham is for all time the father of believers and the exemplar of that faith without which it is impossible to please God. He heard God's voice and did that which so many people today are afraid to do. He risked everything

upon the assumption that he was not being deceived. Abraham, leaving his country, could not even see the immediate future, much less the great nation that was to come from him, and still less the glorious destiny of all his spiritual descendants. This act on the part of Abraham not only made him an example to the true children of God for all time but it earned for him the title, "Friend of God" (Jas. 2:23).



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Those who respond to God in ready and unquestioning obedience enter into a new relationship with Him and become the real builders of history. There is a very fine set of books called "The Makers of History." Among them are listed the names of such monsters as Alexander the Great, Nero, and others like them. Of course, they are truly among the "makers of history," for everything done by man, good or bad, must be included in the history of man. But there is a distinction between "The Makers of History" and "The Builders of History." The Huns, Vandals, Hitler's Nazis, and the godless Kremlin leaders were and are "makers of history," but not "builders of history." They laid waste in a single day, so to speak, that which took the "builders of history" thousands of years to erect.

Builder of History

By yielding ready obedience to the call of God, Abraham became a "builder of history." In Canaan he built an altar unto the Lord, contin-

ued to cultivate the God-consciousness he already had and to enjoy fellowship with God. What has the building of that crude altar of stones meant to the world? It has meant far more than the building of the Pyramids of Egypt, or the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, or the Temple of Diana of the Ephesians. Yes, it has meant more to the world than everything ever accomplished by the mere "makers of history."

The building of that crude altar by Abraham was the beginning of that worship of the God of Israel which Moses, Jesus, and Paul emphasized and expanded. Of course, Jesus, God's Son, is the greatest of all and should hardly be spoken of in the same breath in which we speak of mortal men, but each of these three towered like mountain peaks above the men of his day, and all of them tower above the whole mass of mankind. The Jewish nation, people, and institutions are but the lengthening shadows of Moses; human redemption came through our Lord Jesus Christ, and Christian civilization through Paul. Thus Abraham, the ancient ancestor of them all, by building an altar unto the Lord rather than a material fortune, gave rise and direction to those peculiar spiritual forces which have built the church of God.

Divinely Selected Location

Not only did the Jewish nation have a divine origin in Abraham, but it had a divinely selected location. The word "Palestine" is from the Greek word for Philistine, the name of the old and powerful enemies of Israel. It is also called the Land of Canaan from the Canaanites who dwelt in it. It is also called the Holy Land, because it was there that the holy God made Himself known to Israel. We sometimes refer to it as the Land of Promise, or Promised Land, recalling God's promises to Abraham. It is also called Immanuel's Land, showing that it belongs to God.

So far as we know no surveyor has ever run a line and driven down stakes or set up markers to mark an exact boundary line of Palestine. But God has defined its boundary in the 15th chapter of Genesis—from the river Egypt on the south to the great River Euphrates on the north. In general this land lies in southwest Asia, bounded on the north by Syria, on the east by the Syrian desert, on the south by the desert of Arabia and on the west by the Great Sea—the Mediterranean. The place that God selected was at the center of the civilized world. If you use Jerusalem as the center and draw a circle, a radius of 1,600 miles will embrace all the great cities of ancient times—Rome, Athens, Ephesus, Nineveh, Babylon, Thebes, Memphis, Alexandria, etc. Its inhabitants were shut in by the mountains on the north, by the desert on the east and south, and by the sea in the west. By the same means the enemies were shut out. Through it lay the best and shortest roads between Babylon and Egypt, and across it passed the caravans with goods from the East and the West. It is clear, from its sheltered location, that here God intended to preserve a knowledge of the true God and the true religion, and from this sheltered location to scatter the true religion and a knowledge of the true God in all directions.

This land gave us our Bible, in it lived the inspired men whom God used to write the Bible. This land gave us the patriarchs, prophets, priests, and kings of the Old Testament. This land gave us the 12 apostles. This land gave us the *Saviour of the world*. It is no wonder, then, that this land has a warm place in the hearts of all the peoples of the world, and that the Jews and all the spiritual descendants of Abraham have such an undying and reverent devotion to it. The greatness and sacredness of this land is not measured in square miles, nor in its strategic importance, but in the fact that our blessed Lord lived there, died there, rose from the dead there, ascended back to the Father from it, and that some day He is coming back to this very land in order that we, the spiritual descendants of Abraham, may have an inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away.

U. S. Is Divine Product

With all my heart I believe that our nation is as truly a divine product as

was the Jewish nation. I do not see how any one can read American history with spiritual perception and fail to see the hand of God as clearly in it as in the history of the Jews in the Old Testament. The same loving God, the same divine hand that built the unique little country of Palestine built this marvelous country of ours. He threw up her mountains, spread out her vales, dug the channels for her rivers, selected this spot, miraculously kept others from her shores, as we shall see later, until the inhabitants He had selected were prepared in the fires of persecution and ready for the place that God had selected for them and the work that He had for them to do. He then erected our homes and set us among the nations of the earth for a specifically divine purpose, the unfolding of which is becoming apparent as the years go by. All of that stands out on the pages of American history so clearly that he who has the slightest bit of spiritual perception cannot miss it. Even in our lifetime we have seen America emerge as a powerful and determining entity in world affairs. Today America is the one beacon light inspiring a new and vibrant hope in the hearts of the downtrodden people of all the world.

Hand of God in U. S. History

As we have seen the hand of God in Israel, let us look for the same guiding hand in American history. If I had the time and you had the patience, we could take up each and every movement in American history and see God's guiding hand just as clearly as in the movements of Jewish history. For instance, when Columbus started out from Spain he had no idea of discovering a new country. He was simply trying to reach the eastern coast of Asia and his dominating motive was to spread the faith of his religion. His expedition was begun in prayer and he insisted upon the worship of God on board ship as one of the duties of the ship's crew. When he started out, his sails were set straight for the coast of New Jersey, but the winds kept tugging and tugging southward. The sailors said, "Admiral, see the wind; why not follow the wind?" Columbus reset his sails and instead of landing on the coast of what is now New Jersey, he landed in the West Indies. Thus South America was settled by the Latins.

During the 100 years following Columbus' discovery of America, 19 ex-

peditions set out from Spain to make America a Spanish colony, and not one of them landed north of St. Augustine, Fla. During that same 100 years, 17 expeditions set out from France to make America a French colony, but not one of them landed south of the mouth of the St. Lawrence River. Thus through intervention of the hand of God, France's ambitions were frozen in the ice of the North, while Spain's hopes perished under the tropical sun of the South. During that 100 years, 36 expeditions, every one of them trying to reach these shores of ours, were turned aside by the hand of God while the shores of what is now the United States remained untouched and unclaimed awaiting the Anglo-Saxon settlers that God was trying out and preparing in the fires of religious persecution in the Old World.

Pioneers Believed God

Hardly had the first permanent English colony been planted at Jamestown and the old church built on the island, than the Mayflower landed the Pilgrims at Plymouth, men ready and willing to face the perils, hardships, and dangers of wilderness life in the New World with their open Bibles and freedom to read it and follow its teachings rather than to enjoy the ease of civilization in the Old World without freedom to follow the teachings of the Bible. They believed the Bible to be the foundation of faith, the source of wisdom, and the charter of liberty. They believed the promises of God in the Bible meant what they say, and say exactly what they mean. From that day to this the Bible has been the teacher of our best men, the rebuke of our worst, and the constant companion of us all.

Let us look at the opening words of the Mayflower compact, the first document ever drawn up for the government of a colony in the New World: "In the name of God, amen, having undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith, to establish a colony in the northern part of Virginia, do constitute ourselves," etc. Then come on down and take a look at the Declaration of Independence: "Appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions," etc. Even the rugged old pioneers, who took their lives in their hands to blaze out a path for civilization through the wilderness seemed

to feel that God was directing them. Daniel Boone, standing yonder at Cumberland Gap, looking out over the "dark and bloody ground," said of himself: "Often scorched by the summer's sun and pinched by the winter's cold, I'm only an instrument in the hands of God ordained to settle the wilderness."

The Constitutional Convention

The Colonies, being severed from Great Britain, a call was sent out from every village and hamlet for our fathers to set up a government for their common weal and mutual protection. But something was wrong. The government became progressively weaker and weaker. A call was then issued for delegates from all the colonies to assemble in Philadelphia for the purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation.

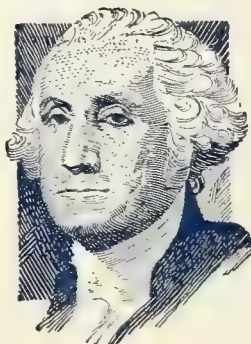
In that convention was assembled a body of strong men, the giants of their day. But they met day after day for 4 weeks and had not agreed upon a single word or sentence. On the last morning of the fourth week, in the midst of a heated discussion, when it looked as if they were going to break up in confusion and abandon the whole project, Benjamin Franklin arose and addressed George Washington, who was presiding, and said:

"Mr. President, the small progress we have made after 4 weeks of close attention and continual reasoning with one another, I have reached the conclusion that our different sentiments on almost every question is a melancholy proof of the imperfections of the human understanding. We indeed seem to feel our great need of wisdom, political wisdom. Since we have been running all around in search of it, how has it happened that we have not once thought of appealing to the Father of Lights to illumine our understanding? I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proof I see that God governs in the affairs of men, and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it possible that an empire can rise without His aid? The Sacred Writings assure us that 'Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this and I also believe that without His help we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel. We shall continue to be divided by our own little, partial, local interests,

our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves will become a reproach and a byword down through future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter, because of this unfortunate incident, despair of establishing a government by human wisdom, and leave it to chance, war, and conquest. I, therefore, beg leave to move that hereafter prayers imploring the assistance of the God of heaven and His blessings upon our deliberations be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in this service."

Birth of Constitution

George Washington put that motion, which was carried. From that moment they began to make progress and the result was, as you know, the Constitution of these United States, the most marvelous piece of gov-



ernmental machinery, outside of the Bible, on this earth. A document that caused England's William Pitt to exclaim, "It will be the wonder and admiration of all future generations." George Washington wrote to Governor Trumbull of Connecticut: "I can almost trace the finger of Divine Providence through all these dark and mysterious days which first caused the colonists to assemble in convention, thereby laying the foundations for peace and prosperity at the very time when we felt that only misery and confusion were coming too rapidly upon us."

Just about 3,300 years before these events were taking place in America, a group of slaves, the lineal descendants of Abraham, hurriedly left Egypt one spring night. From every house of their Egyptian masters came wails and lamentations over the death of the first-born. Pharaoh, the king, thrust them out, bidding them to go free. They were no

longer slaves, but free men—a nation on the march to a new land, promised to them by their God. There was one towering, stalwart figure among them—Moses.

Washington Is Outstanding

Likewise in that constitutional convention at Philadelphia there was one outstanding figure that towered head and shoulders above all the great men of that day—the victorious general, George Washington, who had conquered the oppressor and made liberty and freedom possible for the colonies. They wanted him to be king, but he refused. When he was offered the Presidency, he shrank from the responsibility and begged to be permitted to retire from public life. But upon the insistence of his fellow citizens, he relinquished his personal preferences and became the first President of these United States.

Likewise, when God first called Moses from the burning bush to deliver his people and lead them from bondage to liberty, Moses shrank from the responsibility and tried to beg off. But upon the insistence of God he acceded and returned to Egypt to do God's bidding. When God called Moses to his task, he had to face the greatest tyrant of his day, Pharaoh, and demand that he let God's people go. Likewise, when George Washington accepted the leadership of the struggling colonies, he had to face the greatest tyrant of his day, George III, and demand that his people be freed.

There is a striking similarity between the government set up by Moses and that set up by the founders of this Republic. Upon the banks of the Jordan the Children of Israel voted upon their constitution. That was the first constitution ever submitted to the people for ratification in the history of the world. Ours was the second. Both constitutions provide for the naturalization of foreigners and both prohibit a foreign-born person from becoming ruler.

Fires of Persecution

The nation of Israel was born out of the fires of persecution in Egyptian bondage; this nation came out of the fires of religious persecution in the Old World. Both set up national holidays to commemorate their deliverance—the Jewish Passover and our Fourth of July, and our Thanksgiving Days commemorate the goodness of God. On and on the similar-

ity goes—George Washington down on his knees in the snows of Valley Forge and Moses standing before the burning bush, with hat in hand and shoes off his feet, the humblest and the meekest man in all the world.

The handwriting of God is all over the walls of America as in Israel. It is written in our state papers; it is found in the speeches and addresses of American statesmen; it is in the literature we read, the songs we sing, in the aspirations of our people, and on the coins we circulate. It is no accident nor incident that the brief, significant phrase, "In God We Trust," appears on the coins of our circulating medium.

God promised Israel His favor and blessings if she would hearken to His voice and obey Him. How marvelously God kept that promise! Sinai's mob became a great nation. Canaan was conquered, and Israel grew in power and wealth until, in the reigns of David and Solomon she roes to the zenith of her power and glory—perhaps the most glorious nation of all history up to that time and until the rise of America.

Glory Was Widespread

A glorious temple crowned the summit of Moriah and the worship of God was placed at the very center of the nation's soul. Her wealth and glory were so great that kings and queens came from afar just to see it and returned saying, "The half has not been told." Israel prospered, grew fat, lived in luxury, and forgot God. God was forced time and time again to raise up and strengthen heathen nations against His chosen people. Isaiah tells us that Assyria was the rod of God's anger and the staff of His indignation against Israel. Jeremiah tells us that Nebuchadnezzar, the old heathen king of Babylon, was God's agent in the subjugation of Judah. No nation has ever risen to true greatness and remained strong that did not obey God and live in His favor, and no nation has ever fallen with God in His proper place in the affections and conduct of the people.

How bountifully God has blessed America! We cannot appreciate that fact until we face these startling facts: America occupies only 6 percent of the land area of the world and has only 7 percent of the world's population. Keep these two figures in mind as we count our blessings. America possesses one-third of all the railroads of the world, two-thirds

of the world's automobiles, one-half of the world's radio receiving sets, more than one-half of the world's telephones. America produces 60 percent of the world's oil, 48 percent of the world's copper, 43 percent of the world's iron, 47 percent of the world's steel, 58 percent of the world's corn, and 56 percent of the world's cotton. This 7 percent of the world's population lives in such luxury that we consume one-half of the world's coffee, one-fourth of the world's sugar, and three-fourths of the world's silk, or products which have taken the place of silk.

Prosperity Unparalleled Here

America's unparalleled prosperity and power, under the blessings of God, are producing the same results here that they produced in Palestine in the days of the Children of Israel.

No people in all the world have greater cause for love of country than Americans. No nation has a history of which its people may be more justly proud than ours. No government has ever risen to a place of eminence and power upon more just and righteous principles than ours. No land has ever been more blessed in the ideals that have inspired its people and the wisdom that has guided its course than this land of ours. But God will not continue to bless and protect America simply because she was founded upon these Christian principles and because of the sacrifices of our forefathers. That is exactly what the Jews thought. They believed they had God in a corner, that He had to take care of them because they were His chosen people. They thought that since they were the seed of Abraham nothing could happen to them. Is God teaching us a lesson, and are we refusing to learn? Is He using Godless Joe Stalin and Christless Communism to harrass us? America will never fall because of her outside enemies but if she ever falls it will be on account of her own sins. But let us pray that America may yet turn to God in true repentance of her sins. It is conceded that Great Britain did not get involved in the wars of Europe in the days of the Wesleys because of the great revival of religion in her borders at that time.

Gospel Preaching Needed

The political leaders are not altogether to blame for our godlessness and for His judgments that are resting upon us. It may ill become a

layman to speak critically of the preachers (and when I make this statement I want to say that the greatest calling in the world is that of being a true minister of Jesus Christ), but I do believe that the right sort of preaching in the past would have gone a long way in saving us from the predicament that we are in today. We do have many faithful men of God preaching, but the drivel and rot and insipid preaching that have come from many pulpits the past few decades have only added to the confusion of the people. There is no Gospel if the vicarious atonement is eliminated. There is no Gospel if the virgin birth is not a fact. There is no Gospel if the literal resurrection of Jesus did not take place. There is no Gospel if Jesus Christ is not at the right hand of the Father today. There is no Gospel if His personal, literal return to the earth is not an assured fact. There is no Gospel if the Bible is not the infallible Word of God. There is no Gospel if justification is not by faith. There is no Gospel if regeneration is not the result of the shed blood of Jesus Christ applied to repenting, believing hearts by the Holy Spirit.

God Is Our Only Hope

That kind of preaching in the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit will save America, as it saved Israel when the people turned from their sins when they listened to their true prophets and preachers. Nothing can save us if God is against us, and nothing can destroy us if God is for us. I believe in God as our only hope. Our day of testing is here. America is at the crossroads. The galaxy of the heroic dead gone on ahead of us, the living, struggling, needy masses all about us, the unborn generations coming on behind us are depending upon us to hold this priceless heritage which has been handed down to us, under God, at such tremendous sacrifices.

Our immediate need is not more national development but more character development, not more intellectual power but more spiritual power, not more knowledge but more morals, not more laws but more Christianity.





“Occupy” IN PERSONAL WORK

By Rev. Arthur D. Cashman, Winona Lake, Ind.

“Only one life, ’twill soon be past; only what’s done for Christ will last.” There never was a more true statement made and we need to give more thought to it. Personal work offers an outlet for every Christian to do something for Christ that will last for eternity. It is true that we have an enemy who will hinder and oppose our best resolutions and determinations to engage in this important work. But we have access to a power greater than his and it is a thrill to use this power to win souls to Jesus Christ.

One of the Devil’s methods of curtailing our efforts in occupying in personal work is to get us to assume many things concerning the lost that are not true. Remember that he is a liar and the father of lies, and if you will heed the will of God and launch out into this work, the greatest imagined barriers will not be found. For example, never take it for granted that everyone has been dealt with by others and would resent your coming. Just last Sunday a young woman, upon invitation, came to the services at our local church and she testified that she had never before been asked to attend Sunday services. Again, do not assume that nonchurchgoers are all hard, indifferent, and resentful toward spiritual things. Rather believe that there is a conscious void and hunger in all unregenerate hearts for something that will satisfy and that you have what they need.

Never believe that personal work is for others and not for you. There are too many Scriptures against you on this. If you think that you do not have any methods, believe the words of Charles Cowman, of Oriental Missions fame, who said, “Just begin and do it, and the methods will unfold themselves.” Do not use the same methods time after time. Depend on the Holy Spirit to give you the methods that will be blessed of Him. Some of the best methods come on the spur of the moment as the needs arise. Greet people with a smile, backed by genuine Christian character and prayer, and your greatest fears will be straw men. Don’t imitate others. Personal workers are as different as the people they meet. Be yourself.

In making the approach, the best method is to honestly state the purpose of your call by saying, “I am Mrs. Blank from the Brethren Church and I have come to call on you for a few minutes. May I come in?” or “I

am from the Brethren Church and am calling to read a portion of the Scriptures and have prayer in a number of homes. May I have this pleasure with you?” or “I wonder if you would be offended if I came in and talked to you about the Bible for a few minutes?” A great percentage of the people will treat you with courtesy and invite you in.

When inside, be prepared to read and discuss certain portions from John’s Gospel. John 1:1-14 is a good section and affords an opportunity to talk about the pre-existence of Christ, that He was God, and that the world was made by Him. The writer finds Ephesians 3:9, Colossians 1:12-18, and Hebrews 1:1-3 very revealing to most people. It might be well to be able to show in his other writings that John speaks of Jesus as the Word (I John 1:1; 5:7; Rev. 19:11-13). John 3:1-18 has been used of the Lord to bring conviction to more people than any other portion. Then, too, there are effective sections in John 8, 10, and 14.

To be sure, some will offer excuses at the door, but most of them are not valid and can often be overcome. It was Charles Finney who said, “Most people are hiding behind a refuge of lies, and it is the responsibility of the Christian worker to get them out from their hiding place.” You can do this if you will be prayerful and tactful. Be careful not to make a nuisance of yourself by staying too long. It is much better for your host to be sorry to have you go than to be extremely happy. If you happen to be treated discourteously, or are rudely dismissed, know this: that if every person who ever lived had to suffer his entire life to save one soul, that soul would be worth it.

If you are too timid to use the above methods of approach, then begin by passing out tracts. The Devil will tell you that this method has been overworked, but do not believe him. One more printed message may be all that is needed to bring salvation, just as another sermon often does the work. In repeatedly passing out tracts in a given neighborhood, some will ask questions not too hard to answer and an opportunity will be opened to extend the conversation. This will lead to experiences that will make more difficult contacts easier.

Buy yourself a good book on personal work, such as Torrey’s “How to Work for Christ.” You cannot know

too much about the qualifications of a successful worker and the many tried and proved techniques. But remember that you can meet all the requirements of soul winning manuals and never get to the work itself. It matters not how thoroughly one may be saved, how deeply spiritual he may be, how well he may know how to handle the Scriptures, or how like Christ he may be in conduct and tact, if he does not "OCCUPY" in personal work, it will not get done. And do not expect to see all of the results during your earthly existence. Trust God to handle your labor of love in His own way, but above all, get started and keep at it and He will bless.



This 3-month period, March, April, and May, has been set aside by WMC for giving to the foreign mission interests of the Brethren Church. Start this first month, March, to give your very BEST to the Lord so that Brethren missions can extend their ministry.

At this point we are at the half-way point in our WMC year. Have you checked on the goals recently to learn how you are coming along? Are the reading circle books being well circulated? Are your members attending faithfully each monthly meeting? Are you emphasizing personal evangelism, family worship, and personal participation in the monthly meetings? There's no time like the present to check. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

THOSE WE LOVE

Author Unknown

They say the world is round—and yet
I often think it square,
So many little hurts we get
From corners here and there.

But there's one truth in life I've found
While journeying east and west;
The only folk we really wound
Are those we love the best.

We flatter those we scarcely know,
We please the fleeting guest,
And deal full many a thoughtless blow
To those we love the best.



"Life is easy if you know how . . ." The woman's voice shattered my own train of thinking at the moment as I rode home on the city bus. With a wistfulness born of genuine desire the woman's companion asked, "But where and when do you learn how?" Before the question could be answered the women realized it was time for them to get off the bus. I saw two well-dressed, intelligent Jewesses alight and go to their homes with their problem unsolved. My heart went out to them as I prayed for an opportunity to meet the women and point them to the One who alone can solve all of mankind's problems.

It seems to me that these women voiced the desire of all humanity—a life of ease. I pondered my own heart's desire at the moment and knew the answer before I asked the question, Where would I be if Jesus Christ had taken the easy way? Where would the world's benighted people be had every missionary chosen the easy life? How could the missionaries have gone to proclaim God's Good News if those at home all chose the easy way, the selfish way, and withheld their gifts?

We have entered the season of the year in which the Brethren Church gives her offering for the spread of the Gospel on foreign soil. Some 80 missionaries depend on us at home to "hold the ropes" while they go down to tell how "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Tim. 1:15). The women of the Brethren Church will not fail their Lord or the ambassadors who have gone in their stead.

March, April, and May are the months designated for the WMC offering for the five fields in which God has sent us to minister. This may be the last year we'll be privileged to give so that others may live. We look daily for His return. When we go, either in the clouds with Him or through the gates of death into His presence, we cannot take our earthly goods with us. May we be willing to give willingly, generously, to spread the glad news to those who have never heard. God helping us we WILL occupy NOW on the foreign field.

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations . . ." (Matt. 28:19, A.S.V.).

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WMC DEVOTIONAL TOPICS FOR APRIL

Bible Study—"Calvary's Afterglow."
Mission Study—"Occupation of the Field—to the North and Southeast."

Sugar and Spice

Our Responsibility to Our Girls Through SMM
and Other Avenues

By Mrs. Arthur Carey, Troy, Ohio

As a mother of five boys it seems quite ironical for me to be writing on this subject. But I suppose I am meeting a certain responsibility toward our girls by providing five potential husbands. Seriously, however, it has been my experience that most women feel that unless they have some definite connection with a group of girls they have no responsibility toward them.

Some of the most influential women in my girlhood were those who through ill health or certain responsibilities were unable to take an active part with the girls. They, through their sweet spirit and quiet testimony, exerted a real evidence of the living Christ to me. We who attempt leadership in SMM, Sunday school, or other avenues must not "reprove, rebuke, and exhort" inasmuch that the girls come to resent us and take a critical attitude even when we are earnestly trying to lead them rightly. Every patroness knows what this problem is. But it is always easier to sit in the shade than to be out in the field pitching hay.

There are all kinds of excuses given for not working with our girls. I wish each of you would list your reasons and then get down on your knees and pray about them. Not all of us have the proper qualifications, but we should be willing to use what we have and are as God directs. One reason, or excuse, is lack of ability—remember Moses and ask God for an Aaron. Another is carelessness—God knows that, too, and can make you a better manager, or make it possible to have help in the home. What are some other excuses? Your job? No car? An unsaved husband? Make it *your* job through prayer to find *your* place of service.

Next comes the question, What can I do even if all my obstructions and objections are removed? Remember, besides the young people, your pastor has to be interested in the adults, the aged, the young children, the sick, and the unsaved sinner. Here are some of the things *you* can do to ease his load:

1. *You* and your husband offer to take complete charge of some young people's group.
2. *You* organize a younger or older Sisterhood.
3. *You* make *your* home a place where the girls and boys will feel welcome.
4. *You* make yourself so sympathetic and understanding that a young girl will want to ask your help when a problem arises for her.
5. *You* offer to have a meeting or a party at your house occasionally. Many other ways can be found, too, if you are really in earnest about this.

A Christian girl has several basic needs.

1. She needs the Lord Jesus. When earthly standards are crumbling she needs to realize she is a sinner and must have the Saviour. Would you be able to point her to the WAY?
2. She needs a Bible-believing church where her spiritual and social life may flourish. Are you helping to maintain such a church?
3. She needs an adult friend or friends who have wisdom and tolerance, those who realize that today

youth makes the very same mistakes we did. Are you willing to be such a friend?

4. She needs Christian girl friends—some who are stronger, who will lead and inspire, and some who are weaker, whom she will lead and inspire.

5. She needs contact with Christian boys not only for dates and plans for the future, but just for plain companionship and fun.

6. She needs to feel secure in her circle of Christian friends, but she also needs some responsibility toward the group and the unsaved around her. So try to give her a definite job and teach her that the Christian may frequently be lonely if true to Christ.

Perhaps as you read this you may think it too idealistic. But we must have ideals. However, what shall I do when Jane marries that handsome, unsaved young man? What happens to my labor of love when Jean and Sally get into each other's hair and refuse to speak? What is to be done when Laura forgets all about her hard-won decisions and vows and begins to neglect the prayer meeting only to frequent the dance and movie? What about when Janet whispers, giggles, and spreads all the pictures in her billfold on the table when I am trying to make an important point in the lesson? She gets *such* a stubborn look when I try to admonish her! *What shall I do?*

My heart will break, the tears will fall, and the tempter will whisper, "You're just wasting your time with these kids. Just give it all up. You can be a Christian and go to church, but it's better to let other people alone. That's all God expects of you." Is this what I shall do? Oh, no! I shall fall upon my knees and pray: "Lord Jesus, You died for these girls and You died for me. You were faithful unto death, and by Your help I will be, too." Then I will go at it again! I will help Jane when she has family troubles. I will try to help reconcile Jean and Sally. I will invite Laura to my home and to the next young people's party. I will try to be extra friendly with Janet and perhaps give her a task that will tide her over the thoughtless stage and lessen her chance to cause trouble in the class. Then I will pray and pray and thank God for those grand, faithful girls who count all but loss for Christ and who stand by Him and me. Then I will commit each problem and girl to Him, leaving them there with the resolve that only a happy Christian has a testimony. I will trust Him whether success or failure be mine.

These problems have been very real to me, and through preparing this paper some of them have become clarified. I pray as we work together for our girls we shall realize anew that all the results of our work are in His hands. All God asks of us is faithfulness. So "press on, faint not," for thy God is faithful.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

The total to date for home missions is \$2,437.86.
Praise the Lord.

Mrs. Chester McCall.



Oh joy, some news came in this month. Now how about word from YOUR council????

Everett, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

The mission church called Grace Brethren of Everett, Pa., announce their officers for the newly formed Women's Missionary Council. They are: president, Arlene Holland; secretary, Helen Feight; treasurer, Bessie Lin-genfelter.

Thank you for this note. May the Lord be your portion as you unitedly serve Him is our prayer.—Ed.

Alexandria, Va.

Dear WMC Friends,

Greetings in the name of our blessed Saviour. The Lord has blessed our WMC and we'd like to share some of these blessings with you.

We have recently added five new members to our council, making a total of 23. We are confident there will soon be more new members. Plans are being made to organize a Junior WMC in March.

We sent over 100 pounds of good used clothing to the Navaho Indians. Quite a bit of time was spent mending and getting these garments ready to send. We have the same amount ready to send to Clayhole, Ky. A gift box was sent to a sister of one of our members who is in a sanitorium. Some time ago Mrs. Foster visited us and we gave her a small love gift. When the Sisterhood rally was held the ladies of the WMC furnished food for the evening refreshments and the noon meal. When Brother Colburn visited here the ladies furnished food for the BYF banquet.

At present we have two local projects. Twenty-five dollars was given to buy towels for communion services. Each lady has six names of Jews to whom she sends Christian literature once a month.

Each month we take an anniversary and birthday offering. This offering is put into a bank to go toward helping to support a WMC missionary. [Amen—Ed.] Each member made or bought her own thank-offering bank. These banks are brought to each meeting and exchanged with some other lady. One of our WMC members purchased the four reading circle books for the council and gave them as a gift. A food shower was given to one of our WMC members. At Thanksgiving a food shower was given to our pastor and family.

We are looking forward to greater blessings in the remainder of '52 as we trust the One who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Occupying till He comes,

The Alexandria Brethren WMC,

Mrs. Neva Huffman, Pres.

Martinsburg, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

I am writing for the Senior WMC of Martinsburg. We have had good attendance and have kept up with the



Africa—

Miss Grace Byron.....May 7
Mary Hope Beaver.....May 7, 1946
Alberta Mae Dunning.....May 11, 1949

Argentina—

Mrs. James B. Marshall.....May 25
Rev. James B. Marshall.....May 28
Victor Wagner.....May 2, 1937
Mildred Wagner.....May 11, 1936

Baja California—

Sharon Haag.....May 9, 1948
Kathryn Sue Howard.....May 29, 1948

France—

Victor Fogle.....May 1, 1949

In United States—

Lois Irene Taber.....May 8, 1940
Donna Marie Kliever.....May 9, 1940
(c/o Rev. W. A. Ogden, Johnstown, Pa.)
Rita Dorene Hoyt.....May 18, 1944

goals. We just completed a woolen comfort for the Indians. We served the noonday meal to the district youth rally, which was the largest ever held for this district. Our offerings for the past 2 years have been very good. The ladies really make a big effort to take part in each meeting. We are happy for the privilege of serving the Lord through WMC. Brethren, pray for us.

In His grace,

Betty Leidy, Secretary.

News about another "baby." The newly organized Washington Heights (Roanoke, Va.) Brethren Church has a WMC! The ladies of that church met on January 29 with Mrs. Robert E. A. Miller, of Ghent church, and organized a council. As Mrs. Miller outlined the purpose and goals of WMC it was a pleasure to see and feel the enthusiasm of the ladies. We have had a cabinet meeting and the officers are going "full steam." The very organization of this council has been a blessing already to the church. We covet your prayers for our individual growth in grace and for the far-reaching testimony of our church.

May we present our officers: Mrs. Beatrice Keith, president; Mrs. Dorothy Bridsky, vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Hale, secretary; Mrs. Margaret Kidd, assistant secretary; Mrs. Frances Wright, treasurer; Mrs. Ruby Lofland, assistant treasurer. Our meetings will be held the first Tuesday evening of each month. You'll be hearing from us again.

Yours because His,

Mrs. Dorothy Hale, Sec.

LETTER FROM MARYBETH MUNN

Bekoro via Paoua via Bangui,
January 14, 1952.

Dear WMC'ers:

It is so nice to have a birthday and a Christmas here in Africa, for we receive so many cards and letters. We appreciate the cards very much, but those who write a little bit of news are even more welcome. Some of you seem to find it hard to write to us if you don't know us, but we're interested in any and everything you can tell us. Who gave the message in church last Sunday? What was the text? How many came to Christ? Tell us about the projects that the ladies are working on, and tell us about your own selves. We get to know you that way.

I'm going to tell you what happened to us the other night. One evening after a "rushed" day at the dispensaries, I just couldn't think what to have for supper. The Klievers were here over the week end, so we had guests. I went into the pantry and looked around for an inspiration. There I found a box of split-pea minute soup that the ladies of Conemaugh had given us. So much for the soup. I had fresh lettuce and tomatoes for a salad, but what for dessert? I found a box of butterscotch pudding powder that Mother had sent and I decided to make that up in a hurry. So I called the cook and told him that all he had to do to the split-pea soup was to add two cups of milk. The same for the pudding. Then I thought of the few left-over string beans and told him to mash them and add them to the soup. Just then they called me to come quickly to see a woman who had been bitten by a snake. They said her legs were swelling. So I ran down to see her for a minute. As I returned I thought I'd see how things were going on in the kitchen. There on the stove were two pans of green stuff. You've guessed it. The string beans had found their way into the butterscotch pudding. We had cold dumplings and canned peaches for supper.

The medical work is so very interesting. The Lord has given us several consecrated young men to train as nurses. We try to speak to everyone about the Lord. Why else reach so many people if they just get a little medicine, but nothing for their souls? The nurses take turns preaching a Gospel message before we start the treatments. On the day we left for the field conference a man came in very sick with pneumonia. I left the medicine for him, but he just seemed on the brink of death as we left. When we returned I asked how he was. The head nurse said, "Something wonderful happened to him. He was dying and we all knew it. We nurses went to his side and asked him if he knew Jesus as his Saviour. He said that he did not, but that he wanted to; so we called the preacher and we led him to the Lord. He said that he wanted to be washed from his sins and to believe in Jesus Christ. Just before he died we prayed with him; he smiled and said that he could see his Saviour calling him. Then he closed his eyes and went." How I do praise God for Christian nurses. Pray that each one might be very faithful and that they will walk forward in their life of service for Him.

Thank you all again for your greetings and letters, and for your prayers for the Lord's work here.

Marybeth Munn.

LETTER FROM RUTH DUNNING

M'Baiki, par Bangui, French Equatorial Africa,
January 15, 1952.

Dear Friends:

I have received many pretty birthday cards, and I thought I would like to write and thank you for all of them.

We are having school at Bozoum. (When I say Bozoum I mean Bible Institute. That is what we call the station where we live.) Miss Kent is our teacher and Aunt Marie is our house mother. Aunt Dorothy Beaver is our nurse. We have a lot of fun there because we have a lot of children. Also because we have picnics a lot and celebrate almost all the birthdays.

My sister Verna is at school now, too. It is nice to have some of my family here too. I mean it is nice for us both. But Caroline and I are pals because we are almost twins.

I want to thank you for praying for us, because when we are protected in time of danger I know that it is because someone was praying for us.

Love in Christ Jesus,

Ruth Dunning.

ADDITIONAL SISTERHOOD NEWS

SOUTHEAST REPORTS

The Southeast District Sisterhood held a very successful meeting at Buena Vista, Va., on January 5, during an overnight youth rally. There were around 50 girls present.

The meeting opened with a song service led by Myra Conner. After the song service the Scripture, which was a Bible drill, was enjoyed by all the girls. A wonderful poem was read at the close of the devotional part of our meeting. Presiding at the meeting was the president, Myra Conner.

We had a short business meeting in which we selected our district project. It is to send an offering to the Navaho Indian work to help support one of the children. We also decided to send an offering to the National Brethren Youth Council.

We had a time of getting acquainted in which we had the recognition of our district officers, local officers, and each local SMM group.

At the front of the church there was a beautiful table display of the SMM awards and materials.

Our district is growing and we praise the Lord for seeing fit to bless us as well as use us in His vineyard. We need your prayers as we try, with His help, to "Do His Will."—Geraldine Taylor, Secretary.

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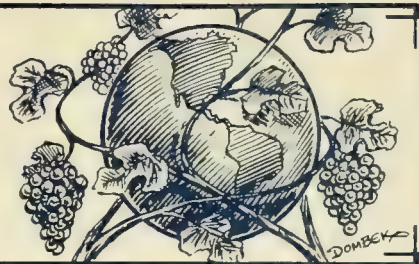
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"IN HIS VINEYARD"

SISTERHOOD OF

MARY and MARTHA

"FOR WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD..." I Cor. 3:9a



Even the Water Speaks of God's Wisdom

By Rev. Ralph Colburn

Take a nice, cool drink of water. Refreshing, isn't it? Did you ever stop to think about that stuff, without which life would be impossible, yet which we take so much for granted? Let's talk about it for a while.

We know that it is made of two gases—hydrogen, the most inflammable gas known, and oxygen, without which combustion is impossible. Yet in their right proportions they make water, the most common fire extinguisher known to man!

We also know that approximately three-fourths of the surface of the earth is covered with water. This is exactly the right proportion for life on the earth. If the waters were increased one-tenth, most of the earth would be submerged. If the waters were decreased substantially, most of the earth would be a desert. God knew the right proportions, and arranged the earth accordingly. Truly, "he commanded, and they were created" (Psa. 148:5); "he weigheth the waters by measure" (Job 28:25).

Water has been called "the seat of life." And that's true, in several ways. There is life in every drop of water—microscopic life in abundance. But don't worry, most of it is harmless! The seas, which God made, teem with life in greater abundance and more numerous forms than the land. Even the depths of the sea are constantly revealing new and strange forms of life hitherto unknown. And then, of course, water is necessary to life. You can live quite a while without eating, but you can't last long without a drink of water, or fluid that is mostly water! Even the vegetable world cannot exist without it. A common cabbage head uses as much as 200 quarts of water in the process of its growth and life.

There are so many ways in which water reveals the wisdom and power of the Creator. Water, for instance, like everything else, expands with the heat and contracts with the cold—up to a certain point, that is. Water contracts with cold down to 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Then it begins to freeze. But when it freezes it expands, instead of contracting further! That's why ice floats on the surface instead of sinking to the bottom, where it might soon fill up the seas, and make the earth a frozen waste. These great seas regulate the temperature of the earth, and the currents that dominate parts of the oceans make much of our land more habitable. The Gulf Stream on the east coast, and the Japanese current on the west, moderate the temperatures on much of our land surface. These currents were discovered only in modern times, and are still not understood or explained satisfactorily. The Gulf Stream, for instance, is a gigan-

tic thing—70 miles wide, 3,000 feet deep, flows up hill, and the center is higher than its sides. After 3,000 miles of travel it preserves a summer heat in winter.

The Bible speaks of "deep places" in the sea, and "storehouses" (Psa. 42:7; 107:24; 33:7), but it remained for modern man to discover them. The floor of the ocean is very irregular and has great mountains and valleys, and depths have been sounded over 44,000 feet deep! That's more than 8 miles down, and still greater depths remain to be explored!

Water takes many forms. The oceans are salty, and it is obvious that this salt is not derived from the earth. It is estimated that all the salt in the oceans would cover 7,000,000 square miles with a layer 1 mile thick! The sea has already deposited great layers of salt upon the earth in spots submerged ages ago. Rivers, streams, and lakes are fresh water. Yet from ocean and streams the sun evaporates only fresh water, to deposit it again on the earth in rain, sleet, snow, or hail, and in some places, fog! When water becomes snow, every snow crystal is six-sided, yet no two have ever been discovered alike!

Genesis 7:11 and Job 38:16 both speak of "springs in the deep." Yet neither Moses nor Job could have learned by experience that there are just that—great fresh-water springs in the ocean, where salt water is crowded away by great fresh-water fountains from which one may safely drink. Nor did Solomon, Job, or Jeremiah naturally understand the return of water to land by evaporation and rain—yet they all wrote of it in unmistakable terms (Eccl. 7:1; Job 26:8; Jer. 10:13; 51:16)!

Yes, certainly the structure, the arrangement, and the peculiarities of water speak of the wisdom and power of God. He uses it as a symbol of His Spirit, His Word, and His life. Next time you take a drink, thank God for such a simple, yet wonderful thing as water, and give praise to a Creator who does all things well.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray for the foreign missionary offering that it will be greatly increased that more will hear of Jesus.
2. Pray for the missionaries that will be returning to their fields.
3. Pray for the many candidates for the foreign fields, that their needs will be met as they further their education and preparation.

SING TIME—Have your song leader pick out a new chorus for your girls to learn this month.

SCRIPTURE.

OPENING PRAYER.

SHARPENING YOUR TOOLS—"Even the Water Speaks of God's Wisdom!"

POEM—"Separation" (p. 137, "Stranger Than Fiction").

AFRICAN VINEYARD—"Stranger Than Fiction."

Senior—"Heartaches."

Junior—"Two Sorrows."

SPECIAL NUMBER.

OTHER VINEYARDS—"Brazil."

CIRCLE PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING—Feature our birthday month; birthday offering.

THE TOOL CHEST

STATIONERY: Here are several simple ways to make gift stationery.

Materials needed: Tablet or box of plain writing paper and envelopes, old greeting cards, scissors, glue or paste. Other variations can be made by using gummed letters, pinking shears, or potato printing.

What to do: From the greeting cards cut out the flowers, pictures, etc., that you want to use and paste them attractively on the writing paper. By using Christmas or Easter cards seasonal note paper can be made. (Scripture-text paper can also be made by using the Scriptures that come in booklet form. These are available at Christian book stores.)

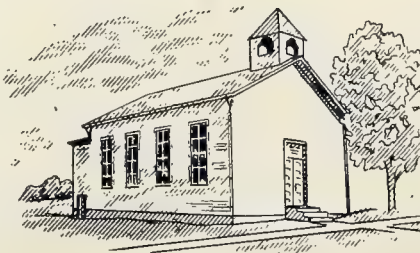
By pinking the edges of the stationery with the pinking shears a plain paper can be dressed up. Personalized stationery is made with gummed letters—use person's initials or spell out first name.

Many interesting designs can be made by means of potato printing. Draw your design first on a piece of paper. Cut the potato in half and with carbon paper trace the design on it; keep your design simple. Now with a paring knife cut out the parts that you want to remain white. The raised portion of your design should be about 1/16 of an inch high. Blot the potato with white blotter to remove the excess moisture before beginning your printing. If you do not have a stamp pad in the color you desire, make your own by soaking a piece of felt or flannel in colored ink. Potato prints can be kept overnight if the printing end is placed in water. Be sure to blot before using again.

Note: Why not make your own SMM note paper with the potato printing?

OUR NATIONAL PROJECT

Making it possible for the people of Dryhill, Ky., to say, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psa. 122:1).



STRANGER THAN FICTION

Senior—

VII. Heartaches (Chapters 19 and 20).

A. Chapter 19—"Separation."

1. Hardships Going Home (pp. 137-141).
2. Answer to Prayer in America (143-144).
3. Home for Marguerite (146-148).
4. Recruits for Africa (148-149).
5. Return to Africa (149-152).

B. Chapter 20—"Bereavement."

1. Sad Homecoming (153-154).
2. "Home Call" (155-156).

Junior—"Two Sorrows."

Marguerite and Dr. Gribble came to America to find a home for Marguerite so that she could go to school. Read pages 145 to 148 and tell:

1. About Marguerite's visit to her father's family (pp. 145-146).
2. About their visit with Rev. Alva McClain in Long Beach (146).
3. About Marguerite's coming to Sunnyside and her meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Weed (147).
4. About the parting of Marguerite and her mother at the train (147-148).

After leaving Marguerite, Dr. Gribble visited among the churches telling about the work in Africa. She also met the others who were planning to go as missionaries to Africa. Several of these missionaries returned to Africa with her. When she did arrive she found that James Gribble had been hurt, but it was a happy reunion after being apart for 18 months. Now read pages 153 to 156.

1. What happened to Allen Bennett, one of the new missionaries (p. 153)?
2. Tell about the sickness that came upon the others (154).
3. What did Yama, Mr. Gribble's right-hand man, do (155)?
4. Tell about the death of James Gribble (155-156).

THE GRAPEVINE

The birthday offering for the higher education of our missionaries' children should be sent in to the national treasurer by April 30. When you send in your money, be sure to indicate *which* offering it is for; also tell whether yours is a junior, intermediate, combined, or senior Sisterhood.

Scripture cards for memorization work are no longer available. A suggestion would be for you to type up your own cards to give to new members. Or if some of your SMM girls have learned their verses, perhaps they would be willing to loan their cards to others. Holders are still available from the literature secretary for 4c each.

Christian literature, help toward Camp Bethany or SMM sweater—these are the awards available for memorizing the Book of Philippians. The entire book must be quoted at one time, and both your patroness and pastor must approve your memorization. Fill out the personal project blank and send it to the general secretary. Awards will be given at conference time.

APRIL---SISTERHOOD BIRTHDAY MONTH

GROWING OLD?

Thirty-nine years old this April! Sisterhood doesn't look it, does she? And she never will, because her life is composed of the sparkle, vim, and youth of Christian girlhood. Yes, each year she grows stronger, larger, more active, and more useful—but never old.

As a national organization the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha began in 1913 with 21 Sisterhoods. Today the Mary-Martha band is over 125 Sisterhoods strong. Some of the groups are small, others large, but all are united in one purpose—"Do God's Will."

In the lives of two women who were beloved by our Lord, Mary and Martha, have been found the two essentials upon which Sisterhood is built: worship and service. These are the fundamental principles of all Christian living. Worship is the most difficult of the two to exhibit, for "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). However, the monthly program and many of her goals are planned to help us in our worship and growth in "the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In these 39 years, great has been the joy of the Sisterhood in serving the Lord through national projects that have helped in the spreading of the "tidings of great joy." Several of these projects have been the Bethany Mission Home in Ashland, Ohio, baby hospital for Africa, gift fund for national pastors' children in South America, bus for Clayhole, Ky., camp equipment for Argentina, Jeep for Kentucky, missionary ladies' home in Africa, well for the Navaho work, and a public-address and broadcasting system for Brazil. Now this year a chapel for our new work in Kentucky! Through His grace and blessing SMM has prospered in His service.

Also, from the ranks of Sisterhood many girls have heard His call to carry the Gospel personally to foreign lands. Many others are serving Him in home missions and as pastors' wives.

Yes, SMM in 39 years has grown, but not old. May she have many more years!

THE ORIGINAL

One day a group of Christian girls met at the home of Mrs. Mary Bauman. In unison they read the story of Mary and Martha in Luke and then discussed the account. That day a new organization was founded with the purpose of deepening the spiritual lives of the girls and of spreading the Gospel to the women and girls of other lands.

This quotation from an early record best illustrates their desire (and ours today): "Not great numbers do we seek to join our ranks, but those who can conscientiously take our pledge, those who want to know and do more things that He would have us do, we gladly welcome. Every member has an opportunity of doing something." The first meetings were held at 10 o'clock each Sunday morning before the church service at our Philadelphia First Church. There were 35 charter members.

Mrs. Mary Lou Best, one of the charter members, still has precious memories of her Sisterhood days. Her own life was greatly challenged by that of Mrs. Bauman. Sisterhood itself played a very important part in all phases of her Christian life—Bible study, prayer, and testimony.

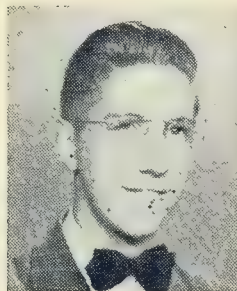
This was the actual beginning of the Sisterhood, which in 1913 developed into a national organization.

BIRTHDAY OFFERING

April was chosen as our birthday month in honor of the first Sisterhood organized. But could a more appropriate month be found? For, as a general rule, Easter comes in April, and all Christian hope and purpose revolve around the death and resurrection of our Lord. By the way, whose home did our Lord last visit previous to the events leading up to the crucifixion? The home of Mary and Martha!

As we remember again His great sacrifice for us, let us express our thankfulness by giving to Him through the SMM birthday offering. This offering is used to help build up the fund for the higher education of our foreign missionaries' children. Each year we give a gift to those in schools of higher learning. The gift has been in the amount of \$100, and to continue this in the future our fund must be increased. This year there are four who are receiving this gift. In fact, just before Christmas (a most appropriate time) half of this gift was given to each one.

GIFT RECIPIENTS



Charles Taber



Marguerite Taber



Lester Kennedy



Kenneth Sheldon

Charles Taber—He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber, missionaries to Africa. He is a first-year student in Grace Seminary and also a teacher of French in the collegiate division of the school. He is married, and he and his wife are looking forward to service in Africa.

Marguerite Taber—She is now a second-year student at Bryan University. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber. She is deeply considering becoming a medical doctor, to work especially with children.

Kenneth Sheldon—A son of missionaries to Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Sheldon, he also is looking forward to service in that land. He is married and has two little boys. He is now a student in Grace Seminary.

Lester Kennedy—He is the son of Mrs. Minnie Ken-

nedy, missionary to Africa. He and his wife are approved as missionaries to Africa and expect to leave for France this fall. He graduated from Grace Seminary in January and was ordained to the Christian ministry on February 17, 1952.

Dear Miss Fraser,

I am very sorry that this letter is so delayed. I fully intended to write it much sooner. But, belatedly, my wife and I wish to thank you, the Sisterhood, for the very welcome gift. As always, in the love of the Lord and in His care of His children, it met a very definite need and met it adequately. Thank you very much for being His instruments in helping us. We appreciate it more than we can tell.

Yours in Christ,

Charles Taber.

Dear Isobel,

Thank you so much for the \$50 from the Sisterhood. As students we certainly can find a lot of places to spend money when it is so close to a new semester.

It has been so nice being at Grace Seminary this year. Especially since we are among the Brethren people and really getting acquainted. . . .

Our boys are really getting big now, which makes it a little hard to study at times.

May the Lord bless and keep you—

Lovingly in Him,

Marjorie (and Ken) Sheldon.

SUGGESTED BOOKS FOR GIRLS—By Mrs. Conard Sandy

DESIRES OF THE HEART, by LeRoy Allen. 166 pp. Cloth. Zondervan Publishing House. 1952. \$2.00.

In this story the author presents a very realistic picture of the life of some of the men in "Uncle Sam's Navy." This he was able to do with accuracy for he had spent several years on board ship during World War II. Therefore, the author knew something of the ambitions and aims of the sailors.

Tom Wilson was one of these sailors, just an ordinary fellow, content to follow the crowd. When given shore liberty he spent the time with his "buddies" along the "Main Street of the U. S. A." in darkened taverns and dance halls, trying to forget the war.

Yes, Tom was an ordinary fellow until he met Jean who presented a whole new way of life to him. Can one acquire new habits and a different outlook on life in a matter of a few hours? Tom admitted to his "buddies" that he enjoyed going to church, and Mickey was quite sure he had "gone religious" when he spent a shore leave at a church party and not with the old gang along "Main Street." Tom found that in the Pacific when there was no other help one can pray, even though he was only a young Christian.

This book is interesting and will be thoroughly enjoyed by every reader, even to the last word. Also, this book will help answer some questions about the Christian life.

ADDITIONAL SISTERHOOD NEWS ON PAGE 160

Do you know that Brazil is the third largest country in the world?

This vast country has an area of no less than 3,350,000 square miles, with a coast line of 3,600 miles, and its greatest breadth from east to west is 2,500 miles. It is divided up into 22 provinces or states which vary considerably in size, population, and prosperity. Brazil has a population of over 40 million, made up of people of a mixed character—resulting from the intermingling of the Indian, African, and white races. The official language of the country is Portuguese, and the religion of the country is nominally Roman Catholic. It has been estimated that there are one-half million Protestants in Brazil.

Do you know that today is God's day of grace for the millions in Brazil?

A recent article in Eternity magazine states the following: "There is great liberty in Brazil to preach the Gospel. The church is growing on every hand. In the recent elections it is surprising to note the number of Protestants who are elected to the city, state, and federal legislatures. The Vice President of Brazil, Cafe Filo, was reared in a Christian home and had evangelical training in his youth. As the Lord closes doors in some countries, He opens them in others."

Reports from other sources indicate the wide-open door in Brazil for the preaching of the Gospel. No one can answer the question as to how long the door will remain open. The Word says, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

Do you know that the Brethren Church has gone to work for the Lord in Brazil?

For some time the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church considered opening a third field of missionary endeavor, and after much prayerful consideration and investigation the decision was made to enter Brazil. Our first missionaries to Brazil, Rev. and Mrs. J. Keith Altig and family, arrived in Belem in February 1949. After study and investigation they located in Icoaraci, not far from Belem, where a thriving Brethren Gospel testimony is now established. This area is near the mouth of the Amazon River.

One year later, in February 1950, Rev. and Mrs. Edward D. Miller and family joined the Altigs in Icoaraci. The Lord has led in our missionary endeavor in Brazil, and in the latter part of 1951 the Miller family moved to Macapa, across the Amazon River from Belem, to establish our second testimony in Brazil.

In March of this present year, 1952, our third missionary family, Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Miller and daughters, will arrive in Icoaraci. The greater part of their first year will be spent in language study and in preparation to take responsibility when the Altigs come home on furlough in 1953.

Do you know that the Brethren Church plans to continue to work for the Lord in Brazil?

There is unlimited opportunity for work among the Indian tribes in the interior, as well as for a program of evangelism along the river. Missionary volunteers are offering themselves for service in Brazil.

The Lord has given a harvest field into our keeping and He has given and is giving us the harvesters. Pray that we may be able to maintain the field and reap a harvest of born-again believers for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Brethren Missionary Herald

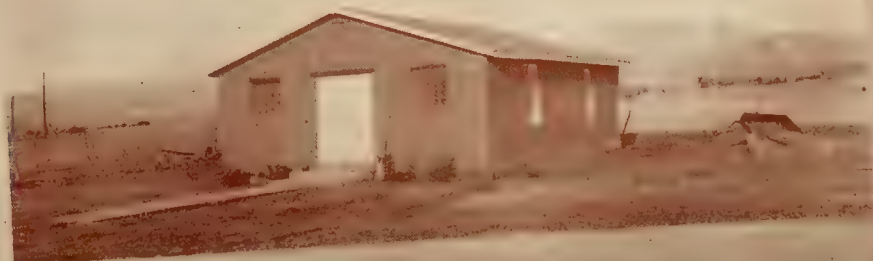
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THE SPANISH-AMERICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

The center picture shows the teachers, Miss Celina Mares, Mrs. Sam Horney, and Rev. Sam Horney, along with the students of the institute. Upper left, Arroyo Hondo; upper right, D. V. B. S. work; lower left, Taos; lower right, the new Cordillera mission. These pictures show where there is a need and opportunity for Bible-trained students to serve Christ and their own people.





As the Editor Sees It

By L. L. GRUBB



BIBLE SHOWS WAY TO ULTRASONIC SCIENTISTS

That God knew something about ultrasonic science back in the days of Joshua has recently been demonstrated to the satisfaction of scientists.

In Joshua 6:20 we read of the fall of Jericho. "So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat . . . and they took the city."

Joshua probably didn't realize what might have been happening nor did he dream that he might have been presaging the modern death ray which scientists are even now trying to perfect.

Ultrasonic workers have found that sound waves so high-pitched that they cannot be heard by the human ear can shake matter apart, tear living tissues, and create intense heat.

At Penn State College recently Army scientists exposed mice to lethal sounds and killed them with a minute of exposure. Roaches and other insects were killed instantly. After a half-minute of exposure the ears dropped off a mouse.

So dangerous are these sound waves that men cannot put objects into the sound field without burning fingers and hands. Although protected by earplugs and avoiding direct exposure to the ultrasonic beam, scientists have suffered effects ranging from loss of a sense of equilibrium to dizziness.

The average man can hear sound vibrations as high as 14,000 cycles per second. Anything above that is inaudible. A 25,000-cycle beam can start a fire and scientists have produced sound at several million cycles, which, when focused, can shatter steel.

One research team was caught in a sound beam and held paralyzed until an outsider saw them and cut off the switch.

It seems that scientists who just now are discovering laws of nature established by God millenniums ago would be the strongest of all Christians. Yet there are relatively few who have accepted the Bible as the infallible Word of God and a much smaller group who have become Christians.

What God did at Jericho was a supernatural miracle. But this does not forbid Deity combining and using existing laws of nature at the right time to bring about His will.

The infinity of God and the finiteness of man are here well defined. Men are limited in every sense even though they seem to have made tremendous strides in various realms. God simply allows men, through His permissive will, to discover certain things about themselves and about the universe, which contribute to the

accomplishment of His over-all sovereign plan for eternity.

There may be a time soon when wars will be fought, not with bombs but without the sound of cannon, rockets, high explosives, bullets, etc. A million-cycle death ray, a silent sound beam, may end the lives of millions. U. S. Intelligence officers reported that in the last war the Germans had been testing an ultrasonic weapon which they never completed. The weapon was a mobile sound projector and was designed to send a beam of silent sound into apertures of a pillbox, killing those inside.

In spite of this it is assuring to know that this same God, by whose hand the world was created, is our tender, loving Father, who holds us in the hollow of that beneficent hand.

It seems that in such terrible and amazing days those who are not the children of God would flee to Christ for life, assurance, safety, and security.

FULFILLMENT OF GENESIS 12:1-3

God's methods of dealing with men and nations who vent their wrath against the Jews have never been changed since Moses penned those memorable words in Genesis.

A recent paragraph in *The Jews in the News* substantiates this fact.

It seems that there is now one car traveling Israel's roads which has no right to feel at home. It is a large, eight-cylinder black Horch, which Hitler gave to his sweetheart, Eva Braun, as a birthday present. After the Nazis' collapse it was confiscated by U. S. military authorities and put into the hands of a British general. Later it was sold as army surplus. It was then purchased by a foreign diplomat stationed in Bulgaria who was moved to Israel. Later the diplomat was transferred and sold the car to a local resident.

So Hitler's car is now traveling along the streets of Israel. How ironic and significant! Hitler met a terrible end. The nation was devastated. Millions of Jews were murdered. Yet today there is a nation in Israel which is growing phenomenally.

This is a lesson for all men, especially Christians, to learn. Antisemitism is contrary to the Word and will of God. Those who practice it will feel the heavy hand of God's wrath whether nationally or individually.

On the other hand there is a promised blessing for those who give the Gospel of Christ to Israel.

NEW JERSEY MAKES IMPORTANT DECISION

A recent fracas in New Jersey over Bible reading in the schools was met by a decision of the State supreme

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court to the effect that the State's Bible reading law was constitutional.

A part of the decision statement is especially worth our attention. "It is not necessary that the state should be stripped of religious sentiment."

We often have cause to wonder about these short-sighted individuals who would bar the Bible from the public schools. Their thinking must be caged within

the limits of an infidelic mind which is rebellious against God and His Word.

Realizing the need of certain restrictions in the extent of doctrinal teaching or the teaching of distinctive beliefs of a particular church, there is still a place for the reading of the Bible in every school, even if without any comment added. Folks who are averse to this ought to build their own schools if they desire to make infidels of their children.



**LA CRESCENTA, CALIF., GREAT
NEW CHALLENGE**

Another fine, new mission field beckons in the community of La Crescenta, Calif., where several fine Brethren families are meeting. Bro. Robert Dell is ministering to this group and leading in the development of the work.

We visited this fine community recently and again were impressed by the possibilities for a new Brethren church. A former club building is available for purchase and already the local group has placed the account in escrow. It is large and well located to reach this new field.

Sufficient funds are needed for its purchase. Again we meet the tremendous need for church loans so that such opportunities may be grasped.

Pray for this new Brethren church in La Crescenta.

WASHINGTON BOULEVARD CHURCH GROWING

Close to Whittier and in the northeast section of the Los Angeles area is a rapidly growing church and school. We had the privilege of visiting here for a few minutes in the Sunday school period.

A group of Brethren laymen have been largely instrumental in starting and developing this church which is now being pastored by Bro. Wayne Flory. The Lord is blessing this pastor's ministry. Indeed, the potential for growth is great.

A Christian day school is to be operated in conjunction with this new work. The buildings are not quite complete but will be finished soon.

FELLOWSHIP IN WHITTIER, CALIF.

It is always a great blessing to have fellowship with the Whittier brethren. The welcome is complete and it is a joy to minister to these folks.

The pastor, Bro. Kenneth Drennon, has been used to lead quite a few souls to Christ and into the church recently and the Lord has richly blessed the testimony of this congregation.

The Whittier church has a long and splendid record in the work of Brethren home missions. Record offerings have come from this church, while some of its members have given us much-needed financial help for church construction. It has also given some of its families to start other churches.

**PICTURES AT THE FIRST
LOS ANGELES CHURCH**

Our home mission pictures were well received in this great church, of which Bro. Glenn O'Neal is pastor. A fine congregation saw something of the work of home missions. They had already demonstrated their tangible interest in this missionary endeavor by giving a splendid offering. The members of this church have also been a great asset to our work.

A new Sunday school in a needy section of the city is being planned by this church and is to be started as soon as meeting quarters can be obtained.

CHERRY VALLEY BUILDING ALMOST FINISHED

The home mission folks in the Cherry Valley church near Beaumont, Calif., are in the act of completing their building. Accompanying pictures in this magazine show that the exterior is ready for stucco. Only \$800 is still owed on this structure so far.

For some time the basement has been completed and worship services have been held there. The pastor, Bro. Gene Farrell, reports a fine revival recently with Bro. Robert Ashman, when 30 decisions were made for Christ.

These hard-working, sacrificing brethren need your prayers.

ALBUQUERQUE DOING WELL

Our Spanish work among these people in Albuquerque is progressing with Bro. Clarence Gutierrez as the leader-pastor. The Lord is giving souls.

Used clothing is still needed here. Don't forget the Albuquerque brethren.

DENVER WORK DEVELOPING

A short stop at the Denver airport and fellowship with Bro. Lowell Hoyt, our home mission pastor, reveals God's blessing upon this work.

Even though Brother Hoyt has been occupied with secular employment since being on the field, he has been able to develop and organize the work into an efficient working unit.

Another look at our fine new lots in the southwest section of this great city further convinced us that this location is ideal for future growth.

After paying for the lots we face the financial need for

a new building. The prayers of all God's children are solicited in this matter.

SOULS BEING SAVED IN CHEYENNE

Our Cheyenne pastor, Bro. Wayne Croker, met us in Denver and we rejoiced to hear of the salvation of souls recently in this work. A recent letter from Brother Croker tells of eight more souls who found Christ in the little church at Cheyenne.

We need a new building in Cheyenne as soon as possible. Here is another point of need for our prayer warriors.

CLEVELAND CHURCH PROGRESSING

The Lord is blessing our new work in the Lyndhurst community of the Cleveland, Ohio, area.

On a recent Lord's Day, while visiting there, we saw 54 in Bible school and a larger number in the church service.

God has given us a beautiful building in this great city. The shell of the building is complete, but only the lower auditorium is finished inside. The upstairs is incomplete and we face the need of more funds to finish this task.

Bro. Russell Ward, the pastor, solicits your prayers for guidance in reaching the tremendous new area all about this new building.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We trust that these brief travelog notes give you a slightly better insight concerning the work of Brethren home missions. Only a brief note can be given concerning each church visited and many of our contacts are unrecorded.

This is about the only way your home mission secretary can report to our thousands of home mission friends scattered across the nation.

If you have any comments or suggestions we will be happy to hear from you.



These pictures of the Bethel Brethren Church and the congregation, with their pastor, Rev. Ord Gehman in the foreground, were taken by the home mission secretary on a recent visit to Berne, Ind.

CHERRY VALLEY CHURCH, BEAUMONT, CALIF.



This is a recent picture of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church of Beaumont, Calif. The building is ready for the stucco which it is the goal to have finished by Easter Sunday. If you will recall, it was just last Easter that the basement was dedicated. Three classrooms have been finished in the upper auditorium and the stairway that leads from the basement to the new classrooms. The Lord is not only blessing in the building program, but souls are being saved regularly. Ten new members have been added recently with a like number expected to be added soon. The average Sunday school attendance is running at 125, with 150 as a record. This church has five Christian Endeavor groups at the present time and a junior high organization is to be added. For this Pastor Farrell remarks, "The Lord is great and greatly to be praised."

TO BREAK GROUND FOR HOME MISSION CHURCH

The Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, has chosen Sunday, March 30, 1952, as the day to break ground for their new home mission church. Rev. William A. Steffler, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, will be the speaker for the special occasion. The service will be held at the location of the new lots on Patterson Road at Clark Street.—C. S. Zimmerman, pastor.

(Ed. Note.—This is the first groundbreaking service of the year 1952 and indicates the beginning of activity in home mission church building which has been somewhat dormant due to weather conditions in the major portion of the U. S. A. Elsewhere in this issue you will notice the new home mission church under construction at Beaumont, Calif., the new home mission church completed at Portland, Oreg., and the home mission church of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, joining the self-supporting churches. Here you see home mission churches in the different stages from alpha to omega. Here you see your home mission gifts at work.)

SOME NAMES DAVID USED FOR THE LORD

(Psalms 18:1-2)

1. My Strength—He upholds me.
 2. My Rock—He shelters me.
 3. My Fortress—He surrounds me.
 4. My Deliverer—He rescues me.
 5. My God—He possesses me.
 6. My Buckler—He shields me.
 7. My High Tower—He defends me.
 8. The Horn of My Salvation—He saves me.
- (E. G. Aldridge)

Cuyahoga Falls Home Mission Church Now Is Self-Supporting

As of February 1, 1952, a new Brethren church at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, has joined the growing ranks of self-supporting Brethren churches.

This decision was voluntarily made by the members of the congregation at a recent business meeting under the leadership of the pastor, Bro. Richard Burch.

It is with great joy that the Brethren Home Missions Council presents another Brethren church to our National Fellowship, and especially to all those who have

supported this great missionary arm of the church in any way. Most of all do we praise the Lord for making this step possible through the provisions of His grace.

Without further financial help from the Brethren Home Missions Council the Cuyahoga Falls church plans to construct its own church building on well-located lots which are already paid for.

Pray for this new church as its members launch out on faith in the ministry of the Word.

"PLANTED . . . WATERED . . . INCREASED"

By Rev. Richard L. Burch, Pastor

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (I Cor. 3:6). This statement from the lips of the Apostle Paul accurately summarizes the origin and growth of the Grace Brethren Church of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

The seed was planted in the fall of 1940 with the formation of the North Hill Bible Class under the guidance of Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich, who was at that time pastor of the First Brethren Church of Akron. During the years which followed, meetings were held weekly at Waters Park Auditorium in north Akron, and the "seedling" began to grow.

In November of 1942 the nucleus of this Bible class moved to the American Legion Hall in Cuyahoga Falls, a suburb of Akron, for a series of Sunday evening prophetic conferences under the ministry of Dr. Charles W. Mayes, then pastor of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church in Ashland, Ohio. Thus the growing plant was watered.

The following year—1943—is an important period in the history of the Cuyahoga Falls work, for it was in January of that year that this expanding group moved to its new location at the corner of Third Street and Chestnut Boulevard. In February Rev. Russell M. Ward, then a student at Grace Theological Seminary, was called as student pastor. During the same year, the building was purchased, the church was formally organized, and the congregation was received into the Northern Ohio District and National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

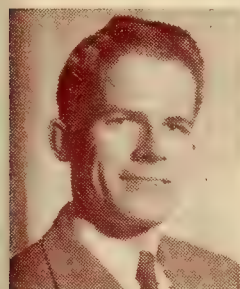
God gave abundant increase during the 7 years of Brother Ward's able ministry, until in the spring of 1950 he was called to the pastorate of the First Brethren Church of Cleveland.

In spite of the fact that the congregation then remained without a full-time pastor for over a year, there was little loss in interest, attendance, or membership. Well-founded in the Word of God, the people were united in a love for the Lord Jesus Christ and in an utter dependence upon almighty God for guidance and strength.

In October of 1950 the Lord graciously led us to the field as part-time supply pastor, while completing our

course of study at Grace Theological Seminary, and in June of 1951 we became full-time pastor. We shall never cease to thank and praise our Lord and Saviour for guiding us to this place of service for Him. We could never begin to count the blessings already received during less than a year of full-time ministry among the people of Cuyahoga Falls.

During this time God has given further increase. We have had the joy of seeing six first-time decisions for Christ, plus a great many rededications of life. We have



Pastor Burch



The Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

baptized four, and a total of 12 have been received into the membership of the church.

During the past 6 months there has been a goodly increase in attendance and interest at all our church functions. For example, the Sunday school attendance has grown 16 percent; the Sunday morning attendance, 4 percent; Sunday evening, 13 percent; and midweek prayer service, 31 percent. We praise God for this increase, and feel confident that through our newly organized visitation and mailing programs He will give us greater increase during the next 6 months, if He tarries.

A great deal of the credit for what has been accomplished in Cuyahoga Falls goes to the Brethren Home Missions Council, which has given guidance and encouragement, and contributed approximately \$10,000 to the work.

At our third quarterly business meeting, and after much careful thought and prayer, the congregation voted unanimously to go self-supporting as of February 1. This was a big step for a relatively small congregation, but we know that this is God's will. We are now



The congregation of the Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

clear of all indebtedness, and have a sizeable sum in our building fund. Our present building is attractive, but small, and we are outgrowing it. If the Lord tarries, and if He so directs, we plan to erect in the not-too-distant future a newer, larger building on lots which we have already purchased and paid for at a strategic location in Cuyahoga Falls.

Brethren, please pray for us, that we may reach this area for Christ!

WHAT DOES THE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF CUYAHOGA FALLS MEAN TO ME?

By D. L. Koplin

Much! More than can be put in writing!

The peace of mind and the heart happiness that comes when one really knows what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for him, is doing, and will do for His own; the realization of the greatness of the privilege I have of being permitted to go to an all-powerful God in prayer; and the rich fellowship I have with Christian brothers and sisters are things the value of which cannot be fully expressed in writing.

That I possess and enjoy these rich blessings is due to the fact that the Grace Brethren Church of Cuyahoga Falls has been pastored by men who believe and teach the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible.

For such a church and such a ministry I shall never cease to give thanks.

I FOUND CHRIST AS SAVIOUR BY ASSOCIATING WITH BRETHREN PEOPLE

By E. R. Cole, Church Treasurer

Often, when testifying to men and women in "telling forth" Jesus and Him crucified and risen, I rejoice in that our blessed Lord has set apart a Bible-studying people known as the Brethren Church. It is with enthusiasm and without reservation that I recommend to any and all that they come and worship, and learn to know Jesus as Saviour and Lord in our fellowship.

As a boy, my mother and my church taught me to

worship the Lord, but it was only in the fellowship about His Word among Brethren that I was brought to know Jesus, my Saviour, my Lord. "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine," is my greatest joy today.

Association with Brethren began for me in the First Brethren Church of Akron (Ellet), Ohio, under Dr. Raymond Gingrich's ministry. He helped us start the North Hill Brethren Sunday School when those of us from the north end and the Falls desired a closer place of worship. The Coles' fellowship with the Falls was interrupted for 2½ years at the time of the church's organization. Economic circumstances, namely housing, took us to south Akron, where prayer meetings were held in our living room that led to what is now the Firestone Park Brethren Church.

The fellowship and oneness of the Cuyahoga Falls Brethren in the Lord is cause for rejoicing. When the Lord wills it, a new church building will be added to the Falls work.

THE JOY IN CHRIST AND SERVING HIM IN THE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

By Mr. and Mrs. George Kaugher

Thirty-seven years ago Mrs. Kaugher and I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour. We praise Him for His faithfulness to us and for the joy we have had since we have known Him.

In 1927 we moved to Akron, Ohio. After visiting many churches we found that we could not have fellowship with them because the Gospel was not preached and they were not interested in bringing the lost to Christ. We then started to work in the City Rescue Mission. We praise Him for the many souls we saw come to Him.

After many years of service in the mission its doors were closed and we again looked for a work that we could support. We found a church that we were blessed in for 6 years. Then we moved to Cuyahoga Falls and decided we should find a church in the Falls where the Word was preached. One Sunday night we attended the Grace Brethren Church and were blessed through the preaching of the Word by Rev. Russell Ward. We enjoyed the fellowship of the people and the pastor 4 years

A Brief Historical Review of Grace Brethren Church

By Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich

No church just "grew," as Harriet Beecher Stowe's Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Each had been planned in the drawing room of the Chief Architect and erected by the Divine Masterbuilder through human agencies. Thus it was with Grace Brethren Church in Cuyahoga Falls.

In the summer of 1940 the writer, while serving as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Akron, felt constrained to begin teaching a Friday night Bible class in the North Hill section of Akron, bordering the Akron-Cuyahoga Falls corporation lines. During the first few months the class met in the Builder's Exchange Building, 640 North Main Street. Prophetical studies in the Book of Daniel were offered. Then, through the suggestion of a member of the class, the recreation building in Waters Park, recently given to the city of Akron, was rented for the Bible class and used for the next 2 or 3 years.

Early in 1943 the Northern Ohio District Mission Board was asked to assist in organizing a Brethren church in Cuyahoga Falls as an outgrowth of the North Hill Bible Class. A majority of the members of the class were people living in the Falls area. Consequently, the board asked Rev. Arthur D. Cashman to survey the

Cuyahoga Falls area to determine what interest and prospect existed for such a church. Upon the favorable report from Brother Cashman, the mission board asked Rev. Charles Mayes, then pastor of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church of Ashland, to conduct a series of meetings in the Falls area. Securing a temporary leave of absence from the Ashland church, Brother Mayes conducted such a meeting in the American Legion Hall on Front Street, near the present location of Grace Brethren Church.

On July 8, 1943, 14 charter members, under the guidance of Brother Mayes, organized the Grace Brethren Church. The initial meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rupert, who lived in the country between Cuyahoga Falls and Hudson.

As a means of encouraging and assisting in a concrete way the Northern Ohio District Mission Board purchased and made a down payment of \$1,500 on the property now owned by the Falls congregation. It had formerly been used as a gospel mission, and had to be renovated both physically and psychologically, since the former mission had not too desirable a reputation in the area. Both were successfully done, resulting in one of the finest and strongest young churches with which the writer has ever had the privilege of fellowshiping.

before we decided to make the Grace Brethren Church our home.

We thank God for the Christian people of this church and rejoice to say that we are now one of them. We are thankful for the privilege to support the proclaiming of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls.

CUYAHOGA FALLS BRETHERN UNITED FOR CHRIST

By Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Braucher

The Brethren in Cuyahoga Falls have a genuine concern for each other's welfare. At no time in our experience has this spirit of cooperation been so outstanding in quantity and quality.

Our first meeting place was a hall, then a store building occupied in the rear by a family. We later purchased this building with the aid of the District mission board and remodeled it into a rather nice meeting place.

We owe our beginning to Dr. Raymond Gingrich, Dr. Charles Mayes, and Rev. Arthur Cashman. Then a little later Rev. Russell Ward became full-time pastor and served faithfully 7 years.

When Brother Ward was called to the Cleveland work, the real mettle of our people was displayed in keeping the work going without any trouble for over a year while we were without a pastor.

The church continues to progress under the leadership of Rev. Richard Burch.

We thank God for a people whose eyes are on the Lord Jesus Christ.

OUR SON WAS ONE OF THE FIRSTFRUITS

By Mr. and Mrs. Venard Holsinger

We as a family have many things for which we thank the Lord. High on our list is the Grace Brethren Church of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. It was here that our oldest son, Dennis, accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour under the ministry of Bro. Charles Mayes. He was the first person to be converted in our church. Later our younger son, Terrell, accepted the Lord under the pastorate of Rev. Russell Ward.

As charter members we have seen the church grow in membership to a good-sized congregation. We have seen it grow from a mission church to a self-supporting church now under the leadership of Rev. Richard Burch. We have plans for the future which include a new church building. Lots have been purchased in a fast-growing section of our city, and if the Lord so leads, we want to continue growing both spiritually and in numbers.

PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

Pastors, are any of your members living in Parkersburg?

Herald readers, do you have any Brethren friends or relatives in Parkersburg?

If you can help us, please send the names and addresses to the Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Winona Lake, Ind.

NEW SPANISH BRETHREN BIBLE INSTITUTE

The first Spanish-American Bible institute in this nation is now a reality in Taos, N. Mex.

Seventeen young men and women are taking systematic training under three capable teachers. Our missionary superintendent, Bro. Samuel Horney, Mrs. Horney, and Miss Celina Mares are well qualified to teach the Word in this school which is already producing young preachers and missionaries.

Several of the boys have written their own testimonies and had them printed in tract form and are now distributing hundreds of copies in the area. These boys and girls are also going into the various communities and holding meetings.

The new little mission at Cordillera, which will be dedicated soon, is being staffed by these young people.

Thus Brother Horney, our other missionaries, and the Spanish people have been successful in achieving a continually widening testimony in the indigenous church. Much support and labor for the construction of new buildings and the support for local missionaries comes from the local people.

The extent to which this work may spread is limited only by the provision of the Lord in saving souls and preparing workers for the ministry.

GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH, PORTLAND, OREG.

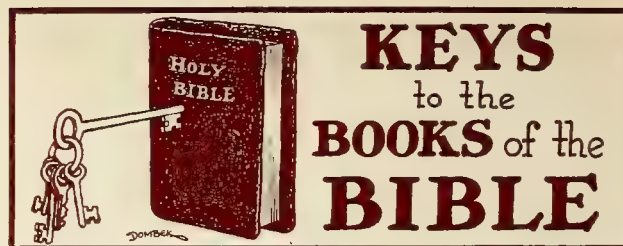


This is a recent picture of the new church since it has been finished on the outside. At the time of dedication the brickwork was not finished. New people are coming to the services and showing an interest in the Portland work. A new record was set for the Sunday school on February 24, 1952, when the attendance reached 132. The average for the month of February was 121.

ANALYSIS OF THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

<i>Going from Home</i>	<i>Coming back Home</i>	<i>Home Again</i>
Restless	Reflecting	Recognized
Roving	Reasoning	Received
Riotous	Repenting	Robed
Reckless	Resolving	Ringed
Ruined!	Returning!	Rejoicing!

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THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

(Zech. 6:12)

I. Presents Jesus as the Son of Man—Universal Man.

II. Key Words.

- A. Son of man—at least 25 times: 5:24; 6:5, 22; 7:34; 9:22, 26, 44, 56, 58; 11:30; 12:8, 10, 40; 17:22, 24, 26, 30; 18:8, 31; 19:10; 21:27, 36; 22:48, 69; 24:7.
- B. Lost—appears at least 7 times.
 1. Lost sheep, 15:3-4.
 2. Lost coin, 15:8.
 3. Lost son, 15:11.
 4. Shows universal lostness of man (Rom. 3:23) and is the Gospel showing the universal Saviour, Luke 19:10.
- C. Joy—not only the Gospel of lostness, but a Gospel of Joy, 10:21; 15:20-24, 32; 24:52-53.

III. Key Verse.

- A. 19:10—"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

IV. Key Outline.

- A. The Prologue, 1:1-4.
- B. The Son of Man, 1:5 to 4:13.
His Herald, Birth, Genealogy, Testing.
- C. Is Come to Seek, 4:14 to 14:11.
In the synagogue, His disciples, the needy, by means of parables, miracles, lesson, event, and the seventy.
- D. And to Save, 14:12 to 17:19.
Unexpected, undeserving, poor, and hopeless.
- E. That Which Was Lost, 17:20 to 19:28.
- F. His Work for the Lost, 19:29 to 24:12—Passion.
- G. After the Resurrection, 24:13-53.
The first Adam lived a long time upon the earth, but he died; the last Adam lived on the earth but a short time, but He was raised up to live forever.

V. Key Thoughts for Today.

- A. The last chapter begins with an open tomb, and ends with an open heaven.
 1. An open tomb, 1-4.
 2. An open home, 28-31.
 3. An open Bible, 27, 44-45.
 4. An open understanding, 45.
 5. An open heaven, 51.
- B. 24:48—"And ye are witnesses of these things."
- C. 24:49—Compare Acts 1:8.

ISRAEL CALLS!

MERELY CHANCE?

By Isobel Fraser

The past few months there have been several contacts made in the door-to-door calling that have both rejoiced and encouraged my heart. I would like to share some of these with you that you might join us in prayer for the Lord's guidance and blessing in our future contacts.

On the first contact with a certain Jewess she had said that she could believe that Jesus was the Messiah but could not accept Him as God. Scriptures from the Old Testament were given to prove His deity; although she was not convinced by them, she evidenced a genuine interest. Two calls were made later, in the evenings, and wonderful discussions were had. She does not accept the Bible as the Word of God, and believes in evolution. However, regardless of her own views, she wants her two boys to know the Bible and have an opportunity to make their own decisions. (We are praying that she will permit her sons to attend our children's meetings.) One evening she even allowed me to tell the story of Adam and Eve to her boys.

At Christmastime I sent the family a card. Arriving home from calling the day before Christmas, I found a card from them that had been left for me. Later that afternoon, on my way to the store, I met the boys and they asked me if I had found the card that they had brought to my house. I acknowledged it and thanked them. Then they told me that their mother would like to talk to me. Feeling that this was not the appropriate time, I told them to tell her I would come over after the holidays.

But God's times are often not our times! For the mother was out in the yard when I returned from my shopping. She invited me to come in and see their Christmas tree. Explaining the reason for the tree, she said that although this was not her personal holiday, it was a time of good will and this she did believe in. I remarked that I hoped some day it would be her personal holiday and had an opportunity to tell her the true meaning of Christmas. She asked then what Unitarians believed, for she had planned to listen to a TV program sponsored by them but had become ill and had been unable to do so. She showed me the ad, and the title was, "The Danger of Worshiping Jesus." Was this illness just a matter of chance? Or did the Lord undertake? I did explain briefly some of the Unitarian views but pointed out to her that they were contrary to the Bible. I did not have my Bible with me and so told her that I would like to show her these things from the very Word of God. She invited me to come back after the holidays and to come in the evening so that her husband also could look into these things with her. Pray for them.

Upon response to my knock at the door an elderly man opened it. Handing him the Mediator, I explained that we were interested in Messiah and believed from the teaching of the Bible that with Israel back in the land the coming of Messiah would be very soon. He invited me to come in, saying that he had plenty of time and would like to know what I believed about Messiah. Opening the Bible, I showed him from the Old Testa-

ment Scriptures what God had to say about sin and the requirement for a sin sacrifice. After reading Isaiah 53, I turned to Zechariah 12, in which it speaks of the re-establishing of the Jewish nation by the Lord and that He said, "They shall look upon me whom they pierced." He questioned the fact that Jesus claimed to be God, and so John 8 and 10 were read, which seemed to satisfy him. He told me that he had just a few months ago come to Los Angeles from Chicago. He has always liked to read and has read many books about religion. Sholem Asch's books are among the many that he has read. I therefore offered him one of our prophecy editions of the New Testament, which he accepted and promised to read. He also accepted a booklet containing the testimony of three Hebrew Christians. Since he evidenced a real interest, I told him about our discussion meetings and he has promised to attend. Just as I was leaving, he said, "If I could believe your dream, I would be very happy." Pray for him that this might become a reality in his own experience.

Another day as I was calling I noticed that the mailman was just ahead of me. From past experience I had found that it isn't advantageous to talk when others are around. Then, too, when it is the mailman, people are interested in knowing what he is bringing for them. Therefore, this morning I decided to walk around the end of the block to give him time to finish. As I was leaving, I noticed two ladies sitting in a car talking. When I returned, one of the ladies got out and the other drove away. As I came up to this lady I merely intended to say hello, for I thought that she undoubtedly lived in the neighborhood. But just as I came abreast of her she made a remark about my coat. She liked the color and style, and so we talked about it for a few minutes. Then she asked if I were a teacher, to which I replied that I did not teach in a school but that I was interested in the Bible and talking about it. She was quite interested. The basic problem, I told her, was sin and that God as a holy God required a payment for it. I mentioned the life after death, and she asked if I believed in the resurrection. I pointed out that I did because the Bible taught it. She was especially interested because of her love for her father who had died several years ago. She is not an orthodox Jewess but does have high moral standards and ideals. She told me that she did pray and asked God to help her do His will. I replied that that was probably the reason that we had met that day.

We must have stood there in the street for over half an hour talking. Thus far I had not opened my Bible, and I told her that I would like to show her these truths that we had been discussing from the Word of God. It was not my opinion or hers that counted, but what did God say? She gave me her name, address, and phone number and invited me to call some evening to discuss it further. This is the wonderful thing: the address at which she lives is not one that we contact in our present door-to-door calling. Some time in the distant future we might reach her neighborhood, but would she be there then? Was this just chance? No; I believe that the Lord definitely led in this contact!



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The fifth anniversary of the dedication of the *Kittanning, Pa.*, church building will be marked March 21-31 with the following features: Ralph Colburn (3 days), Eureka Jubilee Singers (7 days), and Phil Saint's color missionary film, "Invading Oriental Night" (1 night).

A father and son banquet was held at *Waynesboro, Pa.*, February 28. Rev. M. L. Myers, of Martinsburg, W. Va., was the speaker.

From the Cherry Valley, *Beaumont, Calif.*, bulletin: "Brother Lucero has been 'giving out the Word' in Coachella to a needy group there. Pray for Rubel and Ruth as they do this. . . . Praise God for the salvation of a precious soul after the service last Sunday evening (Feb. 17)."

Joe Dombek, chalk artist of Winona Lake, Ind., was featured in five services at *Canton, Ohio*, March 1 and 2. Pastor Jesse Hall, Mrs. Hall, and daughter Ruth will lead in an evangelistic campaign at Covington, Ohio, May 25 to June 8.

Gleaned from the bulletin of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, *South Pasadena, Calif.*: Rev. Armin Guesswein is leading the church in special meetings beginning April 20. Dr. Charles H. Ashman began special meetings February 24 at the Coachella Migrant Camp, not far from Indio, Calif. Rev. Bob Ashman began a 2-week meeting at the same time in La Verne, Calif. Chaplain Donald Carter, back from Korea, spoke March 2 at the South Pasadena church.

At *Waterloo, Iowa*, March 9 the church marked its Homecoming Day. Dr. R. D. Barnard was the speaker and Lynn and Lois Schrock, missionaries to Argentina, were honored. A potluck dinner at noon was followed by dedication of the church annex at 2:30.

Rev. Robert Ashman was guest speaker February 24 at both morning and evening services in the *Glen-dale, Calif.*, church. Pastor Archie Lynn began a series of messages on the Book of Daniel at the evening service March 2, his first subject being "What a Dream!" Plans for a Boys' Brigade are being made by local youth director Ted Franchino.

At *Roanoke, Va.*, men from the Ghent and Washington Heights churches joined together in clearing underbrush and about 50 trees from the lots owned by the Washington Heights church.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Goodman Sr., will be interested to learn that they recently visited the Mukti Mission (known to all readers of the book, "Pandita Ramabai"). They talked to the Christian young women and teachers about child evangelism and held a children's meeting. The Goodmans report the blessing of God on their work in child evangelism in India.



Attendance at *Fort Wayne, Ind.*, on February 24 was: Bible school, 161; morning worship, 159; evening service, 170.

Six boys accepted Christ in the boys club at *Leamersville, Pa.*, on a recent Monday night.

Plans are being made for 2 weeks of meetings at the Pond Bank Brethren Church, *Chambersburg, Pa.*, with pastors of the district doing the preaching.

The Second Church, *Long Beach, Calif.*, held its dedication service February 24. Pastor George O. Peek was the speaker. Due to the number of candidates for baptism on September 17 it was necessary to divide the group, those whose last names begin with the letters A to L being baptized at that time and the rest on the following Sunday night.

On Sunday, February 24, two persons were baptized and one person accepted the Lord as personal Saviour at our church in *Harrisburg, Pa.* Applications are being refused for membership in the boys club until more men volunteer as counselors.

Mrs. Rose Foster was the speaker at *Berne, Ind.*, on March 8.

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From the bulletin of the First Church, *Los Angeles Calif.*, February 24: "According to the Sunday school records, 167 went home after Sunday school last Sunday. When you do this, you are saying in essence, 'I can neglect the one service in the week designed specifically for the worship of the Lord without hurting my spiritual life.' Sunday school serves a wonderful purpose, but our organization is still entitled First Brethren CHURCH. We are glad for the 235 in morning worship, but if all those in Sunday school had stayed for church, our morning worship attendance would have been 402."

An opportunity was given on February 24 at the *Camden, Ohio*, church for members to bring gifts for Rev. Sylvester Lowman, former pastor, who was celebrating his 82nd birthday.

All records were broken at *Alexandria, Va.*, March 2 when Sunday school attendance was 163. At the morning worship, attended by 166, a confession of Christ was made. More chairs and hymnals are needed because of the rapid growth.

The Grace Brethren Church, *Altoona, Pa.*, was the place of meeting for the Blair and Bedford laymen February 28. Rev. Gerald Teeter was the speaker. Thanks were extended in the church bulletin of February 24 to Bro. Buckel, who completed the covering for the window sills in the auditorium, to Bro. Ralph Diehl for resetting the posts in the parsonage basement, and to Bro. Earle Summers who did more work on the heating plant.

The death of Mrs. Jennie Markey Stoner, a member of the Los Angeles First Church, was announced in the February 24 bulletin of that church. She was the mother of Bro. Mel Stoner, former bookkeeper at the Missionary Herald Company.

News Briefs this week are compiled by Bro. Jesse Deloe in the absence of Editor Conard Sandy, who is holding a Bible conference in Buena Vista, Va.

REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

You tie a string around your finger. Why do you do it? Oh, it's to help you to remember. I'd like to tie a string around your finger and to do it with a few words of Scripture. "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my Gospel" (II Tim. 2:7-8). These words were written by St. Paul while he was a prisoner in Rome. He wrote them to his spiritual son, Timothy, and they are written concerning Jesus Christ. The string around your finger is in three words taken from this Scripture lesson, "Remember Jesus Christ."

WHO HE IS

Remember Jesus Christ because of who He is. He is the eternal, ever-existent Son of God. St. John speaks of Jesus, calling Him "the Word." Read what he says: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." He is the perfect God, unlimited and holy. He said, "I and my Father are one." None less than God could do what Jesus did. He healed the sick, renewed the palsied, rebuked the fever, cleansed the leper, made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak. He raised the dead. Above all, when He Himself had died and had been buried, on the third day He arose again; He appeared to different groups, at one time to above 500 men. Our text says, "Remember that Jesus Christ . . . was raised from the dead." I challenge you that none but the eternal God Himself could do these things which Jesus did.

Not only is Jesus perfect God, but He is perfect *Man* as well. Read the Scripture as John recorded it, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." This Scripture says but one outstanding thing: Jesus became as truly Man as He was before truly God. He remained truly God when He added humanity to His nature. He walked in a world but was un-

tarnished by the things of this world. He was like stainless steel. He could say, "Which of you convicteth me of sin?" I present Him to you: the God-Man, Christ Jesus.

WHAT HE BECAME

Remember Jesus Christ again because of what He became. We have anticipated here, but repetition will only help us to remember. He became flesh and dwelt among us. In so doing He left the ivory palaces and came into this world of woe. He was rich in His eternal glory, yet He



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laid aside some of that glory for a while when He came to the earth and became poor. The purpose of it, of course, was for us, that we bankrupt sinners might become rich through His righteousness and glory. He humbled Himself, He who had before been the highly exalted Son of God. Scripture says, "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." I stand amazed and dumb in the presence of such condescension on the part of the Son of God. He became not as the best of men but went down to the level of the worst of men, that in His suffering He might be able to save the lowest of men and exalt them to the place and position of sons of God. The worst criminal knows that when he has once paid the price exacted by the court for his crime, he will never need to suffer for that crime again. Christ suffered, therefore,

that I might go free from the penalty of sin.

WHAT HE DID

I want you to remember Jesus Christ because of what He did. I quote from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 53, and it says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Don't you see the lovely Jesus who suffered for us? "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree," said Simon Peter. St. Paul adds something so fitting in the words, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." "Loved me and gave himself for me"—could anything be more like the ideal of sacrificing love than this? Jesus did that for me—yes, and for you.

WHAT HE SAID

I want you to remember Jesus Christ because of what He said. Remember what He said about salvation: "I come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly." "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life." "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Jesus was the great Teacher. The multitudes followed Him for days, forgetting their hunger in the majesty of His message. Of His own teachings Jesus said, "The words I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." For one only human to say such, the cry of "Blasphemy, blasphemy," would be entirely justifiable. Jesus is a man, but He is more than mere

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PREACHING BY TAPE

By Herman H. Hein, Jr., Student, Grace Seminary

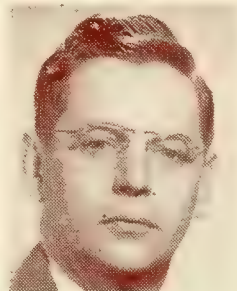
Laymen, pastors, students! Here is a challenge to all of us to throw out the lifeline to all those who are not able to attend the regular church services. Among these are the lame, the crippled, the sick, and those too old to venture out except on the best of days. These afflicted ones need the Gospel and fellowship of the saints. It is true that they can listen to the radio, but how much better it would be if they could hear their own pastor preach, their own congregation sing, and to have their fellow church members to visit with them. Here is your great opportunity to serve our blessed Lord Jesus Christ, and at the same time bring joy into many lives.

Last December the Holy Spirit directed the writer of this article to purchase a tape recorder. Naturally, knowing there were many uses for such a machine to a student, it was purchased. Almost immediately there was a prompting of the Spirit to record the whole church service of the Sidney (Indiana) Brethren Church every Sunday morning, and to take it out to the homes of the "shut-ins" in the afternoon. Several homes now have regular services on Sunday afternoon, taken to them by the writer and one member of the congregation, changing companions each Sunday.

In one home there is a blessed saint who is afflicted of body and unable to venture beyond the front door. She loves the Lord and the fellowship of the other members of the church, and what a blessing it is to visit her home, taking the message of the morning to her. Many times she has visitors that listen to the message also, even some who are unsaved that she has invited in to hear it. Leaving here there is another home where an elderly sister is unable to get around alone and unable to get out at all when the weather is bad. It is a real joy to see the happiness in the faces of both her and her husband as the service proceeds. In another home there is a young man confined to his wheelchair. He is a born-again Christian who loves the Lord. Speaking of blessings, it is more than a blessing

to be able to serve such a one and partake of the fellowship of this home. Every Sunday afternoon two or three homes are contacted in this manner.

Is there a prison or jail near your home or church? Need anyone be told of the need in such a place? If those confined in such places did not need the Gospel no doubt they would not be there. Should they be left to



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do the best they can and eventually end up by dying and going to a Christless eternity? It is not the Lord's will that we neglect them, for He says in II Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Since the Lord is not slack in His promise, should we be slack in getting the Gospel to those lost souls? You don't have to be a preacher to do this work. All you need is a zeal for the things of the Lord, a burden for lost souls, a life of prayer, and two feet that are guided by the Lord. Of course you need a tape recorder.

Many uses can be found for this type of ministry. How about that brother or sister down there in the hospital? How long has it been since they have heard the pastor of your church preach the Word? Laymen, what can you do about it? You guessed it the first try. Get a recorder and get that message down there as soon as you can.

How many disabled folks are there in your town that never get to church? Do you want a real blessing? Search them out and take the

message to them. Think of it, maybe you will be the one to lead them to the Lord Jesus Christ so that they need never to be lonely again. You may be the one that the Lord is waiting upon to take this joy to them.

Throughout our land are many homes for the aged, the blind, the poor, and nursing homes where there are people who never hear a real Gospel message, or have anyone to visit with them. In these places there is a great need, and a service to be performed. The Lord will richly bless you if you go out and work for Him on Sunday afternoon, and in the week-day evenings, instead of going for that joy ride, watching the television, or reading the paper or magazine. Here is the opportunity that many laymen are looking for, who want to serve that altogether lovely One that gave His life for us. Brethren, buy up the opportunity while there is still time; pray about it, and be sure to move when the Holy Spirit speaks to you.

Some other uses for the tape recorder are as a public-address system in street meetings. What can you do in street meetings? You can give your testimony, pass out tracts, do personal work, or perhaps sing a solo as your testimony for the Lord. Try it, it is a real thrill; but without a recorder to use as a public-address system, much of the power of the meeting is lost. Then there is the midweek service where you can play back the pastor's Sunday message and ask questions about things that you didn't understand. You can use the recorder for choir rehearsals, vocal solos, organ and piano arrangements, and many other ways.

This is a challenge that should not go unheeded. Think about it, pray about it, then do something about it. Put yourself in the place of those who need and want the Gospel, and then let the Spirit guide you and direct you to the many blessings that are yours for the taking. Mark 16:15 says, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." You go and let the tape do the preaching for you.



—Photos by Allen Zook, Hershey, Pa.

The picture at the top left shows part of the crowd of 250 at the banquet. Top right shows a session of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha. The picture at the right was taken at a meeting of the Boys Club and the camera caught them as they were singing.



What Can I Do About Public Morals?

Americans are generally disgusted and sickened by the numerous stories of tax scandals, racketeering, and profiteering in governmental circles. But the U. S. News and World Report points out that "all scandals aren't in government. That's shown by the steady increase in bank embezzlements coming to light. More than 600 'inside jobs' were detected in 1951 alone. Lootings range from a few dollars to spectacular sums. Case histories show a sign of the times: a tendency to walk off with other people's money."

Most of us, however, just shrug our shoulders in the attitude, "What can we do?" There doesn't seem to be much we can do in the light of such widespread dishonesty and lack of integrity.

What we fail to realize, however, is that *we are the government, we are the public*, and as such, especially as Christians, we have an obligation to be honest, to be above reproach, in every part of our private lives. Corruption of public morals does not begin with big things, it begins in little things: in attitudes, in carelessness, in the idea that "everybody is doing it. I might as well get my share, too."

Honesty and integrity in big things begin with the same in little things—in refusing to cheat at school, in returning lost articles, even if nobody will know, in paying for admission to

the ball game even when you have a chance to sneak in, in refusing to condone or aid in another's cheating. Weakness in these little things paves the way to an easy attitude which will lead to big cheating later.

As Christians we are to remember several things. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:22). "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works" (Tit. 2:7). "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you" (Phil. 4:8-9). These Scriptural admonitions leave no room for dishonesty or greed, petty or large.

If each one of us would practice the Biblical principles of righteous living, we would find that we all have a small sphere of influence. Somebody is patterning his life after yours. You're the best Christian somebody knows. Our influence may be small, but if we use what influence we have for Christ, we'll be

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slowing the progress of corruption, rather than speeding or condoning it.

And, of course, if we're witnessing for Christ as we should, we'll have a share in some folk finding Christ. The best way for any person's life to be made right with the world is for that person to be first made right with God through Jesus Christ.

We do have a responsibility to uphold and promote righteousness in this dark world of which we're a part—a threefold responsibility: living it, teaching it, and, through Christ, sharing His righteousness. Before we condemn others for cheating in any way, we better check up on ourselves—are we doing our part to promote righteousness? Let's do it!

YOUTH NOTES

The East District Youth Rally in Martinsburg, Pa., last month was the largest one in the memory of most of the workers. (See pictures on this page.) Over 160 were entertained overnight, and more than 250 attended the banquet. Mickey Walsh was the speaker, and brought won-

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THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

Poor Grammar, But Good Theology

Sometime ago a mother was heard to call to her two children this question: "What are you kids doing?" As quick as a flash the older of the two, a little girl of 4 years, replied: "Mother, I ain't no kid, I'm a children."

The little girl's understanding of the importance of human life was higher than that of the mother, if we are to judge by this question and answer. This mother, and every mother of children, ought to remember that the Lord Jesus Christ is very interested in children. Upon one occasion he pleaded: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).

A Displeased God

The Holy Spirit has recorded for our admonition and warning, concerning the Israelites in the wilderness wanderings, that "with many of them God was not well pleased" (I Cor. 10:5). God had delivered them from Egyptian bondage and had brought them through the Red Sea. He had given them manna and quail, and had kept their clothing and shoes from wearing away. He had been with them all the way and had protected them from all their enemies. God had done all this for a people that deserved judgment and death.

Yet the majority of them were not well pleasing to the God who had done all these things for them. We are almost compelled to cry out against such a possibility, but then we are stopped by thoughts of our own attitude at times toward the God who saved us and who keeps us protected within His everlasting arms. Let us honestly ask ourselves: Is God pleased or displeased with us—with me, with you?

We Ought to Keep Busy

"The Devil tempts most men, but idlers tempt the Devil," declares an old proverb. This may be true, and it is also true that Christians who are idle are miserable Christians. They are "open" to so many of Satan's enticements, and they are unable to resist them, for they have

not developed Christian stamina and fortitude.

The words of the Apostle Paul on this subject were: "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time" (Col. 4:5).

One day some young men found Ashbel Green, at the age of 80 years, busy writing. They asked him this question: "Why do you keep busy? It is time for you to rest." He answered in words every young person ought to read: "I keep busy to keep out of mischief."

No one is strong enough to be idle.

The Measure of a Man

The best way to learn the worth of a man is to learn of his attitude toward and concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. John the Baptist declared of Jesus: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). Of this John the Lord said: "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist" (Matt. 11:11).

To Retreat Is a Crime

During World War II the Russian soldiers on the front fighting against Hitler received a decree from those who determined Russian policy to this effect: "To retreat for more than one step is a crime that none shall forgive."

To those who follow Him the Lord Jesus Christ said: "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). Indeed, following Christ is serious business and should never be regarded lightly by anyone.



The Battle for Men's Souls

Writing in the *Inland Printer*, the editor, Wayne V. Harsha, has pointed out that "in France, regarded by Western democratic leaders as a key country to hold back Communism in Europe, the Communist party spends \$4 million a year on printed propaganda material which includes 17 daily papers, 83 weeklies, and 18 monthlies or quarterlies."

That is the story of but one European country—the one in which the Brethren Church has a new interest in that the Fogle family is now there to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In this battle for the souls of the people of France, which will win—the Christian church or the Communist hordes; the Gospel of the Lord Jesus or the teaching of Karl Marx? Beloved, to this question we hold the answer. Definite action today by the Christian church can bring the victory of Christ to France, but a few more days of delay may permit the battle to turn the other way.

The Judge Paid the Fine

A recent news item stated that "Police Court Judge John J. Brennan today not only levied a fine but paid it so that a sailor would not have to stay overnight in the county jail (San Diego, Calif.). When Richard E. Blakemore, Naval Air Station sailor, found guilty of a minor traffic violation, was fined \$1, he said he didn't have the money. He was being taken to jail in the same car in which Judge Brennan was riding after the court session. Just before Blakemore was to get off at the jail the judge pulled out a dollar and told the sailor to pay his fine with it."

Friend, that is just what the Lord Jesus Christ did for every one of us, only in a more real sense. He came into the world, after the death-penalty had been imposed upon us, went to the spot called Calvary, and there gave His life to pay that death-penalty, so that all who receive it might go free. Read in this connection Matthew 20:28 and Romans 5:6-10.

"NOW THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST WAS ON THIS WISE"

By Rev. Robert W. Betz, Camden, Ohio

All who know the meaning of the B. C. and A. D. of our present dating system know that Jesus Christ was an extraordinary person. Anyone whose influence upon mankind would cause time to be hinged on His entry into the world is worthy of our consideration. Let us pause to marvel at His birth.

His Birth was Supernatural

It was a supernatural birth in its *prediction*. He was promised to our first parents after their sin, as the seed of the woman. He was to be a virgin-born child, the Son to be given, as predicted by the Prophet Isaiah.

The birth was supernatural in its *conception*. Dr. William C. Robinson says, "As our Lord's divine nature had no mother, so His human nature has no father."

It was supernatural in its *announcement*. There was an angelic announcement to the lowly shepherds and a celestial announcement to the scholarly wise men.

It was a supernatural birth in its *character*. This was not the origin of a human personality, but it was

the manifestation of the invisible God in human flesh. Though Christ was "existing in the form of God, [He] counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men" (Phil. 2:5-7, A.S.V.).

His Birth Was a Holy One

It was not only supernatural; it was a *holy* birth. Those who deny the supernatural must accept the awful alternative that it was an unholy birth as well. There are multiplied dilemmas facing those who choose to regard this birth as one that was natural. If Jesus had only been the natural offspring of Joseph and Mary, Joseph stands condemned by the law for having brought an evil name upon a virgin of Israel (Deut. 22:13-19), when he denied being the father. The fine: 100 shekels of silver.

It must have been a holy birth or Mary stands condemned by the law for having played the harlot in Israel (Deut. 22:20-22). The penalty: death by stoning.

If Mary had not been a virgin, she not only stands condemned, but Jesus would have been an illegitimate child. The law says of such, he "shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord, even to his tenth generation" (Deut. 23:2). It was a holy birth or He was not a holy child.

His Birth on This Wise Was Necessary

Speaking of the Virgin Mary, the angel said, "She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). It takes the sinless, spotless Son of God to take the sinner's place to pay the penalty for sin we deserved and God demanded. Only such a one as Jesus Christ—whose birth was on this wise, supernatural and holy, and who came not to destroy but to fulfill the law—could fill the great need we have.

For those of us who have seen our desperate need for a divine Saviour, the holy child of Bethlehem, born of a virgin, is the logical One to meet our need. He is able and willing to meet your needs, too.



Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)

Rev. R. I. Humbert, of Flora, Ind., conducted a wonderful Bible conference for us January 15-20, which resulted in 20 public decisions for Christ.

Evangelist Edmont Hains, of Wiconna Lake, Ind., conducted an evangelistic campaign for us February 10-17. Dr. Hains used a large model of the wilderness Tabernacle, set up on the platform, to illustrate his messages. He also used some of the young people dressed in elaborate costumes to portray the Gospel in pageant. These meetings resulted in 23 public decisions for Christ, of which 6 were for salvation.

A number of improvements have been made to the church property—putting crushed stone on the parking lot, grading the lawn, and erecting new floodlights. One of the floodlight poles is used also as a flagpole to display a large flag given to the church by a neighbor in the community.

The Central Valley Christian Academy, grades 1 through 10, meets in our building.

During the month of January the Sunday school attendance reached 142 one Sunday.—*Harold D. Painter*, pastor.

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derful messages geared to the young people's needs. Two young people accepted Christ as Saviour, and the hearts of many others were stirred.

Next rally will be May 9 and 10 at Listie.

Cheyenne, Wyo., has begun a strong boys club program, and has a companion weekly program for girls, both of which are doing swell, and reaching a number of young people in their area. In addition, they've begun a Sunday afternoon film program for children, to reach them for Christ. A number of decisions for Christ have been recorded already this year among the children and young people of this church.

Allentown, Pa., has a "Christian Youth Cinema," or "Reel Pulpit," in the church every Saturday night, operated by Elmer Fehnel, a young man in the church. Christian films are shown, and sometimes outstanding speakers are brought in. Almost every Saturday the church is filled, and in the summer time the "Reel Pulpit" is moved to the park pavilion, where the crowd usually exceeds 1,000. Many decisions have been made for Christ.

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man, therefore the majesty of His words and teaching. Jesus never revised His teachings. He made no mistakes.

A Jewish merchant came to a Christian home, as I have often seen them come to my home when I was a boy. Over chairs, sofa, and table he spread out his wares—linen and art work of various kinds. While the Christian lady looked at his wares, he became fascinated with a wonderful picture hanging on the wall. It was a picture of Christ. He asked the woman, "And who is the picture?" It was the opportunity for which the lady had waited. She told him the story of the Christ, Rose of Sharon, Lily of the Valley. After she had told the story most beautifully, the Jewish merchant turned and said, "What a wonderful Saviour you gentiles have." Then it was the lady's privilege to say what I want to say, "Yes, gentiles have Him, because He was given them of the Jews, and now Jew and gentile can share and share alike in the blessed Lord."

Please remember Jesus Christ personally as your Saviour. He is a wonderful Saviour to all who will believe Him and receive Him as Lord of life.

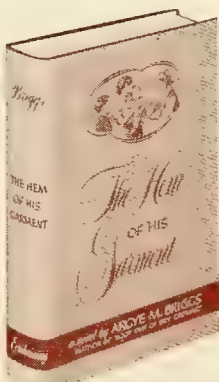
Browsing Among the Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT, by Argye M. Briggs. 314 pp. Cloth. Zondervan Publishing House. 1951. \$3.00.

There were two Sharons: the real Sharon whom everybody could see, and Strange Sharon, the inner soul of the girl, whom Sharon alone knew. The story is that of the continual struggle within the life of Sharon until like the woman of old she touched the hem of His garment and found the peace and healing for which she sought so long. The author's ability to portray the inner workings of the human soul make this a great novel.—*Blaine Snyder.*



lack of dispensational treatment of this section of Scripture. This, however, will not detract from much of the valuable devotional material herein presented.

THINE IS THE KINGDOM, by J. H. Hunter. 288 pp. Cloth. Zondervan Publishing House. 1951. \$3.00.

A Christian novel with all the action of a western thriller. A gripping story of the subtle workings of Communism in its attempt to take over the world. Action, mystery, and romance make this one of the most outstanding current novels. Readers of the "Mystery of Mar Saba" need no further inducement to read this great story.—*Blaine Snyder.*

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

By Bernice Carlson Flynn

AFTER THIS MANNER, by J. C. Macaulay. 86 pp. Cloth. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Mich. 1952. \$1.50.

The title of this book is taken from the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, who said to His disciples upon one occasion: "After this manner therefore pray ye" (Matt. 6:9). The subtitle to the volume is: "Thoughts on the Lord's Prayer."

The author has presented a thorough and reverent treatment of the "Lord's Prayer," or as some call it, the "Model Prayer." The reviewer found the book so refreshing and devotional that he read it through twice within a week. It is highly recommended to every student of the Word.

Not every reader will agree with the author's dispensational, or rather

Have you ever promised to pray for a friend—then awakened later to the startled realization that you have forgotten to pray?

James Bennet, Christian lawyer, said he would never be able to remember all the people and things he was asked to pray about if he didn't pray on the spot. When he receives a letter asking for prayer, he does not put it in a pile but prays that instant for the person or need.

One prayer warrior was asked how she ever found time to pray for so many people. Her answer: "When an absent loved one comes to mind, or a person I haven't thought of in years, I pause a moment in my reflections to pray."

Instead of frittering away odd moments, we could be putting them to good use. One man said he always prayed as the ink was drying on a

letter instead of using a blotter. A mother makes it a practice to pray a moment for her child every time she bends over the crib.

When you are reading the evening paper and come across some event that shakes your soul, don't pass it over with a shiver or shrug, but pray that God will overrule.

Take inventory of your own life and see what moments can be used effectively for prayer. While you are shaving or giving your hair a good brushing, you can be in prayer. Ironing dainty dresses for your daughter can remind you to pray for her future, or giving a sweat shirt an extra stroke can recall how good God has been to give you a healthy son.

Do you have a spare minute after reading this article? Then pray!—*Christian Life.*

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The Seminary Offering

It is too early to give any kind of a report of the annual offering for the seminary, for the offerings are just now beginning to arrive from the churches. Up until the first week of March 38 churches have sent in their offerings. Some of these have made a splendid advance in their giving to the school. Others, however, while they have not decreased their offerings to the general fund, have apparently failed to take into account this year the combining of the general fund and building fund offerings.

Now and then the mails bring in offerings that thrill us greatly for one reason or another. Among these were the contributions from two of our newest Brethren groups: the York, Pa., Bible Class, with an offering of \$50, and the Alto, Mich., church, with an offering of \$67. These were among the earliest offerings to arrive. In a letter from Bro. Miles Taber, pastor at Ashland, Ohio, dated February 25, he writes: "We have about \$650 to date for the seminary (about \$75 last year)." Short, but sweet was a letter which arrived from the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J. It reads: "Gentlemen: You will find enclosed a check in the amount of \$50 designated for your school by Evangel Church. Yours in Christ, Emil K. Jensen, Mission Treasurer."

If your church has not yet mailed in its offering and its accompanying report, please see that this is done as soon as possible. Next month we hope to have for you a fairly complete report of the offering and school needs.—B.

Foreign Mission Season

With this issue Grace Theological Seminary salutes 52 foreign mission workers (see front cover) who received all or part of their training at Grace Theological Seminary. Of this number 25 are serving in Africa, 11 are in Argentina, 5 are in Brazil, 4 are in Baja California, 3 are in France studying language preparatory to going on to Africa, 2 are permanently stationed in France, and 2 are working in the office of the Foreign Missionary Society at Winona Lake. Grace Seminary is justifiably proud of its record as a training institution for missionaries. We are also grateful to the Lord for all those whose consecrated gifts have made the training of these young men and women possible. Pray for your missionaries and give in order that they and others who have been trained for such service may be sent forth soon.—B.

Word From Dr. McClain

In a letter from our president, Dr. McClain, he tells some of his experiences since leaving Winona Lake. He says that for the first 5 weeks he had "rather a rough time," physically, and was near to a state of nervous collapse, but is now feeling much better after these weeks of rest and relaxation. From Biloxi, Miss., he and Mrs. McClain went to Houston, Tex. In describing the trip

further he says, "We settled in a nice park for about 10 days. I really began to feel much better at Houston, and we decided to carry out our original plan of visiting southern Texas on the Rio Grande. We settled in McAllen, where we have the trailer parked in a lovely spot on the edge of the city among the beautiful flowers and with a citrus orchard behind us. We enjoy trailer life very much, especially in this climate. Last night we had a frost, but today was a perfect sunny day. Last week we took a 3-day trip to Mexico, leaving the trailer in McAllen. My brother-in-law did all the driving. We went to Monterrey first, remaining there overnight, then to Ciudad Victoria, then through Brownsville back to McAllen. . . . We shall be leaving shortly for El Paso, possibly Tucson, and then Phoenix, where we expect to settle until hot weather." Let us continue to pray for Dr. and Mrs. McClain, that both may be strengthened in body, and that they may return to Winona Lake refreshed for the work God has committed to them at Grace Seminary.—B.

"That Good Part Which Shall Not Be Taken Away"

The recent conference at the seminary sponsored by the alumni was one of rich inspiration and blessing to all who laid aside other pressing duties long enough to attend it. There was much heart-searching; there was exceedingly valuable instruction in the Word and in the problems every pastor faces. Best of all, there was time just to sit at the feet of Jesus and worship. Some of the pastors who attended came from a distance and at a considerable financial cost to themselves. None who made the sacrifice would say that what he received was not worth the price he paid, not only in money but also in the time he had felt he could hardly afford to take.

Christian workers sometimes need to learn a lesson they endeavor to press home to other people, a lesson that was taught a long time ago by the Lord Himself. Jesus spent much time in the home of Mary and Martha and their brother, Lazarus. Martha, we are told, "was cumbered about much serving," but "Mary . . . sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word" (Luke 10:30-40). Now, both were needed, but when it became necessary to choose between the two, and when Martha complained of being too busy because of her service for the Lord, Jesus administered a mild rebuke and told her very plainly that one thing was more important even than her service. Let none forget His words on that occasion: "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (vss. 41-42). Every one who would serve the Lord must deliberately plan to take time for "that good part" if his own life and service is to be all he wants it to be. It is not too early for every pastor to begin his plans to be present at the second conference to be sponsored by the alumni. Such a decision will pay rich dividends.—B.

THE LAW AND THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER IN RELATION TO THE DOCTRINE OF GRACE

By Dr. Alva J. McClain

President of Grace Theological Seminary

WHAT IS THE RELATION OF THE WRITTEN LAW TO JEWS AND GENTILES?

(Continued From January 26 Issue)

In the first four installments of this monograph, four questions have been discussed and answered: First, What is the law? Second, Under what conditions could this law give life? Third, Why was this law unable to save men? Fourth, What was God's purpose in giving the law? This brings us to a fifth question:

V. WHAT IS THE RELATION OF GOD'S WRITTEN LAW TO ISRAEL?

1. *As a written law, it was given in the form of a covenant to Israel alone.* As a preface to the giving of the "Ten Words" on Sinai, the Lord speaks thus through Moses to Israel: "Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel . . . Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people" (Ex. 19:1-8ff.). Then after the giving of the law at Sinai, we read that Moses "took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people" (Ex. 24:1-8). As the giving of the law proceeded, the divine Voice enjoins upon Moses the making of a written record: "Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel." (Ex. 34:27). After the completion of the written record, the Levites were commanded to "take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee" (Deut. 31:24-26). In his article on the Decalogue, the late Dr. Sampey writes, "It was to Israel that the Decalogue was primarily addressed, and not to all mankind" (I. S. B. E., p. 2944).

2. *This divine covenant set forth in the Pentateuch is clearly described as a legal matter.* Thus the Ten Commandments are spoken of as "the tables of the covenant which the Lord made with you" (Deut. 9:9). And the legal record is referred to variously as "the book of the covenant" (Ex. 24:7) and "the words of the covenant" (Deut. 29:1). Furthermore, the penalties of the divine law are called "the curses of the covenant" (Deut. 29:21). Finally, the blood of the animals sacrificed in obedience to the law is characterized as "the blood of the covenant" (Ex. 24:8). And the ark, which stands as a symbol of both moral and ceremonial law, is named "the ark of the covenant" (Num. 10:33).

3. *Regarded as a covenant, the blessings of the law*

were conditional, dependent on Israel's obedience. "If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people . . . a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" (Ex. 19:5-6). See also Deuteronomy 28:1-14, which reads in part, "If thou shalt hearken diligently . . . to observe and to do all his commandments . . . all these blessings shall come on thee." On the other hand, if the people of Israel find themselves groaning under the judgments of God, they must understand that all this is come upon them because "they kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law" (Psa. 78:10).

4. *Viewed as a law-code, it was given to Israel because of sin.* In replying to the question, Wherefore then the law? the Apostle Paul declares that "it was added because of transgressions" (Gal. 3:19). When the children of Israel went out of the bondage of Egypt, their deliverance and exodus was accomplished in accordance with the gracious promise of a sovereign God. But how did they react to this undeserved deliverance? Read the sorry record in the Book of Exodus: their fearful wish to be back under the bondage of Egypt rather than face the perils of Pharaoh's host; their petulant murmuring against Moses because of the bitter waters at Marah; their lusting after the fleshpots of Egypt; their readiness to stone Moses because of their thirst in the desert—all this in the face of the Lord's mighty working of miracles in delivering them over and over. It was the transgressions of Israel that brought them to the foot of Sinai, their continual failure to walk by faith under the gracious promises of a sovereign God. The warning of Hebrews 12:15 is strongly reminiscent of their failure—"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God." No failure can be so disastrous as this in the moral and spiritual realm.

5. *The giving of this legal covenant to Israel, however, did not abrogate the earlier Abrahamic covenant which was unconditional.* In its initial and original form, this covenant with Abraham is found in Genesis 12:1-3. Its sevenfold blessing is not conditioned upon any legal perfection of Abraham. God simply announces what He will do for the patriarch and his seed. It might be argued that there is, after all, one condition laid down in verse 1, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred . . . unto a land that I will shew thee." But compliance with this injunction was only Abraham's response of faith to the sovereign promises of God—"By

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faith Abraham . . . went out, not knowing whither he went" (Heb. 11:8). (Even so, in our own case today, we respond by faith to the call of God when we leave the world and enter that blessed realm designated "in Christ.") Now this covenant with Abraham was made 430 years before the law was given at Sinai, and Paul argues that this law cannot disannul the covenant, that it should make the promise of none effect (Gal. 3:16-18). Even the Mosaic law itself witnesses to the supremacy of the former covenant—"My covenant with Abraham will I remember," the Lord declares in Leviticus 26. In spite of Israel's iniquities and the certainty of divine judgment upon the nation, "Yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them; for I am the Lord their God"—so the Mosaic law witnesses (Lev. 26:42-44).

6. *The Israelite is "under" this Mosaic written law until he finds forgiveness and freedom in the "new covenant" under grace in Christ.* "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?" (Rom. 7:1). Freedom from the law's bondage comes only as the Jew becomes "dead to the law by the body of Christ" (vs. 4). The same general idea is asserted in Galatians 5:3—"For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law." The reference is not merely to the physical operation, but to submission to the rite with the notion that it will either save or help to save the soul. Such a one is bound by the entire law, to do it all or suffer the penalty for failure.

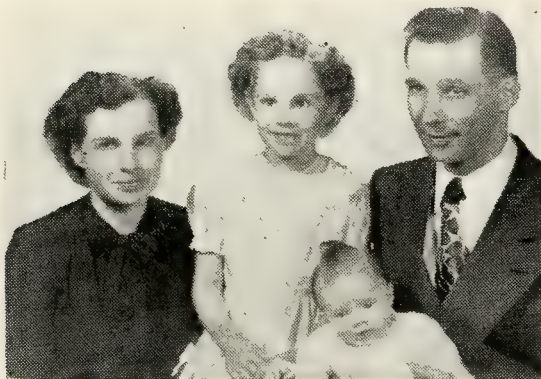
VI. WHAT IS THE RELATION OF THIS WRITTEN MOSAIC LAW TO GENTILES?

This is an important question, and one upon which there has been some sharp disagreement. Some assert

that the written Mosaic law was not only given to Israel alone, but also that it has no relation whatsoever to gentiles. Others argue that this law is for all men, universal in its obligations. There is some truth on both sides.

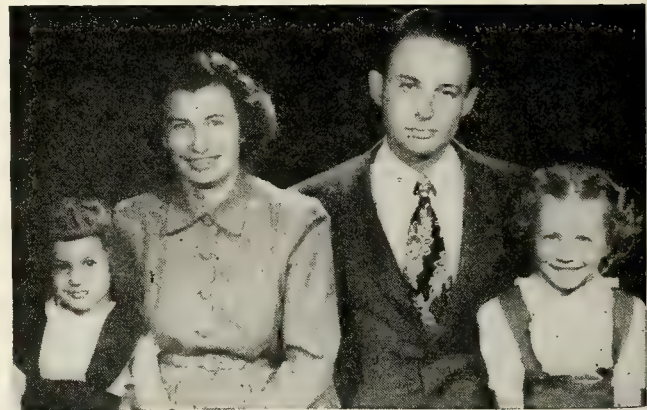
1. The law of Moses, in a certain sense, *made provision for gentiles to enter into its benefits and restraints.* This provision, under the historical theocratic kingdom, is a well-attested fact. Thus, in the law concerning the Passover, provision was made for "the stranger" who might sojourn with Israel; and there was to be one law for "homeborn" and "stranger" (Ex. 12:48-49). Also, in the case of freewill offerings unto the Lord for burnt offerings, the laws concerning perfect and imperfect animals applied to both Israel and the strangers in Israel alike (Lev. 22:18-22). Regulations dealing with the blood from animal sacrifices were imposed upon the stranger—"Whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt-offering or sacrifice . . . that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people" (Lev. 17:8-10). Quite evidently the "stranger," under some circumstances, must have been permitted to join in the sacrificial rites. Furthermore, from Deuteronomy 23:1-7 it appears that certain restrictions surrounded the reception of outsiders "into the congregation of the Lord," showing that such a reception was possible. The Prophet Isaiah seems to level whatever distinction there remained between the Israelite and the "son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord." The latter is not to say, "The Lord hath utterly separated me from his people" (see 56:1-7). The chief point under consideration in the passage is the keeping of the legal sabbath (vs. 2). With these many clear provisions for "the stranger" written in the Jewish Scriptures, it is difficult to understand how such a vio-

RECRUITS FOR MISSION FIELDS FROM SEMINARY



The Don Miller Family

God sometimes calls members of the same family to serve Him in places that mean a separation of thousands of miles. Such is the case with the Don and Paul Miller families. The lives of these two brothers have been closely knit together through the years, and they have had much in common, including two daughters in each home. Don was graduated from the seminary last May. He and Mrs. Miller left in November to serve in French Equatorial Africa. Mrs. Miller was enrolled in the sem-



The Paul Miller Family

inary from 1948 to 1950. The family are now in Paris, where Don and Lois are studying French preparatory to going on to the field. Paul Miller finished his work at the seminary in January of this year. His wife, Ellen, attended school as much as family duties would permit. The two left New York by plane for Brazil on the 11th of this month and are stationed at Belem on the mouth of the Amazon.

lent antigentileism could develop as it appeared in the days of Christ.

(Note: Some interpreters, on the basis of Ephesians 2:11-19, have regarded the law as something which raised an insuperable barrier between Jew and gentile. The misleading translation of verse 14 in the Common Version has doubtless contributed to this wrong idea. The "middle wall of partition" is not "*between us*," that is, between Jew and gentile, as the italicized words suggest. This "middle wall" is certainly "the law of commandments" mentioned in verse 15, which was "abolished" by the death of Christ. But this "middle wall" of "law" did not merely separate one kind of sinners (Jews) from another kind of sinners (gentiles). It was rather a barrier which separated all sinners, both Jew and gentile, from a holy God. That is why the "law of commandments" had to be abolished in order to reconcile "both [Jew and gentile] unto God in one body.")

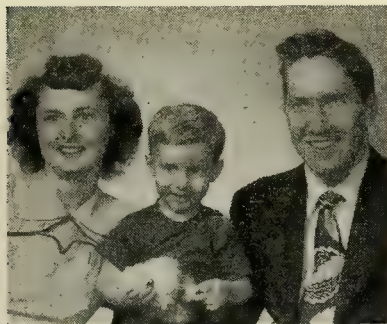
2. But even entirely apart from any provision made by the law for "strangers" to sojourn with Israel, *the great underlying principles of the Mosaic written law were found reflected in some degree in gentile morality and religion.* As an introduction to the discussion of this point, we should recall that the Mosaic law had three elements: the moral, the ceremonial, and the civil. Now the Apostle Paul, discussing the case of the gentiles in the second chapter of Romans, declares that sometimes "the Gentiles, which have not the law [that is, the written law], do by nature the things contained in the law" (vs. 14). In so acting, Paul argues, the gentiles "shew the work of the law written in their hearts" (vs. 15). Thus whatever of good that has ever appeared in the gentile world, Paul claims as a reflection (however faint) of the one original divine law recorded in Scripture. Now it is a fact that among the pagan gentile

nations there is found occasionally a fairly high knowledge of morality—a reflection of the moral element which appears perfectly in the law written in Scripture. It is also a fact that the urge to offer sacrifice is universal, found among all nations—a reflection of the ceremonial law in Scripture. Finally, it is a fact that in the civil codes of various nations may be seen reflections of the written law of God (cf. the remarkable code of Hammurabi). All this points back to the unity of the divine law, both as to its content and its original source. In the one case it is written perfectly in Scripture. In the other it is written imperfectly in the hearts of men. There is one divine law, not two.

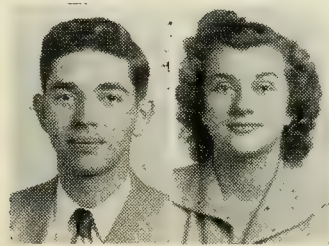
3. *Therefore, we must conclude that even the gentiles were and are "under law," but in a somewhat different sense from the Jew.* At this point it is suggested that the student should carefully study the material in Romans 2:11-15. Here both Jews and gentiles are being considered as sinners apart from Christ. The Jew had the perfect divine law written in Scripture, and by that law he will be judged (12b). The gentile did not have such a law, but he will perish for his sins nevertheless (12a). To the objection that this does not seem fair to the gentile, Paul answers that although the gentiles were without the written law of Scripture, they nonetheless had a law, the law written in their hearts—an *inner* law which reflected imperfectly the written law of God. And by this law he will be judged, and condemned; because he violated the inner law of which the conscience within him bore witness (14-16). Thus there is no respect of persons with God. Judged by the light they had (one in its original source), all men must perish, whether Jew or gentile. The only hope for sinners is not in the law, but in the grace of God in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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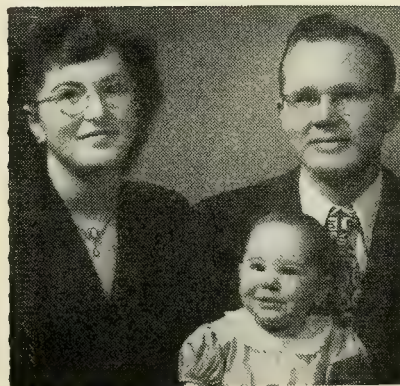
FROM HALLS OF "GRACE" TO FIELDS OF WORLD



The Rottler Family



The Fogles



The Samarins

Rev. and Mrs. Carson Rottler will sail for Buenos Aires, Argentina, on the 23rd of this month. Both attended the seminary, and Brother Rottler graduated last May. The two will accompany the Schrocks, who are returning to the South American field. Brother Schrock graduated with the Class of 1945. During the first semester of this year Brother Schrock taught Spanish in the collegiate division of the seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Fogle left last November for Paris. Since their arrival they have been busy learning the language and making a survey in preparation toward getting our new work in France under way. Brother

Fogle was a member of the Class of 1949, and his wife, Maurita, was enrolled as a part-time student in the seminary.

Rev. William Samarin attended the seminary in 1950-1951. The family left last October for Paris, where the Samarins are studying French before going on to the field in Africa.

Pray for these new and returning missionaries. Their "thrusting forth" was made possible through your prayers and faithful giving to the work of Grace Seminary.

News From Our Alumni

Edited by Rev. Harold H. Etling, President of Grace Seminary Alumni Association



GRACE SEMINARY ALUMNI HOLD FIRST REUNION

The Alumni Association of Grace Seminary made history February 26-29 as we met in the first annual mid-winter Bible conference and reunion. Rather than write a résumé of the conference ourselves, we asked a number of the members of the alumni association to give us a brief word of their reaction; you judge for yourself the kind of a conference we enjoyed.

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, graduate of the school and now teaching at Grace, said: "This alumni conference and reunion was the initial experience in the realization of a vision which I have had for Grace Seminary and the alumni for some years. It was a token of that reunion we shall have some day in that meeting of the Lord in the air."

John C. Whitcomb, of the Class of 1951, and now also teaching at Grace Seminary, reported: "The first alumni conference and reunion has brought a great blessing to

me, and a renewed desire to see great things accomplished for the Lord and for Grace Seminary through our alumni."

Rev. Lester E. Pifer, pastor of our fast-growing church in Fremont, Ohio, and one of the speakers for the conference, writes: "It was a real joy to sit under the ministry of Dr. Ralph Stoll and to be fed from the Word of God. The rich blessing of fellowship with my fellow alumni and the students of Grace was marvelous and good for my soul. I am looking forward to this alumni conference again next year."

Miss Iris Heckman, now serving with the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, said: "This alumni reunion has been a time of real blessing from the Lord. It has given opportunity to see some of the immediate needs of the seminary. It has provided a time to discuss these needs and to plan a way for the alumni organization to serve the seminary and the Lord in helping to fill these needs. My prayer is that the next reunion may be even a better one!"

Rev. John Neely, pastor of our church at Conemaugh, Pa., served very efficiently as our alumni conference song leader and brought many inspiring trumpet solos during the reunion. He was a real blessing to both the student body and the alumni, and John writes: "It was well worth the time I took away from a busy pastorate to come back to the scenes of former 'labors' to renew fellowship, and to receive glorious blessing from the preaching of the Word. I am looking forward to the next reunion and trust that you are too."

Rev. Charles Bergerson, ever efficient and popular pianist of the Brethren Church, who is now pastor of our district mission church at Wadsworth, Ohio, reports: "I was greatly strengthened in the Lord, in the knowledge of God's Word, in the burden of my local charge in the First Brethren Church of Wadsworth, Ohio, and in the fellowship of fellow alumni of our beloved Grace Theological Seminary."

Pastor Edward Lewis, of our church at Middlebranch, Ohio, writes: "The blessings of the Lord were 'exceeding abundant' to me at the seminary alumni conference. We were thrilled by the messages of Dr. Stoll, while the Sunday school emphasis of Brother Etling gave added zeal and enthusiasm to all of us. We are anxiously looking forward to next year's meeting."

And now just a bit of a report from your Alumni Editor. It is true that the first annual alumni conference was a blessing. The Bible messages brought by Dr. Ralph Stoll, of Altoona, Pa., were real challenges. Dr. Stoll spoke five times from the first chapter of II Peter.

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An enjoyable feature of the alumni reunion at Winoona Lake was the banquet, with an attendance of 60. There was much time at the conference for an exchange of ideas and experiences in addition to the usual reminiscing.



RICHARD JACKSON, Jr., Reporter

Time and tide wait for no man and neither does the editor of this publication when there is a deadline to meet. And so, in the words of the immortal someone, "Tempus fugit all over the place; let's get busy."

VITAL STATISTICS—Two new voices were added to the symphony of baby sounds this past month. A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burk and a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Radcliffe. Our congratulations and best wishes.

WE DID IT—Two by two the shadowy figures moved through the crisp darkness of the early dawn in the little "hamlet" of Winona Lake. Silently and stealthily they made their way to the rendezvous. Tensely they waited as the moments ticked by till all had arrived and the company was complete. Then with a roar of the motor the big bus pulled onto the highway and a cheer of triumph shattered the early-morning quiet. The Seniors had made a successful secret "sneak." The bus carried the Senior Class on a happy and gay trip to Dearborn, Mich., where they spent several hours visiting the famous Greenfield Village. Following a delicious dinner of chicken, duck, or turkey (we had our choice), we returned to Winona Lake after a wonderful day of fun and fellowship, tired, but oh so happy. The "sneak" caused a ringing sensation at school (in the form of an alarm clock hidden in the chapel piano bench) and was the topic of conversation for some time afterward. And what do the Middlers have to say to all this? Well, to coin a phrase, "No comment."

CHAPEL SPEAKERS—The students have enjoyed several fine chapel speakers this past month. Rev. W. A. Ogden spoke on ministerial ethics. Dr. Charles W. Mayes brought four messages on pastoral work, and Rev. Harold Etling spoke on the subject of the Sunday school. We are now enjoying the ministry of Rev. Bernard Schneider, who is speaking on the subject of personal soul winning. We praise and thank God for the ministry of these men.

ALUMNI BIBLE CONFERENCE AND REUNION—We students of the present were happy to have the past

students of this school here for a Bible conference and reunion during which several wonderful speakers were heard. I direct your attention to the Alumni page, where a full report of this conference will be found.

SYMPATHY—We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Prof. John Whitcomb upon the death of his grandmother and to Bro. Hugh Coombs upon the death of his father.

PRAYER REQUEST—A number of students and students' wives and children are ill, some at home and some in hospitals, and we seek the prayers of our friends in their behalf. Those hospitalized are Bro. Scott Weaver, Mrs. Lester Smitley, Mrs. Walter Smetana, and Mrs. David Radcliffe. Will you remember them?

STUDENT PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP—The S. P. F. held their regular monthly luncheon meeting with Dr. Charles Mayes as speaker and had another splendid time of fellowship and inspiration. This group meets twice a month, once for a luncheon meeting and again for a full session of prayer.

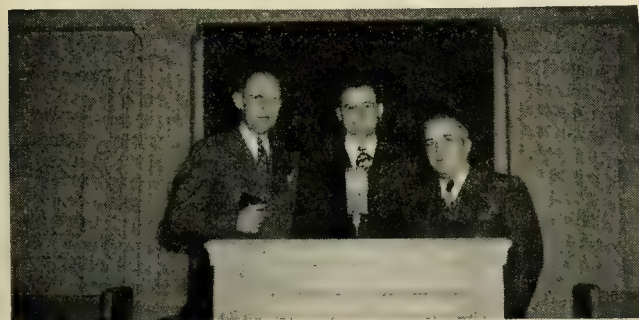
FOREIGN MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP—Upon the departure of Bro. J. Paul Miller it was necessary to elect a new F. M. F. chairman and the student body chose Bro. Martin Garber for that position. In the first rally under Brother Garber's direction the fine missionary film, "Hope for China," was shown. Other rallies are being planned for the rest of this school year.

ANNUAL—The Annual staff is busy these days (and nights) preparing the pictures and copy for the 1952 edition of the Charis. There will be pictures of all the students, pictures of the faculty, of the school, of school life, and even a full page of pictures of seminary children. We are confident that many of the friends of our school will want a copy of this fine yearbook. You should send your order to Bernard Ward, Annual business manager, Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind. The price is \$3.00.

ATHLETICS—Grace Seminary has two basketball games to play and must win them both to maintain a .500 average for the season. There are some fine pictures of the team in action in the Annual. Be sure to get yours. . . . A table tennis tournament has gotten under way with both singles and doubles games. The elimination process is still going on, with the championship games expected to be played sometime this coming month. The champions will be listed on this page.

GOSPEL TEAM—Some thrilling incidents are being written into the record of the gospel team. Every Sunday the jails and nursing home and other needy institutions are visited by the men and women of Grace who make up this fine evangelistic organization. Almost every week wonderful testimonies of victories for Christ are heard. This fine work is directed by the gospel team chairman, Bro. "Sib" Edmiston.

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Speakers at the alumni conference included (left to right) Dr. Ralph Stoll, Rev. Lester Pifer, and Rev. Harold Etling.

A Call to Repentance

By S. Herbert Bess, Instructor in Hebrew

The Prophet Zechariah arose to minister in the days when Israel had just returned to the land of promise after spending 70 years in captivity in Babylon. One of his purposes was to encourage the people in the task of rebuilding the temple and reestablishing the worship as it had been in former days. But he also had a word for the people respecting their moral and spiritual condition. In short, this word was a call to repentance. It is clearly set forth in Zechariah 1:1-6, wherein the appeal is summed up in the word "turn," or "return." (The two words translate the same Hebrew word, *shubh*.)

Zechariah makes no claim to originality for this message. In verse 4 it is made plain that the same cry was upon the lips of the former prophets, whom we must understand to be the prophets before the period of the exile (cf. 7:7). When we compare these former prophets we see that the call to turn or return to Jehovah was prominent in every one of them. Let the reader see Jeremiah 3:12-14, Joel 2:12-13, Hosea 14:1-2, Isaiah 55:7, and many other passages.

Zechariah's message was therefore a continuation of that of the former prophets, who called the people from their sins to turn back to the living God. In the prophet's cry as we see it in Zechariah 1:1-6 there are some spiritual lessons applicable to our own needs.

Sin Is a Turning From God

The prophet called Israel to turn because the people had fallen into sin. One cannot read the prophets without being aware that the nation was guilty both of religious sins (mixing with the idolatrous practices of the gentiles) and of moral sins. To determine upon a course of sin is to turn one's back upon God. This is inevitably true because of the very nature of God. When Isaiah was permitted his vision of Jehovah, the most impressive lesson he learned was that God is holy. The Apostle John came to the same understanding after his experiences with our Lord, for he wrote: "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth" (I John 1:5-6). It is not possible to tolerate sin in the life and continue at the same time to maintain relations with God.

We Are Commanded to Turn Toward God

There are two aspects to the command to turn. In verse 3 the call is to turn unto the Lord: "Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts." In verse 4 the command is to turn from sin: "Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings." Any genuine turning to God will result in a turning away from the sin which has offended His holiness and grieved His heart of love.

This call to turn, which word is in other places translated "to repent," did not cease with the Old Testament prophets. John the Baptist began his ministry with the same imperative, and our Lord Jesus Christ did like-

wise. (See Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Luke 13:1-5.) Furthermore, the servants of Christ are instructed to sound the same message to men and women of our day. In the Great Commission, as it is recorded in Luke 24:46-47, Jesus declared that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations." In obedience to this command the Apostle Paul is found preaching repentance to the gentiles of Athens (Acts 17:30). The call is quite appropriate to our own age.

God Promises to Turn Toward Us

"Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you." This is truly marvelous to contemplate that God will turn toward the sinner on the mere condition that the sinner turn toward God. The sinner is not told to do anything about his sins except to turn away from them. The penalty for those sins God has taken upon Himself to pay, and this He did fully when He gave His Son to die on Calvary. Jesus paid the debt in full, and God is thus at liberty to turn with favor toward anyone who should turn to Him.

What a blessing there is in the knowledge that God's face is turned toward us in grace. What peace there is when we know that there is no offense, no sin between ourselves and God. The unrepentant cannot know this blessing, "for the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil" (I Pet. 3:12).

A story has been told of a father who went on a camping trip with his son. The two of them spent the night in a lonely mountain cabin. It was very dark, and the father noticed that the boy was restless and that he was a long time in going to sleep. Finally in the darkness the boy spoke out, "Daddy, is your face turned toward me?" "Yes, son," the father replied, "my face is turned toward you." With that there was a quietness broken only by a sigh of contentment, and then there was rest in sleep.

Many people today are restless and fearful in the darkness of this world, yet they do not realize that what their disquieted spirits need is the peace which comes from the assurance that God is turned toward them. "Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you."

God Warns Against Indifference

It is sheer folly to persist in our own way in the face of God's call to repentance. The nation of Israel illustrates this fact. The former prophets had cried unto them: "Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings" (vs. 4). The people ignored the prophet's voice—"but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the Lord."

Because of this lack of response God was sore displeased with the nation (vs. 2), and he brought them into deep distress. The matter is summed up for us in II Chronicles 36:15-16: "And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up be-

times, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy." (Compare the context of this passage.)

God is not mocked. He inquires in verse 6: "But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers?" The expression "take hold" is translated "overtake" in Deuteronomy 28:15 and 45, and the same thought is intended here. The warnings and the threats of God finally overtook the rebellious and unrepentant. "Be sure your sin will find you out," says the well-known but frequently misapplied passage in Numbers 32:23. The verse does not say that people will find you out—they may or they may not—but be sure your sins will find you. God does not speak for nought, and His word is sure of accomplishment. Therefore, turn ye unto the Lord.

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

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The sixth and closing message on "Sins of the Christian That Grieve the Holy Spirit," caused all of us to search out our own lives. The consensus of opinion was just this: "We will never be the same again." To put Charles Bergerson at the piano and John Neely on the trumpet is to say that we had excellent music. Rev. Lester Pifer stirred our hearts with a message on the subject of personal soul winning, and this business of evangelism. We had a very practical demonstration of evangelism by mail as Karl Fretcher, a member of the alumni association, made contact and had present some equipment for a program of mailing a weekly message to the church constituency. Sixty-five persons enjoyed the banquet at the Eskimo Inn in weather that almost reminded us of the good old summer time. At least for the days of the conference the weather was perfect.

Overheard at the Alumni Conference

First Alumnus (speaking to a fellow alumnus): "What did you use as the text for your critical?"

Second Alumnus: "Swear Not."

First Alumnus: "What was your conclusion?"

Second Alumnus: "Nobody should swear!"

First Alumnus: "What was in between?"

Second Alumnus: "About 63 pages."

Here's One for the Books

While at the seminary we alumni learned of a Brethren student, now at the seminary, pastoring a Congregational Christian church, who recently baptized by trine immersion a Methodist pastor whose father was a Baptist preacher!

They really get things done in a big way at Grace!

Alumni Action

The alumni association took action to sponsor an annual alumni reunion and instructed the executive committee to begin plans immediately for the second alumni reunion for 1953.

FATHER AND SON AT ALUMNI REUNION



Featured speaker at the recent alumni conference was Dr. Ralph Stoll, of Altoona, Pa., who is pictured above with his son, Rev. John Stoll, who was a member of the graduating class of 1949. He is now a professor at the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland, Ohio. Never has Grace Seminary had a more loyal alumnus than John. In every respect his support of the school since the day of his graduation has been an example which every Brethren alumnus could well follow. He has not forgotten the debt of appreciation in view of the training which Grace Seminary and the Brethren Church provided for him.

ROMAN CATHOLIC TOLERANCE

The Roman Catholics of this country talk much of what they call "religious tolerance," but for a true picture one must go to countries where Catholic power is in the majority. A recent example of this is to be seen in a pastoral letter published in Spain by Pedro Cardinal Segura y Saenz, Roman Catholic archbishop of Sevilla, in which he warned against tolerance of Protestantism and other "heretical religions" in that country. A new campaign against Protestants is expected in the wake of the pastoral letter. Already a group of youths invaded a Protestant chapel, insulted the pastor, and burned a number of hymn books and pews. Speaking of the declaration of the United States for greater religious liberty in Spain, the Cardinal said: "Very grave is this declaration which explains perfectly the greater liberty in our country for Protestant proselytizing which, once the dikes of tolerance have broken, does not hesitate to advance toward religious liberty in our country." It is evident that the Catholic concept of tolerance means that they will tolerate only Roman Catholics!—B.

STUDENT NEWS

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CQ-CQ-CQ—There are quite a few (you should excuse the expression) "hams" around the seminary now. By this I mean that several of the students are now the proud possessors of amateur radio licenses. Those who have recently passed their tests are Frank Brill WN9-QQE, Roy Glass WN9QWG, Russ Irwin, WN9QWO. The other licensed members of amateur radio station W9OCO, Grace Seminary, are Bill Burk, W9OCS, Imogene Burk, W9RCT, and Sib Edmiston, W6QHG. A fine beginning for missionary radio at Grace and more coming up.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS—"I forgot to put it in my Memory-O-Matic!"

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There have been seven first-time confessions and three rededications of faith since the first of January at *Lake Odessa, Mich.* A new record for attendance at a regular service was set on March 2 when 143 were at morning worship and 134 were in Sunday school.

Anyone knowing of Brethren people interested in starting a church in *Walla Walla, Wash.*, are asked to contact Pastor Russell Williams, 910 S. 26th Ave., Yakima, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Meyers had charge of the evening service March 9 at *Berrien Springs, Mich.* Following the service they led a singspiration held in cooperation with the Baptist church.

In the first week of meetings with Rev. Don B. Rood, the *Compton, Calif.*, church had crowds averaging 108. The services began on February 19.

The bulletin of the First Church, *Los Angeles, Calif.*, dated March 2, announces that Bro. Howard Vulgamore, who graduates from Grace Seminary this spring, has accepted a call to become assistant pastor and day school teacher at this church. On March 16, Pastor Glenn O'Neal began a 4-week class for those interested in coming into the membership of the church.

Rev. Ralph Colburn, national youth director, spoke at *Conemaugh, Pa.*, March 9.

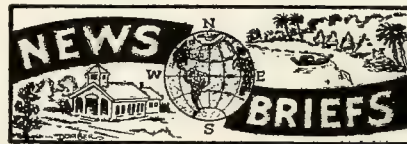
Rev. L. L. Grubb will speak at the Easter sunrise service in *Waterloo, Iowa*, April 13, and will begin a 2-weeks meeting at the church the same day.

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt will minister in a spring Bible conference March 23-30 at the North Riverdale church, *Dayton, Ohio*.

The church at *Long Beach, Calif.*, and the Brethren High School entertained the Christian Teachers' Institute, March 14. The church has extended sympathy to Rev. Alan S. Pearce in the loss of a brother, Stanley, of Montreal, who died while visiting him. They had not seen each other for 30 years.

At *South Gate, Calif.*, the congregation heard Rev. Dalton Crosby, of the India Mission, on February 17.

At *Fort Wayne, Ind.*, 49 persons publicly dedicated their lives in winning souls at the services on March 2. The congregation has voted to support Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason and family on the foreign field and to provide the cost of their outfit. The pastor's car expense has also been raised. A food shower was given to Pastor and Mrs. Hammer on March 6



The young married people's class at *Yakima, Wash.*, is renovating the study and office as a special project.

Dr. Charles H. Ashman began a series of Good News Meetings at the Grace Brethren Church, *Portland, Oreg.*, March 16. They were scheduled to run for 2 weeks.

Dr. Orville Jobson spoke at the First Church, *Dayton, Ohio*, March 9. In the evening he showed pictures of the work in Africa.

Rev. Ralph Colburn spoke March 2 at the church in *Jenners, Pa.*

At *Roanoke, Va.* (Ghent) a father and son banquet was attended by over 90 on February 22. William Lotz was the speaker. Mrs. Rose Foster will be at the church on Easter morning. Dr. Herman Hoyt begins meetings on April 27.

During February Rev. R. I. Humberd, of *Flora, Ind.*, spoke at the following places: Fillmore, Artesia, San Bernardino, and La Verne, Calif., all Brethren, and the Montecita Park Union Church, Los Angeles; Community Church of Hawthorne; the Hollywood Christian Group ("stars" in the entertainment realm who meet together for Bible study); California Baptist Seminary of Covina; the Los Angeles Rescue Mission; the

Centinella Bible Church; and the Mid South Bible Institute, Memphis, Tenn. He also spoke over station KGER of Long Beach.

Communion services at *Cherry Valley, Beaumont, Calif.*, February 28 were attended by nearly 50 people.

The church at *Hagerstown, Md.*, has assumed support of Rev. and Mrs. Carson Rottler, missionaries. Dr. O. E. Phillips held a Bible conference March 6-9 at this church.

Fifty-five were present at a dinner in honor of the teaching staff at the *Long Beach, Calif.*, Second Church on February 26.

Enrollment in the Sky Pilots at *Spokane, Wash.*, has stopped until more men helpers volunteer.

At *Ashland, Ohio*, nine children accepted Christ in the children's service, and a rededication of life was made at the evening service on February 17. Pastor Miles Taber has been asked to conduct special services during the week before Easter, closing with the communion service, April 12.

Rev. Paul Mohler, of the Listie Brethren Church, spoke at *Meyersdale, Pa.*, March 2.

The Youth Rally of the Northern Ohio District will be held April 4-5. Dr. Paul Bauman is the speaker, finals of the basketball tournament will be played, and the picture, "Regions Beyond," will be shown.

Richard DeArmey, pastor of the Sidney Brethren Church, will lead an evangelistic meeting at the Merriam, Ind., Christian Church March 23-30. Ed Smith will be song leader and Miss Iris Heckman, pianist. Rev. F. F. Orr, former student at Grace Seminary, is pastor at Merriam.

Born: To Rev. and Mrs. Edward Bowman, a boy, Philip Edward, on March 8. Brother Bowman is pastor at Garwin, Iowa.

February 25 was the date of the anniversary program of the Sky Pilots at *Listie, Pa.* Bro. Ralph Colburn spoke at the program and also at the evening service the night before.

Plans for the first D. V. B. S. ever held by the *Winona Lake, Ind.*, Sunday school are going forward at this time. Frank Poland, superintendent of the school, announced committees on March 9. A Sunday school library is to be started soon under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Ben Hamilton.

Brethren Sunday Schools on the March

At the beginning of this conference year (September 1, 1951) your National Sunday School Board suggested a slogan for the Sunday schools of the Brethren Church, "Brethren Sunday Schools on the March." We are seeing that slogan put into reality across the nation as one after another our Sunday schools are beginning to catch the vision of what can be done to have real spiritual revival now through our Sunday schools. Here are just a few samples of renewed interest:

"More than 30 interested people met together at the church in Camden, Ohio, on December 13, 1951, to consider the important matter of a teacher training class for the church. Pastor Robert Betz believes that such a class will help to develop the church and Sunday school, and has been working diligently to that end. The subject of teacher training was presented to the group by C. S. Zimmerman, vice president of the National Sunday School Board, which was followed by an open-forum period in which many questions were raised and much interest shown. Since the rally the class has been organized and the work begun. There are 20 enrolled in the class. Twenty people interested in the welfare of the Camden church, trained and fitted for the work of the church, should turn the town upside down for Christ. Many souls will be brought to the Lord and many saints revived. They are off to a right start in a big way."—C. S. Zimmerman, reporter.

Second Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif. (Henry Rempel, reporter)—"We hereby praise our gracious Lord for the blessings He showered upon us in a recent Sunday school convention, conducted in our church February 5 through 7. The conference was scheduled on a community basis, with five Brethren churches and 16 other denominations cooperating. Since the work of the Bible school is interdenominational, and since we were primarily interested in methods by which to do the job correctly and more efficiently, this cooperating plan worked out very satisfactorily. Bro. Harold Etling, president of our National Sunday School Board, was our principle speaker, and to assist him we had engaged Miss Esther Ellinghusen and

Mrs. Alvira Roth, both Sunday school authorities of our city. During the second and third nights one session was given over to departmental group discussions. The group leaders led teachers and superintendents of their respective groups in methods and programs of how to do the work for that age level. A very fine spirit prevailed and much valuable Sunday school material was presented. Sessions were held each night from 7:15 to 9:30, the last 20-minute period of which was given to the showing of a film depicting various phases of Sunday school activities, with special stress on leading the pupils to Christ. A total of 151 Sunday school workers were registered for the convention.



"It is our prayer that the inspiration and instruction received shall be converted into action that will build larger and stronger Bible schools where youth and adults will be taught the words of eternal life. We thank Brother Etling and the other speakers for giving us their best to make this convention possible."

More news of recent conventions and happenings across our nation next month.

Our Next Quarter of Sunday School Lessons

In keeping with the request of many churches, we are suggesting for each quarter a brief bibliography of materials for the help of teachers who are using Brethren literature. Did you know that the Brethren Church is producing literature for the use of Sunday schools from the Junior department through the Adult department? The faster our Sunday schools move to use our own literature the faster we will be able to develop and print other materials

and divide the quarterlies we are now producing. The entire matter of publishing our own quarterlies rests in your hands. Will you help us to help you by suggesting that your school use Brethren literature? If you do not have copies at hand, write to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

Now as to the bibliography: Next quarter we will study the books of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. These books and helps may all be secured from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company through your pastor, or directly from the company.

In the Heavenly—Ironside.....	\$1.25
Commentary on the Epistle to the Ephesians—Hodge	4.00
His Very Own—Harrison	1.50
Epistle to the Ephesians—Erdman.....	1.25
The Glory of God in the Christian Calling—W. O. Carver	3.75
Galatians-Ephesians—Calvin	3.00
Colossians-Thessalonians—Calvin	3.00
The Fulness of God—John H. Cable ..	1.50
Ephesian Studies—H. G. Moule	4.25
Faithful in Christ Jesus—Ockenga ..	3.00
Ephesians, Colossians—Barnes	3.00
Galatians, Colossians—Lange	3.95
Ephesians—Talbot	2.00
St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians—Westcott	5.00
Galatians-Ephesians—Simpson	2.00
Colossians—E. Schuyler English	2.00
Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians—Lanski	4.50
Romans-Revelation—Gray and Adams ..	4.95
Corinthians-Thessalonians—Hovey (American Commentary)	3.50
Philippians in the Greek New Testament—Wuest	1.50
Philippians and Colossians—Simpson ..	2.00
Thessalonians-Philemon—Barnes	3.00
Thessalonians-Hebrews—Lange	3.95

Especially for Children's Teachers

The Bible Way of Salvation—Ruth Overholzer.	
Manual	\$6.60
Flannelgraph figures	2.50
(Some of these lessons and figures will be adaptable to your lesson.)	
The Christian's Walk and Talk	2.25
(Lesson 8 of this could be used with your Lesson 3 on the "Christian's Walk.")	
The Christian Soldier (by Visuals) ..	2.95
For your Lesson 4. (Large flannel soldier with flannelblot armor.)	
The Christian Soldier—Helen Stephens Leonard .....	.75
Flannelblot soldier and armor. Published by Christian Publications.	
Christian Living	1.50
This could be adapted to several lessons.	

Some Essentials for a Teacher

1. Every teacher of the Bible should be a Christian. If he does not know Christ he is unprepared to help others to find Christ; if he knows Christ but fails to walk in the light, he is unworthy to lead others to Christ.

2. Every teacher should have a

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ECHOES

From the Billy Graham Crusade in Washington

By Rev. James Dixon, Washington, D. C.

More than 15,000 persons crowded into the National Guard Armory on the last day of the Billy Graham crusade to hear this man of God. Climaxing 5 weeks of intense, heart-searching messages, he challenged America by speaking on the theme, "Prepare to Meet Thy God." The 462 professions of faith brought the total to 6,115 for the 31 meetings.

Preparation for the Crusade

For several weeks prior to the beginning of the crusade over 500 personal workers from many different churches in Washington met together for instruction on "How to Lead a Soul to Christ." Rev. Don Rosenberger, of the Navigators, taught this class and did excellent work in preparing others to deal with the converts.

Balance in the Crusade

We had wonderful balance in the campaign—mass evangelism with personal emphasis. Dr. Graham declared: "Mass evangelism is not the answer; but in every generation it is necessary to have a crusade such as this to arouse and stimulate Christians to the great job of evangelism." The personal workers were so well trained that they knew what to do and they knew how to do it. No one made a public decision without receiving private and personal attention afterwards.

Music in the Crusade

Music had a very important place in the meetings. The singing of George Beverly Shea transcended anything we had ever heard, and the 1,000-voice choir, made up of choir members from the local churches (25 from our own church), under the talented leadership of Cliff Barrows, gave special numbers and provided

musical background for the singing of Mr. Shea.

The Follow-Up Work

Dawson Trotman and his Navigators directed the personal work and the follow-up work. The method was to have one man deal with one man, encouraging him in his Bible study, prayer, and memory work. The Navigators conducted follow-up classes which were held at 6:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Over 400 would meet in



Rev. James Dixon

each of the early-morning classes to learn how they might best help those who made decisions.

Auxiliary Meetings

In connection with this crusade there were several auxiliary meetings that ought to be mentioned. There were the ministers' breakfasts held each Monday morning, with one exception. Over 200 pastors attended these breakfasts and heard Dr. Harold Ockenga, Prebendary Colin Kerr, of London; Rev. James Graham, Rev. Dawson Trotman, and Dr. Graham.

Also there were the businessmen's luncheons, with more than 300 men at each meeting. Speakers at these meetings included Hon. John Henderson, of the British Parliament; Arnold Grunigen, president of Chris-

tian Businessmen's Committee International; and Judge Luther Youngdahl, of the District Court in Washington.

"Uncle" Cliff Barrows conducted two children's meetings, attended by about 12,000 children.

There were meetings at the Pentagon, in university centers, and in hotels. Mr. Graham gave of himself unstintingly to all of these services.

The Finances of the Crusade

Bro. F. E. Simmons, of our church, was the treasurer of the campaign, and was one of the busiest men on the executive committee. Through his able leadership more than \$35,000 was raised prior to the crusade, and the \$110,000 budget was met by the fourth Sunday, so that no offerings were received after that time. Billy Graham himself received no financial remuneration from the Washington crusade.

The Work of Dr. Graham

Not once did Billy Graham malign or belittle the ministry. In everything he and every member of his party manifested a spirit of love and complete consecration to the task. Everyone who made a profession was urged to get into some local church and to support it and its pastor. Our own people were very active in the crusade and every one of them was greatly and richly blessed. The work of Mr. Graham was Biblical and solid, with no emotionalism used to gain any goals.

All of Washington is now aware that there are many believers in our Nation's Capital who still believe that God is on His throne, that Christ Jesus died for them, and that He is coming again. The testimony of Christ in Washington has received a great impetus through these meetings.

A WEEK'S HAPPENINGS IN ONE PARSONAGE

Sunday—"I'm so glad Robbie 'cepted the Lord today. He's my boy friend and I'm going to marry him when I grow up." It was bedtime when Sharon made this world-shaking statement. After a gulp or two, Mother answered as calmly as possible, "I'm glad, too, that Robbie made his public confession today. Robert and Jerry confessed the Lord Jesus publicly last week, remember? Everyone is so happy when they see little boys and girls accept Christ."

"Why are people happy when children 'cept Christ?"

"Because Jesus is the only way to heaven. And Jesus is the only One who can make our hearts white and help us to live to please the heavenly Father."

"Can I marry Robbie when I grow up?"

"You'd better wait until you are grown before you worry about whom you'll marry. Besides, it's always polite for the lady to wait 'til she is asked. Let's pray now and then off to sleep. Did you have a good meeting at BYF this evening?"

"Yes, but some of the boys and girls were not there because they are sick. I'm glad I'm not sick now. Jesus is good to me . . ." The little voice trailed and Mother's girl quietly slept. For a few moments Mother stood by her daughter's bed and felt anew the high and holy calling which is hers. She knew she is not worthy of the charge, nor equal to it, but "I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only" (Psa. 71:16).

Monday—Family worship and Paul Kent was praying in sing-song: "Dear Jesus, bless Daddy, Mama, the girls, the boys—help me be a good boy, obey Mama, blah, blah, blah." A startled Daddy never came so near to "exploding," and the easily tickled youngsters giggled audibly. As the parents talked together later in the day about the most "unorthodox" praying of their young son, Daddy confided, "I've heard some adults pray with about the same fervor as Kent displayed today. They may as well have said, 'Blah,' for all the heart or desire they seemed to have in their prayer." How often we learn from a child! May we say with the Psalmist, "But I give myself unto prayer."

Dorotheann and Sharon were set at the task of peeling potatoes for dinner. They decided to race and see who would peel the most. Sharon started with a handicap, being the younger and smaller, but she did a fine job. Suddenly Dorotheann asked: "How many is that for you, Sharon?" "This is my 'twoth,'" she answered with a sparkling smile. "You mean your second, Sharon Martha." "Well, it's two anyway. Are you proud of me, Mama?" "Yes I am, dear, though you certainly do murder the king's English. But you'll learn as you grow." And as she worked she remembered the promise of His Word: "Train up a



child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Tuesday—"Sharon Martha," David literally shouted, "that's unsanitary." Mother turned from the stove to see what was causing her son's indignation. She was in time to see Sharon pull a grimy finger from the bowl of macaroni and cheese. She stood amused before her son's fury even as she shooed Sharon to the bathroom to wash. To be sure, Sharon had been naughty and had to be corrected. But Mother was reminded of the proverb: "O consistency, thou art a jewel." If ever a child has to be exhorted and threatened to scrub himself and be careful about his appearance, it is David. This was one time when he was in the position to shout his disapproval because he had remembered to clean up. Oh child of God, Mother mused, "first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye" (Matt. 7:5).

Wednesday—"May I go to prayer meeting tonight?"

"Yes, you may go, Dorotheann, but will you help me first to get the babies to bed?"

"Why can't I go to prayer meeting?" Sharon asked petulantly.

"Me too," chimed Kent. "I'm a big boy."

"When you get a little bigger and have learned to sit with fewer wiggles, Mother will let you go."

"Mothers and preachers' wives get to do everything. They sure have it soft." Mother's spontaneous giggle at this ridiculous statement by her daughter rather cleared the stormy atmosphere. Taking a reluctant girlie in her arms, Mother soothed the hurt and told Sharon her day is ahead for going "everywhere" and getting "everything." And someday when your spreading wings have taken you from Mother's arms and roof, may you ever remember the admonition of Scripture, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is . . . (Heb. 10:25).

Thursday: A beautiful symphony over the radio and Bob with his ear glued. "Did you hear that French horn?" he inquired. "Boy, that was pretty." "Mother, listen to that harp. I think I understand why you'd like to play one. I wish you could have a harp." The boy drank in the beauties of music and arose refreshed in body, cleansed in mind, and challenged in spirit. His comment at the close of the symphony, "That music just does something for a fellow," spoke volumes. Mother was so grateful for his appreciation of real music and for his recognition of the instruments. His heart seemed to be in tune with the symphony. Mother prayed as he went to bed, "May he ever be sensitive to the call of God through His Spirit. Let all who know him 'hear' God's symphony of love for a lost world by his life kept in 'tune' through God's Word."

Friday—"The man at Kroger's calls me the 'apple boy' because I buy so many Delicious apples from him. He asked me if I eat these all myself. I told him that you and Daddy help me out. He told me he'd rather see me buy apples than some of the things he sees other kids buy."

"The apples are good for you, Bill, and will not damage your health as candy and other nicknacks could do. At least you get real attention at the store by being a good 'apple' customer," Mother laughed.

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I AM RICH AND I KNOW IT

By Rev. Galen M. Lingenfelter, Buena Vista, Va.

I have often heard people say, "It is no disgrace to be poor, but it is mighty unhandy." Well, it is no disgrace to be rich, either, and it is usually very convenient; but when people are rich and do not know it, that is unusual. Yet there are many Christians who are heirs to a great inheritance and seemingly know very little about it. They do not realize what they have because of their relationship to God.

The story is told of a boy who had run away from home, and while he was gone his father died and the boy became heir to thousands of dollars. When the boy was found he was on the streets begging for money. He was rich—an heir—and did not know it. This seems to be true of some Christians, too—they are begging for things from the world when they have everything in Christ Jesus.

Why I Am Rich

I am rich because I am a Christian. The Apostle Paul spoke of our riches in Christ in these words: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs of Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Rom. 8: 14-17).

This text declares that we are heirs because we are children of God; children by birth—the new birth. We are not heirs because of creation, for it is not written, if creatures, then heirs, but "if children, then heirs." This inheritance does not come by natural descent, "nor by works of righteousness which we have done" (Tit. 3:5). Nor is this an inheritance we receive because we observe the ordinances. All of these things are good in their place, but not as a means of becoming heirs of the riches of God.

This passage in Romans mentions only one great qualification—"if children, then heirs." Being a child of God makes one an heir of God; we receive the inheritance because we

are His children. If you are a child of God you are therefore an heir of His, as I am.

Some Christians are more faithful than others and they will be rewarded for their faithfulness, but all of God's children are heirs and will receive the inheritance. Rewards are given for good works, but the inheritance is obtained by and at the new birth, and it comes to us through our identification with the Lord Jesus Christ.

What My Inheritance Is

All Christians, I included, are rich in Christ Jesus in the following ways:

1. We are heirs of salvation. The Spirit of God said, "But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on



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my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Heb. 1:13-14). Salvation is complete deliverance from sin and damnation through the atonement of Christ. Because we are children of God we have experienced this deliverance. We have not earned it, but as children of God it is ours.

2. We are heirs of eternal life. Paul wrote to a young preacher: "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Tit. 3:4-7).

We are not heirs because of what we have done, but by His marvelous grace and love—"heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

3. We are heirs of God's promises. All of the wonderful promises which God gave to His children are ours—are mine. We can and should claim every one of them. Think of some of them. "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish" (John 10:28). "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14: 2-3). These are just a few of His promises to His children.

4. We are heirs of the righteousness of God. Paul declared: "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21). Again, "now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference" (Rom. 3:21-22). As children of God we stand before Him in Christ Jesus, and therefore heirs of His righteousness.

5. We are also heirs "to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (I Pet. 1:4). Christian, these words are more wonderful than we can imagine. Think of it—"an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled . . . reserved in heaven" for us. This guarantees it to us, for Christ will not lose it. It is ours because it is His and we are in Him.

Yes, as a Christian I am rich. These riches are not mine just for this earthly life, but forever. The same is true for every believer in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice, therefore, because we "know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9).

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

Common Interest Needed

Dorothy M. Peper, newspaper columnist, writing on the theme, "Common Interest Draws Families Close Together," said: "Every family should have at least one common ground of interest and activity, for the development of that feeling of 'togetherness' so important to a family's life."

She then related how her "family sings while taking motor trips." It all began when her first child came home from Sunday school and urged the parents to join her in singing "Jesus Loves Me." The number of singers and the number of songs and hymns grew as the family increased.

Mrs. Peper urges all families to find the one thing that will help to hold them together. Her words are: "The important thing is to find a common interest in, some enjoyed activity, and build it into a thing of traditional importance to your family life."

The one thing that has bound Christian families together more than any other one thing through the years has been the family altar, including Bible reading, prayer, and the singing of the hymns of the church. No other one thing so binds the family together nor holds its members longer and happier than this—the putting of God and His Word first in the heart of the family.

"Lead Us Not Into Temptation"

In the model prayer the Lord Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matt. 6:13).

Police Sergeant Martin Maher, of Toledo, Ohio, illustrated this truth when he asked his superiors to get him off a keg of dynamite. He officially reported that a case of dynamite had been stored directly beneath his post in the police headquarters. He is afraid some slight jar might cause an explosion. Said he:

"I believe this condition should be checked before some desk sergeants and reporters take a ride into oblivion. I am not ready to go."

He wants the explosive removed so that it will not continue to threaten his life. Even so, beloved, we should shun "all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:22). Though we may be

"ready to go" we should do nothing to mar our testimony while traveling this earthly pilgrimage.

God's Gifts Must Be Appropriated

The story is told of a conversation between a master and his servant concerning the things of the Lord.

The master said, "Sam, I have been seeking the Lord for years, but I have never found what you say you have got, and I don't understand it."

"Well, Massa," came the reply from the slave, "I explain de difference in de case. S'pose you order a great dinner. De servants bring on de roasted turkey and all de good things, and when de dinnerbell rings you goes to de door of de dining room and look in and talks about de great feast, I goes right in and eat him. So, Massa, de difference is dat I has got de dinner inside and you has got de dinner outside."

Jesus taught appropriation in these words: "As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever" (John 6:57-58).

Faithfulness Is Required of All

Miss Marie Therrien, 73-year-old lady of Southbridge, Mass., claims

one of the longest working records for women in industry. She has been employed for 60 years by the American Optical Company. This is surely a picture of faithfulness to one's task.

God requires the same of us, that is, faithfulness. He does not require that we be great or important or that we rise to the top, but "it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2). There is no place or time where the steward (servant) of God can quit.

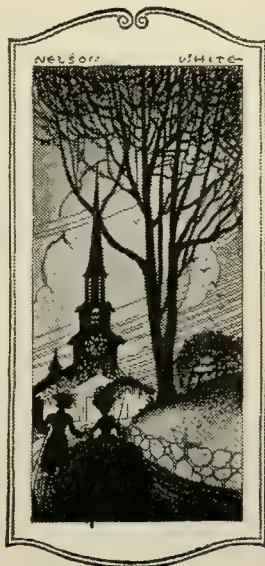
Faithfulness to the Lord of the church has its reward. The Lord Jesus said, "After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matt. 25:19-21).

Are We Worthy of Imitation?

The editor of the Gainesville, Ga., News wrote in his paper some words that ought to be given very careful consideration by all adults. Said he: "A leading educator has said that in one respect good citizenship and character resemble measles and mumps: they can only be caught by close contact with those who have them. And it is true that children, from the cradle up, imitate the examples of adults. One of the most vitally important things an adult should do today is to look closely at his every-day life to see if the things he does are those he would like a young person to imitate."

These are timely words from the secular press. They are further evidence that the wise man, Solomon, was right when he wrote: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

The lessons learned by imitation are learned easiest and stay longest with the pupil. This is true in every realm of life, especially in the realm of the spiritual.



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THE HOLLYWOOD CHRISTIAN GROUP

By Rev. R. I. Humbert, Flora, Ind.

"Look! Here comes Rachel on the run!"

There was a sudden hush in the crowd about the "poolroom" as every eye was focused upon Rachel.

Rachel (we will call her that) was the belle of Sychar; she was attractive; she was smart; she was popular. Every man in Sychar knew Rachel; every husband thrilled at her smile (when his wife was not looking); every wife feared and hated her; every daughter was warned to keep far away from her.

Rachel had a way with men. When she set her stakes for any certain man, she usually got him. She had already had five husbands, and now she was living with the sixth. Verily, she was the "star" of Sychar.

A few moments ago she had gone out to the well with a pitcher on her head, but here she comes—there is no pitcher on her head, but there is a glow on that face those men had never seen before.

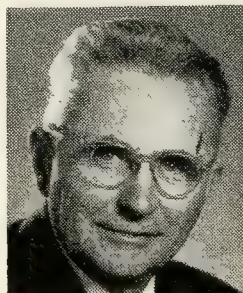
"Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" (John 4:29).

The city of Sychar worshiped in that mountain. Every man and woman stood with back to the God of Israel and with face toward that mountain. Rachel was the key to that city—convert Rachel and the whole city was open to the Gospel.

The Movie Realm

So it is today. The saloon has lost first place as a corrupting element in the lives of our youth. Now it is the movie. There is no sign over the theater to keep the minor out. Even the babe in the mother's arms is welcome here.

On the screen the youth of our land are taught every vile thing. Every sin, every vice, every crime is made pleasant; while every virtue is trampled under foot. The sex film is given first place. The "stars" can marry and remarry and all is well.



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Let a woman like Rachel have five husbands and she is a heroine. Verily, the name "Hollywood" reeks with filth like Babylon—it has become "a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Rev. 18:2).

The youth of our land worship at the Hollywood shrine; their backs are toward the church and their faces toward the screen. The "star" is the idol of their heart; his face is familiar on the screen; his voice vibrates the very marrow of their bones. Like Rachel, the "star" is the key to their hearts, and let that same face appear with the joy of the Lord radiating from the soul, and let him cry, "Come! Come! Come! I have found the Christ!" This would be the key that would unlock the hearts of countless thousands of our youth and turn them to the Lord.

This is no idle dream, for even now it is taking place. There is a Christian group in Hollywood and recently it was my privilege to speak to their Monday night Bible class.

It was the first time I had ever stood among the "stars"; it was the first time I had ever spoken to those whose whole life had been in the realm of entertainment. I was thrilled as Red Harper told of the hundreds being won to Christ through the picture, "Mr. Texas."

Verily, the same God who saved Rachel and used her to unlock a city, can save the "stars" and use them to unlock the hearts of the youth of today.

"Honestly, Mother, I don't see how some boys have any kind of health. They don't eat decent lunches and they smoke like a chimney. I don't think most of their parents care what their children do."

"Many of the parents don't care, son. The great juvenile delinquency problem is largely the fault of parents who don't know the Lord and to whom their children are a distinct annoyance. My prayer for you is that you'll ever discern the 'right' of things as you use God's Word as the yardstick. If you'll ever obey the Book which says, 'Children, obey your parents,' as you obey His will for your life, you'll bear a pleasing testimony to God."

Saturday—Preparation for the Lord's Day is the order of this day. Everything and everyone gets scrubbed. Mother cleans or supervises the cleaning of 16 ears, 8 heads of hair, 80 toenails and 80 fingernails. Meal preparation for Sunday takes some time and thought. By the end of a long, hard day—*whew!* Mother has to be almost lifted into bed. But is it worth *all* that strain, someone asks? Yea, a thousandfold. When this Mother is tempted to complain about the work of keeping 10 people and their "trappings" clean, she quickly thinks how awful it would be to have to live dirty. And she straightway sings a song of thanks for soap and warm water. Sunday's spiritual "bath" is refreshing, too, though sometimes the "scales" of sin come off quite hard. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23).

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definite purpose in his teaching other than just a mere satisfaction of being a teacher.

3. Every teacher *must* know the tremendous responsibility that has been given to him in the privilege of handling the Word of God, for the souls of men and women are at stake.

4. Every teacher must be willing to prepare carefully every week of the year. This will demand time, effort, money. The rewards will be in direct proportion to the effort spent.

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While Pastor Kenneth Ashman was preaching in Mansfield, Ohio, recently, his pulpit at Wooster, Ohio, was filled by Rev. William Freeman, and Dave Knight was in charge of the service. An "African Recruit Team," composed of two new missionary couples, the Lester Kennedys and the Charles Tabers, will be at the Wooster church April 6. April 9 is the date set for the spring communion.

Rev. Leslie Moore has resigned as pastor at New Troy, Mich.

The new address of Rev. Richard L. Burch is Box 50, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. (Change Annual, p. 66.)

Mrs. Altha B. Paul, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, member of the Huntington, Ind., church, died on February 16, the burial being in Huntington County, Ind. Rev. Lewis Hohenstein, of Waterloo, Iowa, ministered to her during her last days.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Bates, Jackson, Mich., became the parents of a son, Jonathan Lee, on March 13.

Rev. James Dixon, of Washington, D. C., conducted several Sunday school rallies for the National Sunday School Board in the East Fellowship and one at Clearbrook, Va., for the Southeast District during March.

Rev. Robert E. McKinney, of Denver, Colo., will present "The Complete Bible Story in Continuous Series" of films at the Chico, Calif., church April 1-6. Rev. Bob Finley spoke at this church on March 9.

Remember the groundbreaking service at Patterson Park Church, Dayton, Ohio, March 30 at 2:30 p.m.

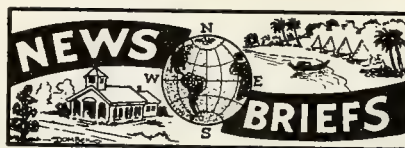
The Martinsburg, W. Va., church has finished several more of the classrooms in its new building and has added shrubbery to the grounds.

Rev. Marion D. Gates has been called to the Leon, Iowa, church.

The La Verne, Calif., church received six members by baptism on February 24.

Mr. George Hay, member of the La Verne church and father of Mrs. Marvin Goodman, Jr., is very ill at his home in Claremont, Calif.

One person was baptized and united with the Roanoke, Va., Washington Heights Church on February 24.



A letter from Miss Marybeth Munn arrived in the office of the Foreign Missionary Society on March 19 advising that surgery was not necessary. The letter was written on March 10 from Elat, West Africa, where Miss Munn was undergoing treatment. Miss Tyson accompanied her to Elat, and after a tour of the American Presbyterian Leper Colony the two expected to return to their respective stations on March 13.

The latest news from Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder was to the effect that they expected to return to Bozoum about March 7.

Rev. J. Paul Miller and family arrived in Belem, Brazil, at 11:30 p.m. on March 12.

Miss Florence Bickel arrived in New York from Africa by way of Southampton, England, on March 18.

The new address of Rev. Charles Turner, as of April 1, is 204 W. Walnut St., Flora, Ind. (Add to Annual, p. 70.) Brother Turner is the new pastor of the Flora church.

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company will be closed Friday and Saturday, April 11-12.

Correction: B. H. Pearson's book, "The Headhunter's Bride," reviewed in the February 16 issue of this mag-

azine (p. 115), should have been quoted at \$2.75 per copy. The flannelgraph lesson, "Christian Living," cited in the March 22 issue (p. 191), should have been quoted at \$1.25 per set.

Preachers and churches, in order to take advantage of the discount policy as given in the February 16 issue (p. 116), must send cash with the orders.

Rev. J. C. McKillen resigned his pastorate at Covington, Ohio, on March 16. On March 2 four people were baptized and received into the church.

Dr. and Mrs. John G. Brexman, of the American Gospel Mission of Indonesia, spoke at the Yellow Creek, Pa., church on March 12.

The Alexandria, Va., church had an average attendance of 133 in Sunday school during February, with 163 people present on March 2. Average attendance in morning services for February was 113, with 166 present on March 2.

The Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, church will hold a spring Bible conference March 30 through April 4. Rev. Miles Taber, of Ashland, will be the speaker.

Rev. Kenneth Ashman, of Wooster, Ohio, is holding evangelistic meetings at the Dayton, Ohio, First Church March 23-April 6.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman will speak at the Johnstown, Pa., First Church March 30-April 5, and Dr. William Mierop will speak there April 6-13.

Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., was elected president of the Rittman, Ohio, Ministerial Association at its February meeting.

Bro. Scott Weaver, student in Grace Seminary and pastor of the Sharpsville, Ind., church, has been very ill, but is now slowly recovering. On March 9 William Wiles and John Mitchell, also of the seminary, preached for the Sharpsville church.

Bro. Paul Miller preached for his brother, Rev. Ward Miller, at the Osceola, Ind., church on March 2.

On March 2 the Hagerstown, Md., church received six new members following baptism. Rev. and Mrs. Carson Rottler, members of this church, spoke there on March 16, just one week before the date scheduled for their sailing for Argentina.

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THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

The Contents of This Issue

On the following pages are 10 articles, one article per page, each one dealing with some phase of the atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ. Each one of these messages was written by a Brethren man who is a member of the present Senior class in Grace Theological Seminary. More information will be given concerning these men at graduation time in May. These articles, however, are sufficient to introduce their authors and to reveal that the Brethren Church has a bright future in the hands of young men of their kind.

One of the writers said to the editor: "In writing this article I have been greatly influenced by the teaching of Dr. Alva J. McClain in his class in Theology. I now realize how practical and worth while is the material he has taught us in his class." Honor to whom honor is due—for without a doubt every student of Dr. McClain's Theology classes has at some time had similar feelings.

Proper to Consider Christ's Death

It is quite proper to give one number of this magazine to the consideration of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. True, we must never forget that He is a living Saviour and a faithful and merciful High Priest—but He is not our Saviour nor our Priest if He did not die for our sins. Therefore we ought ever to give careful consideration to His death on Golgotha's brow. If our Saviour did not die to redeem us from our sins, then we are still in our sins, and that means we are yet dead and without God or hope in this old world and that we are on the road that leads to hell.

Christ Was Introduced as a Lamb

When the Saviour began His earthly ministry on the shores of the Jordan River, the forerunner called attention to His death in his first introduction of Him to the world. John did not speak of the mighty works He would perform, nor the wonderful truths and teachings He would share with men, but rather to the fact that He had come to be crucified on Calvary's cross. Said he: Behold the Lamb of God, which

taketh away the sin of the world. . . . Again the next day John stood, and two of his disciples; and looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29, 35-36). John the Baptist understood the purpose of the ministry of the Lord Jesus—therefore he introduced Him as the "Lamb of God." To the Jewish mind the lamb always spoke of sacrifice and substitution. The challenge of these words was so



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convincing that immediately John's two disciples forsook him and straightway they became followers of the "Lamb of God."

Identification of the Lamb

Every Jew who had any acquaintance whatsoever with his Scriptures—the Old Testament—had some hope that some day God would provide a Lamb for Himself. This hope was intensified in the minds of the Jews through an experience in the person of the founder of their race, even Abraham. For, when the patriarch was on his way to the mount to offer his son in answer to the call of God, he said to Isaac: "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering" (Gen. 22:8). This was in answer to Isaac's question. As the two of them trudged along the way to the place of the offering the son noticed the preparation that had been made—there was wood, there was fire, and there was a knife, but no lamb. This disturbed the younger of the two who had not yet entered into the same quality of faith as manifested by his father. Therefore he asked: "My father . . . Behold the fire and the wood: but

where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" It was then that Abraham spoke, perhaps truer words than he realized, and said: "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering." This was miraculously done, as all students of the Word know.

When John the Baptist, therefore, introduced Jesus as the "Lamb of God" there must have been a certain sudden sense of God's interest in their welfare on the part of the two disciples. They were ready to follow Him without further delay and without further explanation.

Appropriation of the Truth

Beloved, this truth is not for the Jews alone. When John the Baptist introduced the Lord Jesus he introduced Him as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Notice, it was His purpose to deal with the problem of the world's sin, not just the problem of sin as it related itself to the Jews, or to any other class or race of people. He came to suffer and die as the one offering for sin—the sin of the whole world. The Apostle John testified of Him in these words: "He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). There is only one limit placed on the scope of His work—the ends of the world were the limits of His dealing with sin.

Beloved, the work of Christ as the "Lamb of God" becomes effective for sinners only as they appropriate it unto themselves. Jesus, looking forward to His death for sinners, said concerning this matter of appropriation: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat of the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him" (John 6:53-56). By faith the sinner must receive the Lord Jesus and accept His death in his behalf. The cross is God's one and only answer to the problem of sin.

THE CROSS — THE THEME OF THE SCRIPTURES

By Clair Brickel

When a novelist sits down to pen a novel there is within his mind a definite idea which he hopes to set forth within his book. This is borne early in the novel and is carried to its climax as the book closes. The Book that we have from God is no different in this respect from other books. Although its critics would like to make of it a conglomeration of ideas which have no unity or central theme, the testimony of the Word from Genesis to Revelation cries loudly with one main all-important theme—that being the death and cross of our Saviour which brings salvation to all who believe.

Found in Old Testament

The first shadow that is seen of the cross is found in Genesis 3:15: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." The seed of the woman was brought forth in the person of Jesus Christ, born of a woman, and his bruising was accomplished on the cross of Christ. As the pages pass, glimpses, hints, and plain statements become clearer and more abundant, so that by the time the end of the Old Testament is reached there will be drawn a fairly complete picture of the coming and suffering of man's Redeemer.

The Psalms are rich with prophecy which relates to the coming Messiah and His death on the cross. The 22d Psalm testifies as clearly and fully as anywhere in all the Old Testament the "sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow" (I Pet. 1:11). In this Psalm the Psalmist is describing experiences of his inner life or events of his career which were already typical in themselves. But he goes further and is raised above the limits of his own individuality and time, and uses concerning himself expressions which are hyperbolic, and these expressions were not to become full historical truth until they became so in the Messiah.

In the 69th Psalm the cross again is foretold. Here the Psalmist gives lyrical expression to certain events in his own life which are typical of events in the career of the Messiah. These are completely true of the

Psalmist. Thus these personal traits and critical experiences of the redeemed actually become typical of events and personal traits in the life of the Redeemer. Therefore in almost every phase of the first 21 verses of the Psalm, the Lord Jesus can be seen hanging upon the cross.

The prophetic gem in which the cross of Christ is revealed is Isaiah 52:13-53:12. This prophetic Scripture is sometimes called the "Fifth Gospel." This portion of Scripture and its context is the highest and



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richest portion of Old Testament revelation. As Deuteronomy is to the Pentateuch and the Gospel of John to the four Gospels, so is Isaiah 53 to all prophetic Scripture of the Old Testament. Verse 5 contains the doctrine of substitution, the theme of the chapter, the theme of the whole Bible, and key to the problem of how Israel's iniquity is to be pardoned—not only Israel's but all gentiles who will put their trust and faith in Him.

The sacrificial system of the old covenant which was performed by the priests was a signpost pointing to the death of Christ. Once a year the high priest went into the most holy place with the blood of bulls and goats to make an offering for the sins of the people. This was only a temporary affair set up by God, waiting for the time when Christ would be offered up once for all, "by the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:10).

Frequent Subject in New Testament

The cross of Christ is the subject of over 100 passages of Scripture in the New Testament alone.

The question has been raised concerning Christ's own teaching on the subject of the cross as it is found in the Gospels. The objection is made that Jesus said very little about His death and this would be at variance with the theme of the rest of the Scripture. The answer is found in the fact that Jesus came to offer a kingdom to Israel. He came not so much to preach the Gospel of His own death, but in order that there might be such a Gospel to preach!

But Jesus did speak of the cross. The first 16 chapters of Matthew contain Jesus' teaching and preaching of the kingdom. In verse 21 of chapter 16 his objective changes from the kingdom to the cross. "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day." (See also John 3:14-15.)

References by Paul

References to the cross of Christ in the epistles and especially in Paul's writings are numerous. Romans and Hebrews may be taken as examples which are full of the preaching of the cross—"while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). The doctrine of salvation brought about by the death of Christ is the very heart of the Book of Romans. Hebrews also presents Christ as the perfect sacrifice for sins. "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9:12).

As the first book of the Bible gave the first glimpse of the cross, so does the last book give the great finality of this atoning act. In chapter 5 of Revelation the scene is set around the One sitting upon the throne with a book in His hand. There is a great weeping, for no one can be found who is worthy to open the book. Finally there appears One in the midst of the elders, a Lamb as it had been slain, who takes the book and brings to pass the closing events of the age. It is with great joy because of the ministry of the cross that we can sing with the throng gathered around the throne.

THE LIFE OF THE SACRAMENTS

By J. C. McKillen

As the blood began its drip, drip, drip from the Man on the center cross, men could not see the most incredulous witness of all. Four thousand years before there had been, perhaps, some reason in his words, "Ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4), for never in all eternity had a living creature of God died. Since then, of course, death had become man's common lot; these two thieves, writhing, bleeding, cursing on their crosses meant little to the unseen witness. Only to the Occupant of the central cross must he have hissed again, "Ye shall not surely die!" No one there knew better than he that this was no ordinary man.

This was God—bleeding to death—and, if God should actually die, what would happen to the whole creation held together by Him? Mighty intellect though Satan is, yet he could formulate no answer. Therefore God would *not* surely die. Surely, at the last minute, God would assert Himself, and either come down bodily from the cross, or dissociate Himself from His union with the flesh suspended there on the crude scaffold.

Christ Actually Died

But the sun moved ever nearer its zenith. The ruddy twin stalagmites slowly grew down there on the ground below the pinioned hands of God—the hands which just last night had broken the bread which He called His body. From those hands which had stretched forth a chalice of wine, with the challenge "Drink ye all of it, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:27-28)—from those hands now there welled forth, drop by drop, the fulfillment of His words.

The red-brown streaks widened on the forearms pointing mutely outward and upward. They lengthened until they ran past the armpits and began to delineate the ribs on the body of God. Surely now the Man on the cross would cry out, "Enough of this bloody nonsense." Still the sun climbed and the blood spurted ever more slowly, as the contrast between blood streaks and whitening flesh became more ghastly. Life

was ebbing from the body which would not take itself down.

Ever so slowly there dawned upon the Devil's mind the realization that God had meant what God had said, "to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). Perhaps it was here that Judas stole away to self-destruction. Perhaps, as the sun suddenly was blackened out, Satan took heart in anticipation that God would now act to abate the cross. But the chalk-like whiteness was only intensified.

God's lips would not frame indignation. They framed provision for a distraught mother. They framed paradise for a worshipping thief. They



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framed forgiveness for the violators of God's person. They framed horror, as the sin of all mankind broke for an instant the eternal fellowship of the Godhead. They framed submission, as the thorn-tortured head bowed itself in death.

Christ Became Our Surety

Most of all, and through it all, He framed His memorials with their eternally intended meaning. "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8) was now the Lamb slain for the foundation of His Word. Had there been less than death, it would be mockery to say, "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death" (I Cor. 11:26). Without His death, your baptism could not really mean that you "are buried with him by baptism into death . . . [and] shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (Rom. 6:4-5).

"He is the mediator of the new testament by means of death. . . . Where a testament is, there must

also of necessity be brought forth the death of the testator, for a testament is of force after men are dead . . . it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth" (Heb. 9:15-18, marg.).

Somewhere in the Greek world, someone had coined a word. Perhaps a merchant had endorsed a friend's note, and then had to pay it. Cynically, perhaps, he referred to himself as *en guon*, (out on a limb). The phrase grew into a word and it came to mean a "surety." Not by accident did the Holy Spirit choose this word when He recorded "Jesus [was] made surety of a better testament" (Heb. 7:22). Nowhere else in Scripture does the word occur.

Significance of Ordinances

It may have been wryly humorous when the word was coined—someone "out on a limb" for someone else's debt. But the significance of the cross in relationship to our baptism, to our communion service, to our New Testament, is etched like Christ's cross against Calvary's skyline in that simple Greek word. My Lord went "out on a limb" for me. As He gallantly wrote off my debt in His blood, there was no grumbling about it. The lips that had framed provision for Mary, paradise for a thief, forgiveness for a mob, horror for sin's contact, and submission unto death—those lips framed a cry of exultation for me and my debt of sin. We translate that cry, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). But today we know that that cry of triumph—for me—was the everyday word for "paid in full."

The next time you witness a baptism, remember it would be an empty gesture without the death of Christ. The next time you partake of the communion, think how meaningless it would be without the actual background of the Man of Calvary. The next time you turn to your New Testament—why not do it now?—do you dare to forget for a moment that these words actually took effect only as the life-blood drained away from your Saviour? Read those blood-wrought words with love in your eyes. Bow your head, Christian, with tearful gratitude for the God who for your sake—chose to die—for your love—on the cross.

CHRIST'S DEATH IN THE PROGRAM OF GOD

By Martin Garber

If there is a God, why doesn't He do something about this confused, wicked world? Such has been the sentiment of many misguided persons as they view the world situation. The answer is: God is doing something! God has a perfect plan for this universe of His, and all events are headed toward that glorious consummation.

In spite of what some may be saying, God has a program, and at the heart of that program is the plan by which He is reconciling sinful men unto His holy self for His great glory. In the eternal program of God the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ stands directly in the center. Redemption is not only the entire theme of the Scriptures, but it is that which is nearest the very heart of God.

The Historical Development of the Plan of God

As this redemptive line is traced through the Bible, it is discovered that no sooner did sin enter through man than God began His program of redemption through the human race by the seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15). Throughout the entire Old Testament period God was preparing the background for the entrance of the Saviour into the world. Then in the fullness of time God sent His Son who was declared by John the Baptist to be the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Christ Himself said that He must die. He set His face toward Jerusalem where on the cross He shed His blood; and God in His grace used the greatest display of wickedness and injustice to bring eternal blessing to mankind in accordance with the predetermined program of God.

Yes, the death of Christ stands at the center of God's dealing with man, anticipated in the Old Testament, clearly revealed in the New Testament, and will be the great theme of the eternal song of the redeemed in glory.

Planned Because of God's Love

The program of redemption grows out of the loving heart of God. It was because "Go so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have

everlasting life" (John 3:16). God so loved, and because He loved, He planned redemption for the sinner and sent His Son to give His life a ransom.

Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan!

Oh, the grace that brought it down to man!

Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span

At Calvary!



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It is true that one of God's basic attributes is holiness. God is holy and in Him is no darkness at all. While this is true, it is also true that God is love. Because of His holiness He must judge sin; because of His love He decreed a program by which He Himself paid the price of sin's penalty which His own righteous law demanded. At the cross mercy and truth met together, righteousness and peace kissed each other. Because of Calvary God is both just and the justifier of him who believes on Jesus (Rom. 3:26). When the Son of God died on that dreadful day God poured out His love to the limit on behalf of sinful man.

Why doesn't God do something? What more could He do? He has given Himself in death to save us from our sins and to empower us with His abundant life, but men still refuse God's love and choose to remain in their own sin and misery.

Planned While We Were Yet Sinners

Not only was the love of God manifested in the divine program through the cross, but the Scriptures tell us that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8). The Lord Jesus Christ died for the sins of the very men who put

Him to death. Caiaphas, Pilate, and Herod could all have experienced forgiveness for their sins if they would have only believed in the One they crucified. As our Lord was dying on that old rugged cross, He was procuring possible divine forgiveness for the men who drove the nails through His spotless hands and feet when they placed him on the cross.

Oh how His words ring out: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Christ came not to save the righteous, but to bring sinners to repentance. There was nothing in mankind which could commend them to God as worthy creatures for redemption. No, there is none good, no, not one; but it was for such a world of lost men that Christ died.

It was when man was at enmity with God that He planned salvation so that those who were at war with Him might be brought into complete rest and peace through the cross.

Planned Before the Foundation of the World

In Revelation 13:8 is found that glorious truth that Christ is the Lamb slain from the very foundation of the world. God's program has never been frustrated. The death of Jesus Christ was not a mistake or an afterthought, but was in full accordance with the eternal program of the great sovereign God. Nothing has ever happened outside God's control. God, foreseeing the entrance of sin when He laid the foundation of the universe, decreed its overthrow and complete defeat in the offering of the Lamb of God. Not only would sin then be abolished, but out of the wreckage of what sin would produce He would salvage many brands from the burning unto the praise of His glory through the sacrifice of Himself.

Long before the dawn of time, this wonderful plan of redemption was formed in the mind of our great God. The mysteries of God's grace will never be fathomed, but one thing we know and that is that God has done something for this lost world, and all that He will ever do for it in the future will be based upon the great event when God bore the sin of the world in redeeming love.

THE PROGRAM OF THE SAVIOUR

By Howard Vulgamore

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). "That time" was when Jesus heard that John the Baptist was cast into prison. He then departed into Galilee and came and dwelt in Capernaum "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet." Jesus was the Light and many of the people that walked in darkness saw this Great Light.

In the beginning of His ministry He began to preach and His initial message was, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." The kingdom was indeed "at hand" and in the sense that no known or predicted event must intervene in the setting up of the Davidic kingdom. But of course we know that the kingdom was rejected a short time thereafter. In reference to this message of Christ, so far as we are able to tell from the Scriptural records, He did not change it until very late in His public ministry.

Jesus Announces a Change in Plans

About 2½ years have elapsed since Christ began His public ministry. During this time the tide of opposition has been rising and it has now reached such an extreme that His death is constantly being plotted by the Jews, thus the shadow of the cross was falling across His path. After Peter's remarkable confession, revealed to him by God the Father, when Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus announces a change in plans within 8 months of the close of His ministry on earth.

Christ shifted to the new theme when He said, "I will build my church." Notice, first of all, that He didn't say, "I am building my church" or "I have been building my church," but He puts this in the future by saying, "I will build my church." Secondly, note that Jesus points to Himself as the builder—not Peter, not any man, nor even angels, but Jesus Himself. Thirdly, we see that the true church is never to be defeated—"the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Jesus tells us to "be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." We as individual believers have the power given to us to overcome because

"greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4).

Jesus Points to His Death

"From that time forth began Jesus to show unto His disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day" (Matt. 16:21). In almost the same breath Jesus justifies this announcement by prophesying the end



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to which He is to come at the hands of the Jews. Peter responded in a natural way, for he did not fathom the depth of the meaning of such a statement. Even within the 40 days following the resurrection of our Lord, we see the apostles still not clear concerning the swift-moving events; and so they asked a question that relates to this whole matter, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6).

The question gave evidence that they were confused concerning this part of that which they had been taught. But we know that upon the coming of the Holy Spirit, He would teach them all things and bring all things to remembrance, whatsoever Jesus had taught them (John 14:26). They had already been given this promise and were now assembled in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father when they asked this question. Our Lord did not rebuke them for their confusion nor for their curiosity. He only gave to their natural question a natural answer: "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power" (Acts 1:7). In the parable of the 10 pounds, Jesus had carefully prepared His disciples for

the long delay in the setting up of the kingdom by answering a thought of theirs, which was equivalent to their question (Luke 19:11-27). Furthermore, He had already told His disciples in the clearest terms that they would *share* in the kingdom when manifested on earth (Luke 19:27-28).

The World Is to Receive the Gospel

Jesus then outlined this alternative plan for them, a plan which should begin following the coming of the Holy Spirit upon them in Jerusalem. The first place in which they were to be witnesses was in the very place where they were. Then they were to reach unto their neighbors in Samaria and from there unto the uttermost parts of the earth until the Gospel reached all the gentile nations (Acts 1:8). Peter followed this command by beginning in Jerusalem (Acts 2:31-38). The Christians that were scattered by persecution preached this message in Judea (Acts 8:1-4); Philip reached into Samaria (Acts 8:5-12); Peter was the first to evangelize the gentiles (Acts 10:39-43), a task which Paul was to pursue. A study of the Scriptures reveals that this wonderful message never changed from that which came at the birth of the church.

In conclusion, let us look at a few sayings of our Lord Himself which, in the plainest language, assert the sacrificial meaning of His death. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Every man and woman is a sinner and deserves to be punished forever, and no one knew this as did the Son of God. That is why He left the glory of heaven and came to earth, because He knew we were lost and unable to do anything about our lost condition. Truly "He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities," only because He took on Himself our sins. He paid the wages of our sins which is death; and if we will accept His payment, we will be healed by His stripes so that we can receive the gift of eternal life. God didn't purchase us with the blood of His only Son because of what He found in us, but He saved us for what He is going to do for us.

THE TWOFOLD DEATH OF CHRIST

By Richard E. Grant

For nearly 20 centuries, Christendom has been looking back to the cross as the greatest event in history. As a result volumes have been written emphasizing the various aspects related to the event. As we approach the cross, and its message, consider with us the character of the death, for quite naturally the question arises as to what kind of death Christ experienced upon the cross. The Scriptures reply that He experienced a twofold death: Christ died both physically and spiritually as He hung between heaven and earth for our sins.

The Spiritual Death of Christ

1. The Crisis of Separation. The spiritual death of Christ took place when He uttered His fourth cry from the cross. When our Lord cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46), He died a spiritual death. The meaning of death is separation. It does not mean annihilation. God spoke to Adam, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17). Adam died a spiritual death at the time that he partook of the fruit; he was separated from God; he died a spiritual death.

2. The Curse of Separation. There was the awfulness of realizing that God was against Him. Christ was being progressively led on to that awful state of absolute separation from God. Christ regarded those who stood about the cross and cursed Him, as instruments of the wrath of God. Jesus knew that "thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above" (John 19:11).

In the last analysis, or rather in the first analysis as far as Christ was concerned, God was permitting all that was happening to Him. Christ was cognizant of the fact that the Scriptures said: "For he that is hanged is accursed of God" (Deut. 21:23). As He hung upon the tree Jesus had to apply this Scriptural utterance to Himself—He was a curse, an outcast before God. In the moments of death, He had to apply this revealed word to Himself. Christ had to pay the debt which His people

incurred; He was made sin for us; Christ went outside the gate of the city to die on Golgotha's hill as our scapegoat, as our Passover Lamb.

3. The Darkness of Separation. During those last 3 hours upon the cross, from noon till 3 o'clock, darkness fell upon the earth. Many have tried to give a natural explanation for this darkness. There isn't any satisfactory natural explanation for it. It certainly was not an eclipse. The Easter season coincided with the full moon, and when there is a full moon an eclipse is said to be impossible; the moon is then directly op-



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posite to the sun, a circumstance which cannot make an eclipse. This darkness was judgment upon Christ, who was bearing our sins. The darkness aggravated His sorrow until He cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" He was suffering the pains of hell. This darkness was the experience of hell known as "outer darkness." Jesus had previously taught this very truth about hell, and now He was experiencing it in our behalf.

4. The Absoluteness of Separation. The darkness which engulfed Christ caused Him to fully realize His absolute separation from God. He was not only separated from God but also from the benefits of God. The very gifts and graces with which God comforts and sustains His creatures were withdrawn. An unutterable picture of forsakenness was Christ as He hung in utter darkness without God and without the blessings of God. A picture that too few meditate upon. It is a picture that stimulates soul winning.

Consider what absolute separation from God meant to Jesus dying on the cross. The sun was taken away;

all was black and forboding; spiritual fellowship was withdrawn; no angels to support Him. The Holy Spirit did not give His usual comfort and strength. This is the negative side. On the positive side, we find God actively sending and permitting the torments of hell. The devils were released to do vengeance upon Him as He hung helplessly in the dark. This was the spiritual death, the spiritual separation from God that Christ experienced on the cross.

The Physical Death of Christ

1. The Crisis of Death. The physical death took place when He uttered His sixth cry from the cross. In Matthew 27:50 we find recorded: "Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost." This experience involved the separation of the spirit from the body, which is physical death. The Apostle James informs us about the nature of physical death in these words: "The body without the spirit is dead" (Jas. 2:26). When the spirit leaves the body, the body is dead. Therefore when Christ yielded up the ghost He died physically.

2. Voluntary Death. The words "yielded up the ghost" in Matthew 27:50 can be literally translated "dismissed His spirit." The Greek implies an act of the will. It was done voluntarily. Life was not taken from Christ, but rather He died by His own volition. Christ died for our sins voluntarily. In another place He said, "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself" (John 10:18). The physical death took place after Christ had already died spiritually. Both physical and spiritual death took place as Christ hung on the cross.

Result of Twofold Death of Christ

Jesus Christ, who was both man and God, died physically and spiritually upon the cross in order to fully satisfy the just demands of a holy God in respect to our sins. He allowed Himself to become our scapegoat, our Passover Lamb, in order to save us from the wrath that is our just desert. We are saved by the blood of the crucified one. Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

THE FINALITY OF THE CROSS

By Richard Jackson, Jr.

Once a year every year for hundreds of years the high priest of Israel entered the holy of holies, there to sprinkle blood upon the mercy seat for an atonement for his sins and the sins of his people. This ritual formed a picture of that which the great high priest would do in atoning for not only the sins of Israel but of the whole world. But the question is put, "Must He, too, as did the high priest of old, enter the holy of holies and offer Himself many times?" This question was pointedly and clearly answered by the Apostle Paul when he wrote his wonderful epistle to the Romans, "For in that he died, he died unto sin once for all" (Rom. 6:10, A.S.V. marg.). On the basis of this we have the Biblical teaching of the finality of the death of Christ or, as the title of this article puts it, the finality of the cross.

Final For Christ

That the cross was final for our Lord Himself is clearly seen in Scripture. There will be no repetition of that experience for Him. Concerning the offering of a sacrifice for sin and speaking for the death of Christ on Calvary's cross, Hebrews 7:27 says, "This he did once for all, when he offered up himself" (A.S.V.). Equally expressive are the words of Hebrews 9:28, "So Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many." Never again will the path that leads to Golgotha's brow feel the tread of His feet. Never again will the cruel nails feel the warmth of His flesh. Never again will the rough cross feel the weight of His body. When our blessed Lord cried out, "It is finished," and bowed His head in death, that death was final for Him, for He was soon to rise triumphantly from the grave as proof of His victory over death, never again to experience it.

How empty and meaningless, then, becomes the central and supreme act of worship of the Catholic Church in which the priest, by delegated authority, claims to change the bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ whose sacrifice on Calvary is then repeated by the breaking of that bread. What a travesty of the grace and mercy of God

is this in the face of the words of Peter, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins" (I Pet. 3:18).

The cross was final for Christ.

Final for the Saved

When Jesus Christ died on the cross He accomplished forever a complete and perfect redemption. Nothing can ever be added to it, nothing can ever be taken away. The cross provided a salvation for the believer which is full, finished, and secure. "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come,



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by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9:11-12).

The full meaning of this Scripture is beyond our comprehension. We cannot understand fully all that is entailed, but this much God's Word has made clear: what God has done in the past to provide salvation for man flows from Calvary.

What God is doing now in the matter of our present sanctification, "through the washing of water by the word," flows from Calvary, "by the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:10).

What God will do in the future as regards our glorification when we shall become like him, "for we shall see him as he is," flows from Calvary where full and final redemption was perfected forever, "for by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified" (Heb. 10:14).

A final salvation must include the

settlement of one's past sin, security for one's present life, and the sure hope for one's future. That is just what our salvation, wrought out for us once and for all time on the cross of Calvary, has done, is doing, and will always do for all believers. It is difficult to see that any more is needed or that any more could have been provided.

The crisis of the ages, which occurred at Calvary, provided for those who would believe an infinite and eternal redemption. The cross is final for the saved.

Final for the Lost

That beloved passage, John 3:16, epitomizes the work done at Calvary. For the believing a full, perfect, and final salvation is provided. But what of the unbelievers? What of the lost? John 3:18 answers this question: "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." At the cross there was redeeming love for a lost world, but beyond the cross there is nothing but wrath and judgment. Note the words of Hebrews 10:12-13, "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting..." Expecting what? To forgive? To redeem? To restore? See the clearness and finality of the remainder of verse 13: "Henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool."

God is not willing that one should perish, but He is clear and firm in telling us that if a lost world goes on sinning willfully in spurning the blood that was shed, scorning the love that was demonstrated, and rejecting the salvation that was provided, all at Calvary, then "there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries" (Heb. 10:26b-27).

Examine carefully, oh lost world, study fully, think clearly, for the mighty God has declared that for you, too, the cross is final.

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost" (John 19:30). That was final!

THE SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SINNER

By John W. Mayes

One of the beauties of our Bible is the vividness with which New Testament truth is taught in the Old Testament. Many Old Testament characters are types of New Testament personages; many Old Testament narratives are illustrations of New Testament doctrines. Such an illustration is found in the narrative of Abraham and Isaac on the mount of sacrifice, as recorded in Genesis 22:1-14.

Our salvation is based upon "substitutionary atonement." The understanding of this doctrine is a joy to every believer. Christ died for us, in our behalf, and in our stead. We need never die. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:10).

Abraham's Sacrifice

In Abraham's willingness to obey God, he undertook to do that which he could not in the least understand. To us who live on this side of the cross, that which Abraham could not understand has great meaning and blessing. God's command came to Abraham that he should take his only son, Isaac, and offer him as a sacrifice to God at the place God would make known. Abraham in obedience took Isaac, the wood, and the fire and began what to him must have seemed an endless journey. He must have pondered the promise of God, "In Isaac shall thy seed be called," and wondered how this sacrifice could lead to the fulfillment of that promise. But Abraham trusted God's word and knew that God would even raise his son Isaac from the dead if necessary to carry into fulfillment His promise.

As this father and son neared the place of sacrifice, Isaac questioned concerning that which was to be offered as a sacrifice, for he was of sufficient age to understand more of this than we often think. The answer of Abraham came back to him in wonderful words which touch our hearts as we understand the substitutionary death of Christ. "God will provide himself a lamb." Isaac willingly submitted to the sacrifice and Abraham made necessary and care-

ful preparations, each of which measured his love and devotion to his God. As he was ready to take the life of Isaac and to make to God his supreme sacrifice, God in miraculous power stayed his hand, speaking to him the comforting words, "Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing that thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from



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me." Abraham turned to see a ram caught in the thicket and rejoiced in the salvation brought to Isaac, and he offered the ram for a burnt-offering "in the stead of his son."

Our Need Greater Than Isaac's

Isaac needed a reprieve from death. This we all would count of great importance if we were in Isaac's place. Sometimes life seems of such great importance to us. We must stop to realize that our need was greater than Isaac's need. We needed payment for sin. We needed one to die in our stead in order that death, because of our own sinful guilt, might never be our portion. Thus our need was magnified by our own inability to work out any satisfactory solution which a holy God could ever receive.

God Did More

Our God has done more for us than Abraham could ever have done for God, so much more that even a comparison is inadequate. We may only state how much more God has done for us.

Even if Abraham would have sacrificed Isaac in completeness, it could never have paid for even Isaac's sin,

much less our sins. The death of any human individual cannot atone for sin. The death of the sinner at the second death is not sufficient to pay for sin and he must spend his eternity in separation from God. How much God has done for us to give the supreme sacrifice for our sins!

God's answer to our question about a sacrifice is greater than Abraham's answer to Isaac. To Isaac the answer was a ram caught in the thicket. To us the answer to our need for a sacrifice is Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, the Lamb. Abraham told Isaac that God would provide Himself a lamb. For us God did that to the fullest. He provided Himself a lamb in the person of His "only begotten Son," the only One of His kind, the Son of His promise. This gives us an insight into the reason beneath the providence of God which demanded the driving out of Ishmael from the house of Abraham. Abraham almost spoiled God's picture of His only Son when he ran ahead of God and brought Ishmael into the world, but by God's overruling of the impatience of Abraham, the command still came to him, "Take now thy son, thine only son." God did much more than Abraham when He gave His "only begotten Son" for us.

No Penalty for Us

For us this means that God has paid our due penalty for sin in the sacrifice of His Son. We who otherwise must die in punishment for sin are now alive in Jesus Christ. Our debt is paid. It is all finished because Christ died in our stead as our substitute.

In the face of this wonderful truth, the Word of God has a solemn warning to all who would discount the sacrifice so dear to God's own heart. Hebrews 2:3 says, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" The answer is clear and firm. None can ever escape. There is escape from the penalty of sin only in the substitute who died in our stead.

He bore my sins upon Himself,
And I my sins won't bear.
He gave to me God's life so free
And I His glory share.

A CROSS OR A CRUCIFIX?

By Evan Adams

The universally recognized symbol for Christianity is the cross. However, the cross as the sign of Christendom did not begin with the first followers of Christ nor with the first members of the church. The catacombs of Rome, subterranean burial chambers for the early Christians, contain the finest "galleries" of early Christian art, but they are lacking in representations of the cross. Only those chambers which have been dated later in history (cir. 400 A.D.) contain any crucifix markings. These inscriptions begin to appear as the more Biblical frescoes and paintings begin to be replaced by saints and other pagan imagery. Thus the use of the cross as a symbol came after the time of Constantine, the first Christian emperor of Rome (325 A.D.). It was then that the arms of the church were thrown open to embrace the world, to hug its superstitions and paganism to her bosom. Since that period the *crucifix* has become more and more a mark of "pagan Christianity."

The Crucifix

Unrighteous men have always tended to change the glory of God into a corruptible image (Rom. 1:23), and to worship and venerate objects and symbols on an equality with or above God. Such worship is not to be credited to so-called "pagan peoples" alone. In the days of Hezekiah, king of Judah, the children of Israel had begun to worship the brazen serpent made by Moses in the wilderness (II Ki. 18:4). This object which was to represent God's mercy and power to deliver from death, came to be worshiped above the God who had shown the mercy. The depraved mind of sinful man makes no distinction between the symbol and spiritual reality. He attributes power to wood and stone. When unregenerate men came into the church this same idolatry came with them. The external association could not change the man.

This attitude toward the cross as a *crucifix* lives in the Roman Catholic Church today. Though her leaders disclaim such idolatry by saying, "He [the Catholic] merely venerates or reverences the crucifix" (Father J. A. O'Brien, "Faith of Millions," p. 395), yet practice is the

only criterion for determining the true attitude of the church. This same author says the Roman Catholic Church "has for ages held this symbol [the crucifix] as the most sacred object in the world (ibid., p. 398). Again he says persons who are unable "to go to church may gain the indulgences by holding in the hand a crucifix specially blessed for this devotion" (ibid., pp. 413-414). One of the prayers offered by a Catholic in worship of the cross says, "Hail, O Cross, our only hope. We adore thy cross" (M. W. Foye, "Roman Rites," pp. 130-135). Oh that men would be so blind as to worship the "tree" and not the Saviour!



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The Fruits of the Crucifix

This "inherent-value theory" of the cross as a *crucifix* is but one of the many distortions of truth garbed in the black robe of Rome. This *crucifix* stands as the symbol of a system which permits man to do works to gain his salvation, which teaches men that her ordinances are "mystical graces" and "meritorious works." This is a system which denies the One who died there, making the work "of God of none effect by your tradition." The *crucifix* always pictures a dead Christ, ignoring that He lives today, a resurrected Saviour.

Especially as we approach the Easter season are we reminded of the fact that the Roman Catholics know only a *dead Jesus*. The pre-Lenten revelries, seen in the Catholic-dominated areas of the world, are not the result of the living Christ indwelling men. Our own country has a taste of this at the annual *Mardi gras* of New Orleans, which celebrates along with other worldly cities such as Buenos Aires, Nice,

Cologne. These riotous celebrations, condoned by the Church of Rome, are preparations for the season of Lent—pre-Easter. Since the Roman Catholic Church requires abstinence from the pleasures of the world during this 40-day period, it allows a period of unrestrained license for those who will soon be "deprived" of such pleasures for a season. Such spiritual blindness the Word of God rebukes in the words of the Apostle Paul: "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid" (Rom. 6:1-2).

The Cross Is a Historical Event

The cross to the Christian is not a thing, it is a historical event. This great event is the center and circumference of the Christian faith. All history before Calvary focused on the coming event, though unknown to the men who were the actors in the various roles of the historical pageant of the ages. All history since looks back to the moment when Christ cried, "It is finished!" All men have profited some way by the results. At this great event "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (II Cor. 5:19). No other event in history will ever see so much of the love and power of God manifest in one moment of time.

The Cross and the Christian

This same power of the cross can become a historical event in the life of every man who will but accept the One who died there for him. The one who has already felt the "power of God unto salvation" will produce fruits which are an evidence of a living, resurrected Lord. For the Christian every day should be a pre-Easter period, a time of meditation on the work of the cross. When one sees the cross it should tell him of the One who was "made a curse for us: for . . . cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Gal. 3:13). It should be a constant reminder to each to say, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

By Bill Smith

While in Washington, D. C., during the Christmas season, I saw a daily newspaper with the following headline: "No Bad News on Page One Today." This was unusual. People are anxious to hear good news. People all over the world are desiring to have their hopes raised to a higher level. We are tired of disappointments; we are tired of the discouraging peace talks; we are tired of false promises from our leaders. People today are looking for good news.

Good News for the World

The Bible tells us of the greatest news that has ever come to this world. It is the good news that the sin question has been settled once and for all by Jesus Christ the Son of God. When this news was first spread over the world, it changed the lives of men. It changed two brothers who were fishermen into soul winners; it changed a jailer into a rejoicing saint; it changed a persecutor of Christ into a dynamic evangelist. It is able to change the lives of men today.

We hear the term "Gospel" (good news) spoken of so many times that perhaps we are not clear in our minds as to what is meant by this term. Let me first say that the Gospel is *not preaching*. There are men who stand behind pulpits and preach but never mention the good news that saves a lost and dying world.

At the close of a religious service a gentleman approached Dr. D. M. Sterns with the criticism: "I don't like your way of preaching. I do not care for all this talk about Christ dying for the lost. Instead of preaching the death of Christ on the cross it's better to be up-to-date. Preach Jesus the Teacher and Example."

"Would you then be willing to follow Him, if I preach Christ as the great Example?" asked Dr. Sterns.

"I would," said the gentleman; "I will follow in His steps."

"Then," said Dr. Sterns, "let us take the first step: 'Who did no sin,' as we read in I Peter 2:22. Can you take this step?"

The critic seemed confused. "No," he said, "I do sin, I must admit."

"Well, then," said Dr. Sterns, "your first need of Christ is not as an Example, but as a Saviour."

The Gospel is not that the saved are *not going to hell*. Although this is a precious truth, it is not the basic fact of the Gospel.

Paul's Simple Gospel

There is a longing within men to hear again the Gospel that was preached to the early Christians; to know the heart of the Gospel preached by Paul. Let us look at a passage of Scripture that gives to us the *heart of the Gospel*.



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"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:1-4).

This passage presents to us Paul's "simple gospel." It is based on facts; the facts are connected with a person, one whom Paul calls Christ. These facts are few. He "died," He was "buried," and He "rose." The death of Christ for our sins and His resurrection were the great facts on which Paul insisted as the foundation of the Gospel.

Paul preached the Gospel "according to the scriptures"—the fact that the Messiah was to die as a propitiation for sin had been revealed in the Old Testament. That the death of Christ as an atoning sacrifice was predicted by the law and the prophets is the constant doctrine of the New Testament. *The heart of the Gospel* is this Gospel that was

preached by Paul. This Gospel is from above. It is not of human origin, but of divine revelation. In verse 3—"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received"—Paul tells us he did not conceive this Gospel, but that he received it. This same Gospel is available to all who call upon the name of the Lord. This Gospel may be heard and it may be read, but unless it is received it is vain. These brethren received this Gospel and Paul said to them, "Ye are saved." This may be true of the lost today; the Gospel received will bring salvation.

This Gospel Is Effective

A preacher in Georgia tells the following: "When I was pastor in Macon, Ga., I saw a distinguished-looking man in the congregation. When I greeted him at the close of the service I was startled to hear him say, 'I am Green-Eye Johns.' I had heard that name as that of the operator of a saloon and gambling hall. It was evident that an act of providence had brought him there. Tears welled in his eyes as I talked with him; he requested that I come to his home the next morning.

"It was a day never to be forgotten. I tried to make the way of salvation plain. In the evening I left him smitten by conviction over the enormity of his sins. Early next morning he was ringing my doorbell. 'Come in,' I said, 'and tell me about it.'

"'It was 1 o'clock this morning,' he said. 'I was reading the Scriptures you marked for me when the light came. Now I want you to come and help me get my wife saved.'

"I went, and that day again salvation came to that house. He moved away and engaged in the syrup business. A couple of years later I had a letter from his wife telling me he was ill. I went to see him. When I was taking my leave, he reached out his fevered hand and said: 'Good-by; I'll soon be in heaven with the Lord, and when you come, there will be an old saved saloonkeeper waiting to give you a royal welcome.' A week later I received a telegram telling me he had gone on to be with the Saviour."

I say to you, beloved: thank God for a Gospel to preach that saves.

THE CONCERN OF OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS

By John S. Teeter

On the mount of transfiguration there were three prominent figures. The greatest of the three was Christ, who was transformed before the eyes of all the onlookers. The other two important personages were Moses and Elijah, representatives of the Old Testament economy. Moses was the great lawgiver of Israel and Elijah was a great prophet. These two men saw Christ as He would be someday in His glory, the King of kings and Lord of lords, but they did not talk merely about His kingdom—they talked about His death. "And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem" (Luke 9:30-31). This is an intimation that these prophets knew that before the crown was the cross. This Scripture brings one to the subject at hand: Why were Old Testament saints concerned about the cross?

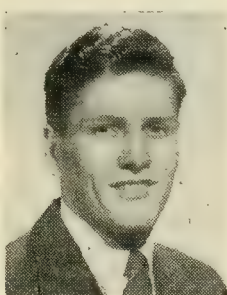
The Cross Fulfilled Scripture

The cross was necessary to fulfill the Old Testament Scriptures in order to vindicate God's righteousness. Jesus, after His resurrection, appeared to the two saints who were walking to Emmaus and after He heard their story He said unto them: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:25-26). During Jesus' ministry of word and work many things were done "in order that the scripture might be fulfilled." This truth is especially noted during His passion week. When the soldiers were taking his coat they said: "Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots" (John 19:24; see also John 19:28, 36-37).

The Cross Explained Scripture

The cross was necessary in order that the Old Testament Scriptures might be understood. The prophets

who wrote the Holy Scriptures did not understand entirely what they wrote. Peter said that they "inquired and searched diligently" concerning this salvation about which they had prophesied (I Pet. 1:10). They did not understand the nature and the time of the coming of the Messiah. "Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow" (I Pet. 1:11). They confused the two comings—His first coming to



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suffer and His second coming in glory. The cross explained the confusion. The cross brought meaning to the Old Testament sacrificial system in that the cross was the substance which the system foreshadowed. Christ was "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8; I Pet. 1:20).

The Cross Pictured in Sacrifices

When the high priest went into the most holy place once every year on the Day of Atonement, and offered the blood on the mercy seat as a propitiatory sacrifice, he was prefiguring the occasion when Christ, the true High Priest, would "neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood" enter into the holy place to obtain "eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9:12), not only for us of this dispensation, but also for those of the Old Testament dispensation. "And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the

promise of eternal inheritance" (Heb. 9:15).

The Old Testament sacrifices only covered up sin or passed over sin until the time when the true sacrifice would be made to "put away sin" (Heb. 10:4). The cross vindicated God for passing over the sins of the past. "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God" (Rom. 3:25); "but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Heb. 9:26).

The Cross Meant Redemption

The cross in substantiating the written word substantiated the salvation of the Old Testament saints whose salvation rested upon the authority of the Word. They were saved by faith looking forward to the cross, while Christians today are saved by faith looking back to the cross. Paul says concerning Timothy: "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3:15). These were the Old Testament Scriptures. Paul also said that the Gospel was preached unto Abraham: "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed" (Gal. 3:8). Those who perished in the wilderness during the 40 years' wandering of the children of Israel perished because of unbelief in the Gospel. "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it" (Heb. 4:2).

God gave the Old Testament saints an opportunity to be saved by faith in Christ who would die for their sins, and He also is giving you an opportunity to be saved by simple faith in Christ who has borne your sins in His body on the tree. If you have not availed yourself of this free gift of salvation, do it today, for "how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation" (Heb. 2:3).

LET'S SING!

By Rev. Ralph Colburn, Winona Lake, Ind.

"And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord" (Psa. 40:3).

A singing church is a happy church. And usually a singing church is a growing church. Hearty congregational singing is one of the best common denominators of man, and lifting one's voice in song is one of the happiest instincts of the human being. Nine out of every ten people can sing a little, and the rest can make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Every religion has its music and chants, but in most non-Christian religions the music is in a minor key. But in living, vital Christianity alone do we really have something to sing about!

Good singing warms the heart, lifts the soul, and attracts the interest. A good song service is one of the best creators of moods and attitudes we can possibly use. Yet in some of our churches the song service seems only a device to consume time while everyone is arriving, and in others no planning whatever is given to it—it is left entirely to chance.

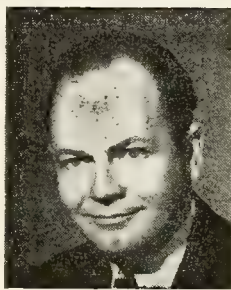
It is no accident or happenstance that the greatest evangelistic movements of recent centuries have been led by teams—an evangelist and a song leader, sometimes with the addition of other musicians. It is no secret that many people attend such meetings, and choose churches, and Gospel radio broadcasts, because the music is good.

A good choir and talented soloists are tremendous assets to any church. But even lacking these, a church can develop a splendid reputation for its music if its congregational singing is enthusiastic and hearty. Most people love to sing, and even those who can't sing enjoy hearing a congregation lifting its voice in song.

I'm no expert on this subject, but I love good singing, and I've observed a lot of things in my ministry. I believe that there is but one requisite to a good song service in a group of Christian people—and that's a good leader. A careful selection of good songs helps, and good instrumental accompaniment helps, but some of the best song services I've seen lacked both of these latter features.

A good leader is one who can inspire the people to sing. Whether he does it with his personality, his voice,

his arm-waving, or his conversation, is relatively unimportant. Usually it's a combination of two or more of these things. But he must be able to inspire people to join their voices in song. Not too many of our churches are blessed with people who are "naturals" for song leading. But tragically, many of our churches are neglecting the development of "po-



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tentials" who would be, and could be, excellent song leaders. Almost anyone who enjoys music can learn to be a good song leader. For some it will take more effort than others, but I know it can be done. I've seen some of the most unlikely prospects become excellent song leaders—because they wanted to be, and because they really worked at it until a real degree of excellence was attained.

Every pastor who is his own song leader, and every church song leader could profit greatly by reading, and rereading occasionally, such books as Tovey's "Applied Song Directing" or Rodeheaver and Ford's "Song Leadership."

The next most important feature of a good song service is the selection of songs. I've developed some very positive ideas on this, with which you may disagree. But I believe every song service ought to be opened with a good rousing song of praise—a song that challenges and lifts the heart. I'm not sold on always opening the morning service with the Doxology, although I like it and would use it often. I'd like to try a verse of a song like "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" every Sunday for a month or two, as an opener, then change to another song for a month or two, through the year. Maybe it wouldn't work, but I'd like to try it.

Another positive idea I have on song services and special music: I believe we ought to give them as much careful and prayerful thought and preparation as we give to selecting and arranging our sermon subjects—not as much time as we give to sermon preparation, but the time it deserves as an introduction for the sermon. Wise and happy is the pastor who really works closely with his music director on the selection and arrangement of the entire musical portion of the services!

That doesn't mean that we should never allow the congregation to select the songs we sing. I think that's a fine practice, but the song leader ought to pick the first song and the last one in the song service. He can still create the spirit he wants for the service that way.

Let's introduce and use new songs frequently. There are dozens of wonderful, singable songs in most of our hymnbooks which we've never used. Learning a new song requires a little planning and preparation, but it's rewarding.

Good instrumental accompaniment is the third important aid to a good song service. The two things that make a good pianist or organist for a service is the ability to maintain proper tempo, and the ability to follow the leader. Excellence of skill and improvising are fine, but not so important as these. Many of our churches are short on pianists and organists, and sometimes I wonder if we encourage our young people to develop talents along these lines. I've been in churches where promising young people were denied the use of the church piano or organ to practice and develop skills which the church will later need! Such a church deserves a shortage of players! I know of churches who even subsidize promising young pianists and organists, paying a part of their lesson costs. That could become a problem, but it's worth considering if you need to develop such talent for your church.

Good music in a church is not accidental. Let's give it the attention it deserves, and see if we can't develop the reputation for excellent singing and music that will attract others to our churches, and to our Saviour.



Leon, Iowa

Since Rev. R. H. Kettell left for Portis, Kans., in December we have held all the regular services of the church. The prayer meetings, averaging 50 per night, have been conducted by various members of the congregation.

The congregation has not yet secured a pastor, but the pulpit has been filled by the following: Rev. Victor Rogers, Rev. Marion Gates, Rev. Leslie Hutchinson, Rev. Leslie Moore, Rev. Robert Williams, and Brother Young, of Goshen, Ind., who conducted the New Year's watch night service. Also we have had the Bob Jones University picture, "The Light of the World," and Rev. T. D. Thatch, the film evangelist, showed "The Life of Christ" to us at one service.

The March meeting of the Decatur County Songfest was held in the auditorium of our church.—Odo G. McKern, vice moderator.

Ankenytown, Ohio

The First Brethren Church of Ankenytown recently concluded revival services with Rev. Lee Jenkins, of Lake Odessa, Mich., as the evangelist.

In some respects this was the most unusual revival ever held in this church. The pastor became ill on Wednesday of the first week and had his appendix "excavated" on Friday. It was the last day of the campaign before he was able to return and assist with the services. This limited the amount of calling and witnessing done. During this time the evangelist was also the song leader.

There were eight decisions during the meetings, two of which were first-time decisions for salvation. The ministry of Brother Jenkins was greatly appreciated by the Ankenytown people.—Wesley Haller, pastor.

Buena Vista, Va.

Rev. Conard Sandy was God's messenger in our Bible conference March 2-9. It was a blessing to labor with Brother Sandy, and our people were faithful in supporting the meet-

ings. The average attendance during the week nights was 162 and the church building was filled for the Sunday services. It was a pleasure to have Brother Sandy's mother and his brother and family with us for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning services—they live at Palmyra, Pa.

This was a Bible conference that seemed also like a revival meeting. There were 12 public decisions for Christ—three of which were for salvation. We are praising the Lord for these decisions because of what they mean in the lives of several families. The messages were a real blessing to our hearts and gave us a challenge to be true and faithful to our Lord.—Galen M. Lingenfelter, pastor.

San Diego, Calif.

The period February 3-17 was a time of blessing in our church. An epidemic of flu and virus pneumonia kept many from the meetings, but each evening a goodly number gathered to hear Rev. Robert Ashman, of Winona Lake, Ind., as he opened the Word of God.

The afternoon Happy Hour with the children, enlivened by magic stunts and hearty chorus singing, was well attended and brought many decisions. Brother Ashman has a real ability in reaching the children for the Lord.

Some people accepted the Lord as Saviour, others renewed their covenants with Him. Six have been baptized and received into the church as a result of the meetings. The fellowship and ministry of Brother Ashman has been profitable to all of us.—Mrs. Helen Lee, church clerk.

YFC INTERNATIONAL MEETS AT WINONA LAKE JUNE 29-JULY 13

The eighth annual convention of Youth for Christ International is scheduled for Winona Lake, Ind., June 29-July 13, 1952. The 1951 conference brought the greatest number of people ever to gather at Winona Lake in its history as a Christian conference site.

Among the speakers are Rev. Jack Wyrzten, Dr. Percy Crawford, Dr. William Culbertson, Mr. Howard Butt, Stuart Hamblen, and Jim Vaus. Many others known for their work with the young people are planning to attend and speak. The music will be under the supervision of Mr. Don DeVos.

Browsing Among The Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

FROM CANA TO CALVARY, by Harry Rimmer. 136 pp. Cloth. Wm. B. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Mich. c1940. \$1.50.

In this book the writer presents meditations on five of the great events in the Lord's life as recorded in the Gospel of John, namely, the miracle of Cana, Jesus and the woman at the well, the last supper, the garden experience, and Calvary. He shows how each made a unique contribution in the great ministry of Christ and how they affect the life of anyone who responds by faith to the call of Christ. This book, written as it is in Dr. Rimmer's unique and dynamic fashion, is a great testimony to the grace and glory of our Lord. You will find it especially appropriate for the Easter season.—Blaine Snyder.

KOKO AND THE TIMBER THIEVES, by Basil Miller. 71 pp. Cloth. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. \$1.00.

Here is a book for our juvenile readers. Koko is a "super" dog, thoroughly trained by his master, Kris Cory, and with enough wolf in him to make him border on the wild side. In this story the Larson Lumber Camp is under contract to deliver a half-million feet of logs by a set deadline. But there is a gang of thieves who apparently stop at nothing to hold up production and delivery of the Larson lumber. If they can prevent the delivery the Larsons will go bankrupt and be forced out of their timber land. Blown-up roads, wrecked machinery—well, you will have to read the book and see what all they did do in their attempt to ruin the Larsons. You will also read how God answered prayer and saved the estate. Your blood pressure might go up, but you will keep on reading to the end of the story! This is not all, for there is a whole series of books about Koko, the great wonder dog of the north woods.—Blaine Snyder.



Brethren Sunday School Literature

By the Editor

On January 1, 1948, the Brethren Missionary Herald Company promoted a through-the-Bible Sunday school course and began at once to produce literature for such a course. The response has been excellent.

It is the purpose of this course to take the pupil through the Old Testament once in 10 years and through the New Testament twice in the same time. Sometimes the lessons are long, that is true, and of necessity they must be thus. However, the end result is that one has been through the entire Bible and not only very small parts of it as is done if some other lesson plans are followed.

Mastering the Lesson

Both teachers and pupils sometimes find it difficult to get over all of the assigned portion of the Word of God. That is to be expected. It is far better to have too much material to study than to have too little for the time and purpose allotted. Yet, if one gives diligence to this task of studying the Book, he will find that it is possible to cover most of the lesson in each case and to get the over-all picture of God's truth for His own people in this day.

Division of Quarterlies

At the present time the National Sunday School Board is working with the Brethren Missionary Herald in this great task of getting out God's Word in a usable manner for our Sunday schools.

Three quarterlies are now being produced. They are the Brethren Quarterly for Young People and Adults, the Brethren Junior-Intermediate Quarterly and the Brethren Teacher to be used with both of the pupils' quarterlies. A committee has been appointed by the two boards and is now at work looking forward to the dividing of these two pupils' quarterlies, and also considering the addition of other quarterlies for the children's divisions of our Sunday schools. However, our denomination is not large, and in these things we

dare not move too rapidly, for financial reasons.

Writers of the Quarterlies

The writers of these quarterlies, for the most part, are pastors and pastors' wives—men and women who are acquainted with the problems and desires of the people where they live. We believe this adds interest and merit to our quarterlies.

Family Altar Suggestions

In the Brethren Quarterly for Young People and Adults there is a guide for daily devotions or the family altar. These suggestions can be followed by individuals or by family groups. If they are followed carefully and prayerfully they will prove a great help to all of our Brethren in getting acquainted with God's Word and in studying the lesson for the following Sunday.

The New Quarter

A new quarter begins next Sunday, April 6. We pray for each church God's richest blessing as these quarterlies are used. We hope all the Brethren Sunday school pupils will use their quarterlies and will follow the family altar suggestions. If your Sunday school is not using our own lesson material, why don't you find out why, and if there is a valid reason for not following these lessons, please let us know at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. We want to produce the best quarterly possible for all the Brethren.

SHE LIKES HER CHURCH PAPER

In writing to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Mrs. Regina Moulton, of Cumberland, Md., said: "Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for such a fine magazine. I can't think of any way that it might be improved. I figure that I get more value out of this \$2 subscription than out of anything else that I might buy. To me your magazine is tops in spiritual help and good reading. More power to you."

Dr. Harry Rimmer, one of the great defenders and propagators of the faith in our time, died at his home in Pacific Palisades, Calif., on March 19. The private memorial service was held at the Hollywood Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 22.

Dr. Rimmer was well known to Brethren people, having spoken in some of our churches and at our National Conference on several occasions. He also was a special lecturer for Grace Theological Seminary.

AMERICAN COUNCIL TO MEET IN SCRANTON, PA., APRIL 30

The American Council of Christian Churches will hold its spring convention April 30-May 2 in Scranton, Pa., with headquarters in the Jermyn Hotel. The theme of the conference this year is "Set for the Defence of the Gospel" (Phil. 1:17). There will be afternoon and evening sessions each day, open to the public.

Among the leaders who are active in the American Council the following will speak: Dr. Harlee Bordeaux, Dr. Carl McIntire, Dr. Robert Ketcham, Rev. W. O. H. Garman, the Hon. James Bennet, and the council's president, Dr. W. W. Breckbill.

Among the other speakers to be heard at the convention are Rev. H. G. Braunlin, Dr. Paul R. Jackson, Rev. Jack Murray, Rev. Howard W. Kiefer, Rev. George Kyrk, Rev. Jesse Anderson, Bishop Herbert H. Elliott, and Mrs. Rosalie M. Bryson.

Two people were received into the Whittier, Calif., church by baptism on March 9.

Dr. Louis Talbot is scheduled to speak at the Glendale, Calif., church on April 6.

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***GIVE AND IT SHALL BE
GIVEN UNTO YOU !***

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard
Editor, Foreign Mission Number

The Lord's Business

It's the Lord's business to tell us how much we should give to foreign missions this year. It's our business to tell of the needs, the opportunities, and to report what your gifts in past years have accomplished for lost souls. Then it is our further business to "pray . . . the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest," and that He will indicate to all of us just how much we should give for the support of those workers and that work. We are appalled when we realize that with every tick of the watch, with every beat of the heart, another soul goes out into a Christless eternity. *Eighty-three per minute*, we are told, go out into this terrible doom.

Our Something Is Not Enough!

We are doing something for these lost millions, but our something isn't enough. With 19 out of every 20 people born in the world never coming to a personal knowledge of the Lord, our efforts certainly should be increased. In the non-Christian world there is only one ordained missionary for every 183,000 people, while in the United States of America there is one ordained minister for every 546 people. Considering missionaries of all classes, the ratio in heathen lands, as recently reported, is as follows:

Latin America	.....one to every 31,000
Africa	.....one to every 17,000
India and Pakistan	.....one to every 101,000
Southeast Asia	.....one to every 148,000
The island world	.....one to every 63,000
Japan	.....one to every 67,000
China, Europe, and Central Asia	...no estimate given, since such great parts of these areas are completely closed to all Gospel testimony.

A New Bible?

No; the "Revised Standard Version" of the Bible is just a new translation owned and copyrighted by the modernistic National Council of Churches and prepared by a group of their "liberal" scholars. A very sane evaluation from the fundamentalist viewpoint is presented in an editorial in United Evangelical Action for March 1, 1952, as follows:

"They have translated not only words but their ideas into the text. For instance, there is a subtle attack on

the deity of Christ. The word 'thou' is used in addressing deity and the word 'you' in addressing man. Christ is frequently, if not altogether, addressed as 'you.' Again, quotation marks are used to differentiate between the words of God and Christ and the writers of the books. Thus, John 3:16 is taken out of the mouth of Christ and put in the category of the 'opinion of the anonymous author of the gospel.' Unitarians will enjoy reading these subtleties and naive evangelicals will find themselves unconsciously admitting that Jesus Christ is not God."

Two Postage Stamps Honor God's Word!

One of these stamps is issued in Brazil, South America, and the other in the United States of America. Brazil is making a very definite attempt to encourage the reading of the Bible as the Word of God. We are most happy to have these beautiful stamps in circulation, but we are made sad by the rather apologetic announcement made regarding the issuing of the stamp here in the United States—that the new stamp was designed primarily to honor the new printing method inaugurated 500 years ago in the publication of the Gutenberg Bible.

Good, But It Could Be So Much Better

The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches made a commendable record in Christian giving last year—approximately \$90 per member. Compared to the average for all Protestantism we did quite well; that average was only \$32 per member. But there are other groups we must honor in the matter of giving: the Free Methodists gave \$163 per member, the Seventh Day Adventists gave \$143 per member, and the Wesleyan Methodists gave \$114 per member. There is but one conclusion—the Brethren Church hasn't reached the saturation point in the matter of giving, and we are not less wealthy; neither do we love the Lord less than these other groups.

How Do We Compare?

Rome recently issued a statement saying that the lack of priests is the greatest problem of Roman Catholicism in Latin-American countries. They claim only 25,000 priests for the 154,000,000 people in these lands. Latin America has 35 percent of the world's Catholics and only 7 percent of her priests. Every priest has a responsibility

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ity for 6,160 people. The figures quoted above will show that to date the evangelical believers have done only about one-fifth as well.

New Missionaries Add to Our Challenge

There are at least *five* new missionary families and *three* single ladies to go to our mission fields during the next 6 or 8 months, and another *five* families will be ready to go during the remaining months of 1953. What can be done depends so much on this year's foreign mission offering.

The first year after leaving the United States is by far the most expensive year for every missionary. Including outfit, its transportation to the field and customs; study in France for those going to Africa; housing; passage to the field; and the allowance, which is certainly small enough; a missionary family costs between \$5,000 and \$7,500 during that first year, depending on the field of service and the number in the family.

Can you see why, even though we yearn that every family prepared and approved may sail without delay, we approach the matter prayerfully, almost with fear and trembling?

I TOOK THE MINUTES

By Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman, Recording Secretary

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church

Taking minutes is usually not a very thrilling exercise. At least I've never found it so. However, I was privileged to take the minutes during portions of the recent meeting of the board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society at Winona Lake, Ind. *And taking those minutes did something to me!*

Yes, I've always known there were missionaries on the fields. I've been told that it is expensive to keep them there. I've heard that there were never enough of them and that there was always too much to do. I've been informed of the large number of applicants who await board action. Yes, I've read all the letters, viewed the posters, given gifts—but never have I realized the magnitude of the foreign mission enterprises of our church as I do now. *Those minutes stirred me up!*



Rev. Kenneth Ashman

Three sheets of paper were spread out before me: one for the official minutes, one for ideas gleaned for sermons and propaganda, and one for items which called for much prayer. It was that third sheet that challenged my soul. Let me show you what I mean. Some 70 young people came before the board, or their written applications were considered. Such examples of faith and fortitude I have never seen before. Here are some actual statements of these applicants—and what I wrote on paper No. 3:

"I have a passion to reach the heathen who have never been privileged to hear the Gospel story." And I wrote, "Brother, you'll get that opportunity—IF!"

"I am not too concerned about where my expensive outfit will come from; I know God will supply." And I wrote, "Yes, God will supply that outfit—IF!"

"I'll stay in a home mission field if the board so directs, but I am called to Brazil; please hurry!" And I wrote, "We'll get you to Brazil in a bigger hurry than you think—IF!"

"After one of our seminary mission sessions, my wife and I went into a room apart, knelt before the Lord, and gave our lives for His service in foreign fields. What is

our next step?" Again I wrote, "Your next step is to finish your course, secure your visas, arrange passage, pack an outfit, and hurry to the field, and we'll help you do that—IF!"

Now, why the big "IF" all the time? That is what stirred me up. You see, your foreign mission board accepted and approved every available, qualified applicant. Their approvals will stand, and these sorely needed missionaries will go forth on schedule IF our finances will allow. Your board ordered some badly needed automobiles, approved some necessary constructions, made some medical appropriations, expanded into new fields, increased some allowances—all of these actions on the assumption that our Easter offering will be greatly increased this year above all previous offerings. If we Brethren people refuse to allow the Lord to supply the need through us, financially, then this forward-looking program will have to be reversed and we'll have to retreat, just when victory in our fields is in sight.

I've always favored foreign missions—now I'm on fire for foreign missions. You see, I received an intimate view of missionaries and missionary needs *when I took the minutes*. I have but one regret. I wish you could have taken the minutes, too. I'm sure that your heart would have burned as did my own. I'm sure you would have left the room at times to breathe a prayer for faith and wisdom as did every board member. I'm sure you would have voted "Yes" for every forward move. I'm sure you would have come away with a new missionary fervor and passion.

I'm expecting to revise my third sheet of minutes. What will I do? After Easter, when the reports are all tabulated, I expect to go down through those minutes and cross out every "IF."

ONE FOOT IN THE DOOR

A one-legged school teacher from Scotland came to J. Hudson Taylor to offer himself for service in China.

"Why do you, with only one leg, think of going as a missionary?" asked Taylor.

"I do not see those with two legs going, so I must," replied George Scott.

He was accepted.

BALZER BUILDS BUILDINGS

By Dr. Orville D. Jobson

For many years one of the greatest needs of the African mission was a missionary who knew how to build and could devote all his time to construction. God met that need in 1946 by sending Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Balzer to the field. Before our Brother Balzer came on the scene, the building on the mission was done by busy missionary pastors, and in some cases by registered nurses. Each one did what he could in those early days to have a house in which to live, and other necessary buildings such as dispensaries, storehouses, and so forth. Some of those early constructions still stand, and many of them will continue to serve the purpose for a long time to come. Others were experiments which have long since been torn down or eaten by white ants.

But now almost all of the construction has been assumed by our faithful builder. The missionary pastors and nurses can devote their entire time to the work for which they are prepared. God has not only supplied the builder, but the equipment needed to do the work. First of all, there is the new powerful Dodge truck that will carry up to 6 tons of building equipment, such as cement and lumber—sometimes these two items must be transported two or three hundred miles. The truck also serves to haul logs from the forest to the sawmill. Then the sawmill, sent to the field in 1930, is again in good working condition. The new Ford V8 power unit, furnished by the Brotherhood of Alexander Mack of the Johnstown, Pa., church, is sufficient to saw the hardest of timber. A planer, jointer, small electric equipment, and many other up-to-date tools make it possible for Brother Balzer to build good substantial modern buildings.

As the Balzers must always live where the construction work is going on, they have a good roomy trailer house which is moved from one building site to the other. So far they have lived at Bekoro, M'Baiki, Bo-

zoum, and Nzoro, although their official residence is Yaloke. Here they reside when he is operating the sawmill. The missionaries are always glad to see the Balzers come to their station with the trailer, for when they go away they leave behind one or more good adequate buildings. So far, including those under construction, Brother Balzer has built six missionary residences, four dispensaries, classroom building at the Bible Institute, chapel, and other smaller buildings.

We are truly grateful for the Balzers. We thank God that He sent them to Africa. Their sacrifice for the Lord is real, and they are a continual challenge to all of us. Their work is hard and dangerous. Living year in and year out in a trailer is not too comfortable. They have many heartaches with the specialists and workmen. But when all is said and done, they are happy in their work and I am sure the Lord is pleased with their unselfish and willing service. Wherever they go Mrs. Balzer is welcome as a teacher of women and children and an excellent music instructor. Remember to pray for the Balzers!



THEN!

A Native Sawmill



NOW!

The Sawmill Building at Yaloke

GLEANNINGS

From the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church—February 12-20, 1952

Reports from every field were thrilling. Our foreign mission program was never reaching more souls for Christ than now. Upon hearing the reports we could only say, "Thank you, Lord."

A new mission book is to be published. Miss Mary Emmert, who spent many years in Africa, is the author and the book is the thrilling story of her years in Africa. A copy will be presented, as our award of appreciation, to every family giving a sufficient gift to entitle them to membership in our Society.

Increases in allowances have been made so that all missionaries on furlough will now receive \$100 per month per adult, plus the allowance for children. Not the years on the field, but the year at home has been hard financially for the missionaries. We have tried to help alleviate this. *Children's allowances* have also been increased, especially as they apply to those children left in this country for their education while the parents return to the field.

Over 70 applications were considered, most of the applicants being interviewed personally. An interview takes from one-half to one hour. I wish you could sit in on many of these interviews—unless you have a heart of stone you would shed some tears of joy.

At least three new projects were approved. These are in addition to all former approved projects, some of which have not been accepted or supplied. The new projects are:

1. A motorboat for use on the Ouham River in the Bouca field, Africa. This will enable the opening of many new villages for evangelization—villages now available only after long miles of walking. This project will cost a minimum of \$500, plus delivery and customs.

2. Carpenter tools for the leper village in Africa. Lepers improve more rapidly if they have a controlling interest. We desire them not only to be saved and healed, but to be useful members of their society. This project will cost probably between \$100 and \$200. Good used tools could be used in this project. Write the general secretary if you are interested.

3. Dispensary equipment. Dispensaries are really hospitals. There are four of these to be fully equipped, and the three older ones are to have many items of equipment added. Each dispensary will cost about \$1,100 when transportation and customs are also considered. However, individual items may be taken as projects—ranging in cost from \$5 to \$200, and various departments in each dispensary from \$100 to \$400. This project deals with Africa, but we have greatly needed projects for the other fields as well. We would be glad to correspond with any interested people.

Buildings and larger equipment authorized include a twin residence (two family) at the Bible Institute in Africa; the purchase of the mission property at Icoaraci, Brazil; additional buildings, including a garage, at Macapa, Brazil; a new one-ton pickup truck for Brazil; a

new pickup truck for Africa; the purchase of large amounts of hardware, etc.

The installation of a freight elevator at the Missionary Residence in Winona Lake was approved. Most missionary outfits are boxed in the basement of the residence, and those who have seen it know how very difficult it is to get these boxes out for shipment. This elevator should be installed for less than \$500.

Health care of all missionaries. For many years part of the health care of missionaries has been considered as the responsibility of the Society, but missionaries have found it difficult to care for their part. The responsibility of the Society has been extended to include all medical care on the field and at home resulting from authorized examinations. Dental and optical care continue to be the responsibility of the missionary.

—Russell D. Barnard, General Secretary.

MEAT FOR SUPPER

By Miss Grace Byron, Bassai, French Equatorial Africa

One morning when the cook came to light the fire to heat the Icy Ball Refrigerator, he saw an animal run into the chicken yard. It was still dark and he could not see what it was. I heard him shouting and went outside to see what was going on. There he was, standing on a ladder that was leaning against a tree and shouting for someone to come to help him. He told me that he saw an animal run into the chicken yard. A few days previously a leopard had killed one of my mother goats just a short distance from the chicken house, so without asking, I concluded it was another leopard.

At that moment the guard was passing, so I called to him and told him there was an animal in the chicken yard. He ran to his house, grabbed his bow and some arrows and a couple of hunting clubs, and was back in no time. He stood watch while the cook ran down the ladder and got a bucket of water and a tin can to dip with. He sprinkled the grass roof of the chicken house nearest the tree. Then he climbed the ladder again and set fire to the grass he had stuffed into the hollow trunk of the tree. After the grass burned and smoked for awhile, he pulled out some of it and out ran the animal. Zoom, went an arrow from the guard's bow right into the little fellow's head and he dropped to the ground—dead!

The cook then came down the ladder, got a can of water, and went back up again. Acting as a one-man fire department, he proceeded to put out the fire in this manner—he filled his mouth full of water and squirted it on the burning grass until the fire was quenched. He pulled out the remaining grass and threw it on the ground; then he came down the ladder for the last time. He inspected his trophy and gave it to the guard. The guard skinned and dressed the animal, then he gave it to his wife to cook. He had meat for supper, and that was the end of the little brown squirrel!

OUR ASSIGNMENT

(Editor's Note—Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Miller and two daughters, Joan Marie and Mary Lee, arrived in Belem, Brazil, on March 12. Their first task in this new land will be to get settled and into language study. The Millers are members of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. Paul is a brother of Don Miller, who is studying in France in preparation for missionary service in Africa, and a nephew of Miss Estella Myers, pioneer missionary in our field in Africa.)

"THEREFORE HAVE I SET MY FACE LIKE A FLINT" (Isa. 50:7)

Our Lord pursued the path which God the Father had ordained was necessary for Him to tread if a helpless, lost human race was ever to be redeemed. He did so with calm precision, meeting and handling each exigency of His work in a manner which did not for an instant turn His face from running the complete course straight through to Calvary. With the Gospel foundation fitly framed it was now ready to be built upon, so He turned to those who were committed to His service and said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." With a clear assignment and a perfect example for procedure, our human responsibility looms before us and we fall on our faces before God and beseech Him for a degree of the determination to do His will that Jesus had as He performed His earthly ministry.

Brazil is one of the "nations" which we have been commanded to "teach" and minister to, and she stands today as a unique opportunity in many ways as a mission field. It is our happy privilege to be the third family to enter the Amazon area on behalf of the Brethren missionary effort there. The field is wide open for workers to enter at the present time—this is surely different from most Latin-American territories.

Each time we review the incidents in our lives since we committed ourselves to foreign service, it is impossible to fail to see the faithfulness of God. Steps taken timidly and nervously at first have gained confidence as He has confirmed this as His will for us.

Through a flurry of last-minute preparations and final farewells the vision of Brazil grows clearer. For it is here that we believe God has called us to "set" ourselves for the defense of the faith, and the spreading of the redemption story.

—J. Paul Miller.

WHY BRAZIL?

"Why do you want to go so far away when there is so much to do at home?" This question has been asked us more than any other recently. Indeed, this is a problem to the natural man who is unaware of our Lord's commission to go even to the uttermost parts of the earth. If it were merely our purpose to preach a social gospel we most certainly would choose to remain in the States, but our command is to preach Christ and Him crucified, and the extreme need for this message in heathen lands has captured our hearts. Of course the need of our own



Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Miller, Joan, and Mary Lee

land is great, but it seems only right that all should have the opportunity to hear the Gospel at least once.

It is the opinion of many that Brazil is indeed ready for the Gospel, and how it thrills us that the Lord is sending us forth with His message. We wish we were able to tell the glad salvation story as soon as we arrive, but there is always the matter of learning the language. Our oldest daughter feels we should teach all the Brazilians English and forget the Portuguese, and we almost wonder if it might not be more simple. The fact that the Altigs are due home on furlough in a year's time, and that their responsibilities will become ours, has shown us our utter dependence upon the Lord and our need of your prayers.

There is a verse we have taken as our very own and it has been a great blessing in many ways. John 10:4—"And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them . . ." It would not be conducive to our best spiritual welfare to stay always in one happy and comfortable lot. He therefore puts us forth. The laborers must be thrust out into the harvest, else the golden grain would spoil. What a comfort to know that whatever awaits us is encountered first by Him. In this day and age when men are so fearful of the tomorrows, we can have faith and know that all the tomorrows of our lives have to pass Him before they can reach us. J. D. Smith penned the following lines:

He goes before! Be this my consolation!

He goes before! On this my heart would dwell!

He goes before! This guarantees salvation!

He goes before! And therefore all is well.

—Ellen Miller.

OUR CALL TO ARGENTINA

(Editor's Note—Rev. and Mrs. Carson E. Rottler and son, Carson Lee, as you read this article, are en route to Argentina, South America. They left the States by boat on March 23. Both are members of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., which church has adopted them in matters relating to prayer and support.)

ONE STEP AT A TIME

At Camp Green Mountain in Virginia, Rev. J. Paul Dowdy spoke on the need for young men and women to go to Argentina with the Gospel. The Lord spoke to my heart and I stepped out, saying I would go wherever He would lead. I had been taking a shop course in high school. When I returned it would be necessary to change to an academic course so that I could study a language and prepare for the further training which one must have to be the best possible instrument in the hands of the Lord. This change of course was supposed to be impossible after one had completed the first 2 years of the technical course, but when I went to see the principal of the school he told me that there was one space left in the Spanish class, and that I could enter it if I wanted to. From that moment on I knew that it was the Lord's will for me to go to the mission field.

I had grown up in the church, but I never had any idea that I would be a preacher. In fact, I had made the statement that I would never be a preacher, but for the past 7 years I have been away from home preparing to do the very thing which I never dreamed of doing. The Lord has made this possible through His grace. The successful completion of this schooling, along with the other evidences, has made God's will plain to us. It has been during these years of preparation that the Lord has definitely made it clear to us that it is His will for us to go to Argentina. Until the end of my senior year of seminary we were still not positive where the Lord wanted us to serve Him. The truth of the fact that the heavenly Father leads one step at a time had been taught to us by the way in which He has led us to know surely that it is His will for us to go to Argentina.

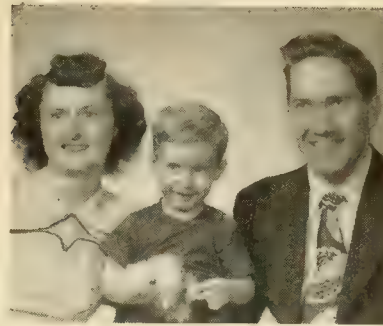
Now it is with praise to Him that we look forward to serving Him in this needy field. Pray for us that we will be used to win many souls for our Saviour.

—Carson E. Rottler.

HE THAT GOETH FORTH

A wonderful proof to me of the inspiration of the Scriptures is the very personal character of its writings. As I read along from day to day, the Holy Spirit seems to point to certain verses and passages and say, "This is especially for you." That was my experience recently as I read again the fourth and fifth chapters of II Corinthians. He seemed to say that this section was written particularly for the challenge and encouragement of those who are laboring on the foreign fields and in the hard places of service.

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." What more insistent and urgent call to mission-



Rev. and Mrs. Carson E. Rottler and Lee

ary service could be extended than this? "For we preach not ourselves, but Jesus Christ the Lord . . ." What greater message could we bring than that of the atoning work of our Lord, and what greater challenge must we have to crucify self and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ? "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory . . . we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." What greater promise of reward could be made for faithful service? We have a gracious, sustaining, and faithful Saviour, and it is with these things in mind that we are looking forward to serving Him in Argentina.

It was in early childhood that the Lord first began to speak to me concerning foreign missionary service, but it was not until the summer of 1946 at a girls' camp that I stepped out on God's promises and gave my life to Him for the foreign field. The peace and assurance that I was in the Lord's will which flooded my heart that day has continued through the years, bringing joy and blessing to my life. It is with rejoicing and thanksgiving for our own redemption that we go forth into the Argentine harvest field. How wonderful it is to have His promise, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

—Rosalind Rottler.

FOREIGN MISSION INFLUENCE

Every book in the New Testament was written by a foreign missionary. Every epistle in the New Testament that was written to a church was written to a foreign missionary church. Every letter in the New Testament that was written to an individual was written to a convert of a foreign missionary. The Book of the Revelation was written to the seven foreign missionary churches of Asia. The disciples were called Christians first in a foreign missionary community. The language of the books of the New Testament is the missionary's language. The map of the early Christian world is the tracing of the missionary journeys of the apostles. Early church problems were largely questions of missionary procedure. Of the apostles chosen by Jesus, every apostle except one became a missionary. The only one who did not become a missionary became a traitor.

Just in Time

By Miss Marybeth Munn, Bekoro, Africa

One day a man arrived in a certain village, and he was full of reports about the new affair over at the Bekoro village. White folks had come to that village and were telling about a Wonderful Man from heaven who had come to save sinners.

This happened 15 years ago, and Gam, the 12-year-old nephew of the man giving the reports, was all eyes and ears to hear about this man Jesus. So he and his uncle took a trip to Bekoro the next Sunday. They found themselves among many other Kabba people who had come to hear just as they had. People had come from miles around. Gam remembers that some came so far they had to sleep on the way. There was a big white man and two white women; there was a new kind of singing all about this man Jesus—then they listened to the story of this One who came to save men from their sins.

Gam says he didn't understand much of what was being said but he knew that whoever this Jesus was, he wanted to know Him. Just before the meeting closed one of the missionaries said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." At this invitation young Gam stood up and said he wanted to know Jesus.

He remembers returning home with joy to tell his folks about his wonderful experience. Every week he hiked the long road to hear more about his newly found Saviour. Then another relative came and wanted to see the country, so he took the boy with him. They went to Bossangoa, to Batangafo, and finally to Bangui. Gam would get work wherever he went—sometimes washing the pots and pans in a French home, sometimes being errand boy, sometimes doing one thing or another. He learned the language of the people among whom he dwelt, so now he speaks well in many languages. Wherever they went they sought out the house of God. He remembers that in Bangui some missionaries of another religion tried to get him to come on their side, but Gam said they didn't tell about Jesus like he knew Him.

Gam grew to young manhood. He wanted to find a nice girl and get married. He realized this wandering around was not good; he had started to waver in his Christian walk, and he wanted to go home. So he left Bangui and headed back to his own home in Kabbaland. There he found the girl of his choice, paid her dowry, married her, and then settled down to work for the Lord. He started out leading the singing and helping the leader in a larger village near his home. Then he started preaching and teaching about Jesus in his own little village. Many believed and were baptized, and he had the joy of leading many members of his family to the Lord.

It was at this time that he noticed a bronze-colored spot on his left hip. He recognized it immediately—he was a leper. It soon broke out on his face, then on his chest. He knew the story well, as his own father is a leper. Soon he would get sores on his feet, his fingers would start to get short or deformed, and finally his entire body would be just sores and sickness. What could he do? Right in his own village there were other men and women with bodies twisted and broken and



Daniel Gam and His Family

smelly from leprosy. He heard a report that the English had medicine for lepers over in Nigeria. He heard, too, that soon there would be someone coming to treat lepers at Bekoro, but to him it seemed indefinite and he didn't see how he could wait. So Gam left his young wife and baby boy with his folks and hiked half-way across the continent for help. There he found they were very crowded and they told him, "We haven't room right now; come back in 6 months." Desperately he returned home—6 months to wait in a strange land was too long. The spots were now on his forehead and more were on his chest, but he waited for us to start here at Bekoro.

When we started building last year at Beandje, I noticed one man who seemed enthusiastic about helping in every way he could. The dispensary was still just a foundation, so he led in building a little mat house for me to use as an examination room. The man was Gam. When I asked for two more men to help in the nursing work at the dispensary, he was the first to ask for the job. He is always a willing worker and cheerfully binds up the terrible ulcers of those for whom we have come too late.

He has been on the sulfone drugs now for 8 months. One spot has completely disappeared from his face, and all the other spots are becoming less raised and less bronze. He wants me to send a big "thank you" to the believers in America who, even though they have never seen them, love the lepers of this land and have sent help to them. For Gam and many others we have come just in time. Praise be to the God of heaven who has heard our prayers for these lepers!



Foreign Missionary Editor's Mail Box

Miss Marie Mishler, in a letter received from Bozoum, Africa, on January 29, tells of her various activities. "It has been so quiet around here with the children and also the Bible students gone. There was so much confusion when they were all here and I thought how nice it would be for a vacation, but now I'm ready for the vacation to end, for I find I much prefer a little noise. I'll be getting out my lessons for the women for the next term. As there will be about 65 women, we're going to divide them. Dorothy (Beaver) will take the new ones and I'll take the returning ones—65 might not be too many women for some classes, but when there are almost that many children, well, you can realize that the women wouldn't learn much.

"Last Sunday the two Ruths (Miss Kent and Miss Snyder) and I drove to a village a short distance from here. They are in the process of building a chapel, but for the present they meet outside on logs. They said they didn't know we were coming so there weren't many there. Their excuse was that the chief had come through that morning and sent them all out to the garden to pick his cotton. I played my accordion for a short while to draw a crowd and then Ruth Snyder gave the message. They probably wouldn't have met at all if we hadn't gone.

"This is cotton-picking and -selling time. They have a bumper crop this year. You should see the many big baskets full in back of their houses. They'll all go on a big spending spree and then it will be all gone. I wonder how many of the Christians will remember to give to the Lord."

A recent letter from Bro. Robert Hill, Bossembele, Africa, tells of the progress in that section. "All is well here. We praise the Lord for the way He is working. We have great confidence that He will do something shortly with the Banou people. There have been evidences of a more stable work in this end of the country and if we just had some trained workers we could take the country for certain. We plan to baptize about 20 next Sunday at Bossembele. There were about 35 lined up for baptism, but it was thought best to put some off because they were not witnessing as they should. The four-point program toward baptism is certainly the answer to many of our problems and it saves such time as was formerly taken in examinations, and so forth. The Lord has been giving us a stronger group through it when they know in advance what is expected of them. It isn't a question of Who they know only, but what they are doing about it. The Lord willing, in a few years we shall have a 100-percent reading and witnessing church. There are over 300 on the 'seekers' list and about 50 converts. That means that as they progress in their walk, reading, family devotion, and witnessing, they become eligible for a convert's card and ultimately baptism. We are going a bit slow, but we must indeed be careful. We hope to have our Bible school going

pretty soon and from that get a few men to preach the Gospel."

In a recent letter from M'Baiki, Africa, Bro. Harold Dunning gives us matters for which to pray. "Pray for Maurice Mobagaina and Simon Gaiyembi. We expect to ordain both of these as deacons soon and assign them to the work of an evangelist. We ask prayer especially for their physical condition. Neither is very strong. Maurice is forced to spend 2 to 3 days in bed with severe pains in his back after each trip out to some villages. He keeps on going. His effort to evangelize this people is truly heroic. They are not of his own race—he also is a foreign missionary among them. Great is the compassion for these lost souls that the Lord has put in his heart. Oh, that the Lord would heal him!

"The next few weeks will find us holding conferences with the believers both here and at Boda. After that we will go forth again in evangelism. Pray that the believers here will catch this vision also."

Wonderful news comes in a letter from Mrs. Roy Snyder, written in Africa on March 13. "Greetings once again from Bouca! Oh, how good it is to be here! We arrived Tuesday, the 11th, after a long, hot trip. We had a 'hot' reception here, too, but they tell us that it has been even hotter. I believe it, too, because the grass and everything else is burned and dry. But it still looks wonderful to us. How glad our natives are, too! They almost cried with joy and kept saying over and over again, 'Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.' We know that they have prayed faithfully for us and their prayers are answered.

"It has been almost 3½ months since I left here, but it seems even longer. I'm glad to say that I feel a thousand times better than when I left. The Lord has done exceedingly abundantly for us. On Tuesday we stopped in Bossangoa to see the French doctor. He was really amazed to see me. He said, 'I thought you were in the States by now.' He is the doctor who advised my immediate return to the States. I admit I was in pretty bad shape when he saw me and his advice was that of a physician, but how glad I am that 'the Great Physician' undertook for me and permitted me to stay in Africa and return here to our work. He has spared my life for a purpose, so I want Him to use me.

"The Beavers had a very fine conference here at Bouca while we were away. They enjoyed it as well as the people did. It seems that they really liked Bouca and the Beaver children almost refused to leave. When we stopped at the Bible Institute on our way home, they were ready to come with us—little Jim kept saying, 'I wanna go to Bouca.'

"The work here and in the district seems to be going well. There are souls being saved and Christians growing. I am feeling O. K. and the doctor says it's all right

to do village work and so on, just so I don't overdo it. There is much to do here, but I'm trying to take it easy. I'm just so happy to be back again."

On March 11, *Brother and Sister Hill Maconaghy* wrote from Argentina. "We've just experienced the worst hailstorm that Rio Cuarto has ever seen, according to folks who have lived here all their lives. Last evening around 6 o'clock it began to get quite dark and stormy looking. We went out to visit a sick lady and a little before 7 decided we had better get home as quickly as possible—we drove in when it began to rain. It came down heavier and heavier, a terrific wind was blowing, and then the hail started. It made a terrible din on the metal roof of the enclosed hall so that we had to shout to hear one another. We were standing inside the street door, looking at the storm, when the glass in the door broke and came flying in. We went over to the church and the hail was pounding against the stained-glass windows, breaking a number of them and causing the glass to fly all over.

"Just then Bertha [Miss Abel] came downstairs and shouted something about the front window. We shouted back that it was closed. 'No,' she replied, 'it's broken and Miss Nielsen is up there holding a rug in front of it.' We thought she was referring to the window in her room, which we had closed, but it was the one in Miss Nielsen's front room. So Hill gathered up some more small rugs and ran upstairs. There was Miss Nielsen, standing in front of the broken window, holding up the rug to keep the water from coming in so rapidly. In the meantime I went back into our rooms and found that the skylights in every bedroom and in the bathroom had been broken and the rain was pouring in. In our room the bed was soaked, as it was directly under the skylight. By then it was getting dark, and there was no electric current, so we had to go around with candles and a flashlight. When the rain finally stopped, we mopped up some of the worst and decided to let the rest go until today.

"You can imagine what we have been doing all day. We have nearly a box of broken glass. Hill and Don Pedro went to order new glass and we must wait until later in the week for the skylights. So we're hoping it won't rain again until they are in. We have been told that we can't get any more stained glass for the church windows, since it was imported from Europe and they aren't importing any now. Many of the big stores had their entire plate-glass show windows broken, and all the windows in the Charity Hospital were broken. It's an ill wind that doesn't blow somebody some good. All those that sell glass are doing a tremendous business. Today when I went to buy some more candles, just in case, the grocer said that everyone was buying candles.

"The patio certainly looks desolate, with all the plants broken and the leaves of the trees all over the ground. This evening before dark we drove out of town a little to see the damage and there were many trees uprooted, houses damaged, and windows broken. As you can imagine, it is the theme of conversation. We are so thankful that it didn't come during conference when there were so many people here, and also that there wasn't any greater damage done to the property here."

On March 7, *Miss Clara Schwartz* wrote from Bellevue, Africa. "I was thrilled my first Sunday here at Bellevue to find a row of blind men here in church—not

EASTER OFFERING REPORTS

By this time all pastors and churches should have received the financial report blanks for use in reporting their Easter offering. These reports should list the names and addresses of donors.

Your Easter offering and report should arrive in the foreign mission office, Winona Lake, Ind., by June 1, 1952. It will not be counted as a part of the offering of this fiscal year if it arrives later than June 15, 1952.

Send all reports to Miss Ruth E. Reddick, Winona Lake, Ind. Please make all checks, money orders, etc., payable to THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH.

thrilled because they are blind, but because I am interested in the blind and can teach them to read Braille. One fellow in particular is going to be the medium. He could read before he went blind and has taken to the Braille faster than a duck to water. There is always some difficulty and this time it is my fault. I cannot get lessons done ahead of him. In the short time I've had to teach him he has learned it just as rapidly as I could supply lessons. There are just a few more characters and he will know the alphabet in Braille for the Sango. He is going to teach the others for me if I can get the work on the paper for him. His knowing how to read before makes it so much easier for him. Lessons for those who did not read before will be entirely different, like a regular beginning book.

"My spare (?) time finds me delving in a medical book to find out all possible in regard to difficult cases. Gounte uses his spare time to come see if I have more Braille lessons typed. Of course he has others after him to teach them, so I have plenty to keep me busy outside of 'office' hours. I have been having a little Bible-reading class with the houseboys and, after having a letter from Miss Bickel from Rome telling of its wonders, they have decided they want to read Romans. To answer any questions for them means study for me. I am so glad they are interested and pray the Lord will bless these few minutes daily to their hearts."

Bro. Edward Miller wrote from Brazil on February 29: "Of course much of the excitement has died down since our first meetings, but attendance has been good. So far we have had 10 first-time confessions of faith and these have all been adults. I now have Sunday school on Sunday morning, evangelistic service Sunday evening, and on Tuesday night I have a class especially for the new converts. I am teaching them some of the fundamental doctrines of the Word. Many of them have already purchased Bibles and they are showing a real interest in the class. On Wednesday nights we have preaching again. As yet we have not started a prayer meeting as such—I believe that will grow out of our Tuesday night service. Then the other nights of the week we have any special meetings in the homes of the people. I have announced that we would like to get into the homes to hold services and one lady has already invited us. I feel that this way we can get into the different sections of the town, and also get some people to hear the Word who might be a little timid about coming to the services in our home. Prospects are fine here in Macapa; the work will go slow, but the Lord is blessing."

Baja California--Land of Drought--III

By Walter E. Haag

That night found us camping a few miles out of the village of El Arco at the airport. It had been cleared of cactus, brush, and stones about 10 years before and now had considerable new growth a foot or so high. The field was about 150 yards wide and about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long, but a small ravine crossed it about midway. There are many such small fields in Baja California that would serve to make an emergency landing but they are hazardous at best. As a rule the fields are not graded and their only runway invariably is such that one must land and take off with cross-winds—this was the information given us by one U. S. pilot to whom we talked who had used several of them.

To San Ignacio

The next day (our seventh) we traveled through a more barren desert, the Vizaino, where the few poor people we saw were hoping for rain because they had received none for so long. They were telling of the blessing the last rain had been to them back in 1940. One wonders why they don't leave, but where would they go? This is home to them and they seem to like it. These poor neglected people naturally seemed to appreciate our visit with them more than did the more prosperous city folks. It didn't matter what we talked about—they were interested in news from the outside world and also in what we had to say about the Bible and their need for the Saviour. One sometimes wonders, though, if this is genuine interest or if it is just a manifestation of their politeness. Since they are so isolated, for the children it was almost as good as a circus to have two foreign giants come to their house. Eyes would be peeking from every crack of the house as we talked with the older people on the porch. Little by little the braver or more curious children would come into view and listen to what we had to say. These people are suffering from a drought of social contacts as well as one of spiritual things.

In this land of less rain there is less abundant vegetation and many plants of which we were totally ignorant. It is a land of drought in the strict sense of the word, broken only by an occasional valley with mesquite trees. Sometimes palm trees which had been planted by settlers of long ago told the story of hardship that someone had experienced trying to make a living in this region with his few head of cows, donkeys, and a small garden that might be irrigated with water pumped by windmill or by mule and donkey power.

The weather became hotter as we progressed over small hills and large flat valleys of sand, all with a monotonous similarity of another mile like the one before. Shortly, however, the monotony was broken by a large soft dust hole where the powdery dust kicked out from under the rear wheels of our car and left it sitting, wheels spinning. It was our first trouble of the journey. Out came shovel and jacks and, after a perspiring and dusty half hour, we backed the car out. Choosing a route around the worst part, we were ready

to try again and this time continued on our way. We turned east from about the middle of the peninsula and were soon to have our first glimpse of the much-praised and lauded oasis of San Ignacio. As we topped a hill, we saw in the distance a small green spot in the valley, so we stopped for a picture. We noticed, too, a young



The Oasis of San Ignacio—The arrow indicates the location of the town; the buildings in the foreground are merely in the suburbs.)

boy of about 14 coming up the road toward us with his burros. It was midafternoon and he still had more than 10 miles home, so I question whether or not he reached his destination by dark with those poor, thin, and weary beasts.

Approaching the edge of the canyon above San Ignacio, we stopped again for pictures and to feast our eyes on the thousands of lovely green date palms which were growing for a mile or so along a canyon in the desert—a true oasis. Of the town buildings, the only one large enough to show above the palms on the far side of the canyon was the Catholic church. It was a magnificent structure and in days gone by had boasted additional buildings for a monastery, but these were now owned by individuals and used as dwellings. We purchased some gasoline and were soon on our way. At a later date we returned to visit the outstanding Christian of the town, and camped under his palm trees.

On our return visit to San Ignacio we looked for suitable housing for our families. There were several houses available with reasonable rent—one very nice house with all the comforts of home, but in the part of town very antagonistic to Protestantism. Our friend, Mr. R. C. Halliday, in visiting San Ignacio prior to our coming, had been forced to take refuge in a store. He said that he shopped and prayed until the mob dispersed after an hour or so. The poorer part of town is more tolerant of Protestantism, but offers no housing. While watching a

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IRRITATING THE DEVIL

By Rev. Marvin L. Goodman, Jr., Nzoro, Africa

"We can't do as we please any more. We want to move our village." These are a couple of the many remarks that are heard around Nzoro since the mission has been established here.

Praise the Lord that He is living in the hearts of the believers. They aren't condoning sin. It makes the villagers' consciences hurt when they follow their sinful practices. The chief has to watch his step and not take a goat or a sheep which belongs to a Christian or a missionary. When a black man with authority visits the village, it is a regular custom for the chief to take the first goat or sheep that he sees to give to him. When it belongs to a Christian, the chief usually gets into trouble. Also, since the Gospel has come, many of the young girls want legal marriages. The chief and villagers think that this is foolish, for it means that they can't always have the girl they want for their second, third, or fourth wife. The many all-night dances seem to be diminishing into short evening dances and are less frequent than when we first came.

The villagers have more to say. "Instead of the mission giving us everything, we find that it is making our lives more perplexing. We hear the Gospel and we don't want it, but it is hard to get away from the truth when you once hear it. We see the change that has occurred in the lives of our fellow villagers, but we love to worship our idols, dance, drink, and follow all of our heathen practices. If one could only accept the Gospel and continue in these things it would be fine."

You can see that the Devil isn't having free reign here any more. He still has a stronghold, but he isn't coming out completely victorious. He has a battle to fight. It looks as though the battle is a losing one in the hearts of many, but he is still there to tempt. One of his big jobs is to keep controlling those who are his.

Pray much for the Christians here that they may be real witnesses to the saving and keeping power of our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember also the missionaries that they might perform faithfully the work which the Lord has given them, and that a real testimony for Him might be raised up here at Nzoro.

THE REALITY OF THE INVISIBLE

You cannot tabulate loneliness, nor plot the curve of hope deferred which makes the heart sick. Yet these are the things that make the difference between the shedding of ink and the shedding of blood. The end of a survey is only the beginning of the missionary enterprise. One man with God at a mission station is a majority. All arithmetic fails when you deal with spiritual realities. Yet it is the imponderable forces which will determine victory or defeat and because we believe that the imponderables of the kingdom of light are on our side, we believe that opportunity is not the last word in missions. *The appeal of the closed door is even greater than of the one which is open.* The open door beckons; the closed door may be a challenge to love or to Authority. "A lover laughs at locksmiths." An ambassador enters with authority. It is the strength of these imponderable forces, that is to say, the reality of the in-



Anne and David Goodman With a Native Boy

visible, which enables the missionary to look upward with confidence and see by faith like John of Patmos the future result of his toil in "the great multitude which no man can number," a world where statistics are inadequate to express realities, where finance and budgets have lost significance, and gold is used for paving stones! "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit."

"Uplifted are the gates of brass,
The bars of iron yield
To let the King of Glory in—
The Cross hath won the field."

—Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer in *Church Herald*.

"EAR IS ONLY"

"For a long time we were looking for a word for obedience—a virtue that the natives never practiced," related a missionary. "One day as I went home from the village my dog stayed behind. I whistled, and he came running after me at top speed. An old native man by the roadside said with admiration: 'Mui adem delegau ge'; literally, 'Dog yours, ear is only,' that is, 'Your dog is all ear' (obedient). I got hold of that expression at once and found I had a beautiful word for obedience. Let us be 'all ear' to our Lord."—From the *Christian Herald* (London).

Invest NOW for the Future

By Rev. Roy B. Snyder, Bouca, Africa

After having spent more than 4 months in West Africa during the past 2 years, we have been able to see firsthand the prevailing "materialism" that is slowly wending its way eastward toward Oubangui-Chari. With the coming of more and more Europeans, the native is trying



Rev. Roy Snyder

to imitate the white man in dress, living conditions, and all types of mannerisms. Common things here to see are tables, chairs, and eating utensils in native homes. The phonograph and radio are becoming more and more popular. Even in the remotest parts of this section of Africa there are very few natives without clothing. Many of the people have different outfits for various occasions such as the white man has.

Among the younger generation there is a great demand for French literature. The bookstores in larger centers are filled with undesirable literature that is passing into the hands of the natives. There is little demand for material in their own language. Recently at a native market where more than 2,000 were present, a missionary sold Gospel literature of all kinds. Only a few men desired the portions in their own tongue, while the young people bought all that was available to them in French. Knowledge of the French will help them to obtain better jobs, which in turn mean more money and more worldly goods.

Their desire for material things is a hindrance to their acceptance of the Gospel. These materialistic aims have even reached into the church. Recently a catechist held a communion service for those who paid for their places at the table. Such conditions prevail in West Africa at the present time.

We have seen evidences of these conditions already in Oubangui-Chari. However, our opportunities to reach souls for Christ are much greater. This materialistic spirit is sweeping our way. When it arrives we want our natives grounded and established in the Word. *Now* is the time to do it. "The king's business required haste" (I Sam. 21:8). "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly" (Zeph. 1:14).

Will you help *now* with your prayers and gifts? Tomorrow may be too late!

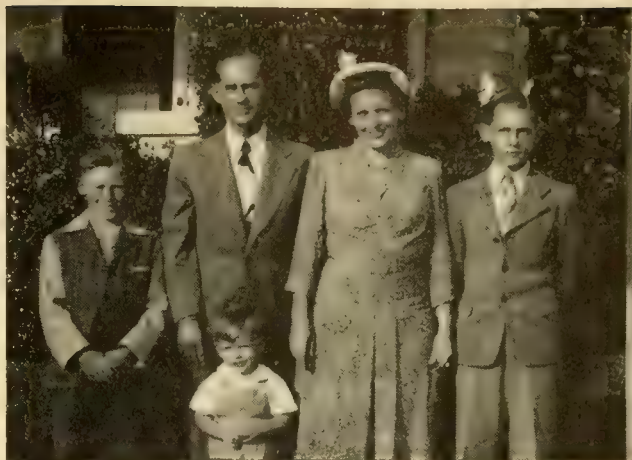
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"And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" (Ex. 3:11).

Had Moses failed to go, had God
Granted his prayer, there would have been
For him no leadership to win;
No pillared fire; no magic rod;
No wonders in the land of Zin;

No smiting of the sea; no tears
Ecstatic shed on Sinai steep;
No Nebo, with a God to keep
His burial; only forty years
Of desert watching with his sheep.

Dedication in Ticino



The Dowdy Family

By Rev. J. Paul Dowdy, La Carlota, Argentina

Ticino is a small town in the Province of Cordoba, Argentina, in that section of our mission district being cared for by Bro. Ricardo Wagner. As far as our mission is concerned, Ticino was discovered by a group of laymen who were out on a trip of exploration seeking places in which they might do something for the Lord.

Upon investigation the men learned that some years ago the Free Brethren had had a work there, but later had abandoned it. One family of Wagners had remained as faithful believers. This family was glad for the interest shown in the town by our men and their desire to establish a Gospel testimony there. Thus the Wagner home in Ticino became the center of a new effort to establish a permanent work.

Bro. Ricardo Wagner and his men visited this town periodically for the purpose of distributing tracts, presenting the Gospel in the streets by means of a public-address system, and holding meetings in the Wagner home. As usual in such towns, a goodly number of people began to attend the meetings and the prospect for building a permanent work looked quite favorable.

Then this Mr. Wagner and his wife decided to build a house to be dedicated to the Lord's work. When I was there on the 8th of last December this desire had become a reality. A nice house of convenient size had been finished. On the side next to the street a large room had been planned especially for the meetings. It was attractively painted and equipped with new benches, a table, flower stand, and wall texts—a really beautiful little meeting hall. The rest of the house the owner designates as the *casa pastoral* (parsonage).

On the occasion of the dedication service the hall was completely filled with a very attentive audience and a considerable number, not being able to enter, remained on the walk outside. It is our hope that the labors of Pastor Ricardo Wagner, his wife, and all of their helpers, and this new building placed so generously at the disposal of the Lord's servants, together with the moral and spiritual help of the Wagner family in Ticino, shall bring in an abundant harvest of souls.

REPORT OF GIFTS

To the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church

JULY 1, 1951, TO MARCH 1, 1952

<i>General Fund—</i>			
Albany, Oreg., Grace Brethren	\$4.55		
Albany, Oreg., Grace Brethren Sunday School ..	7.75		
Alto, Mich., Calvary Brethren	29.20		
Ankenytown, Ohio, First Brethren	40.00		
Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex., Arroyo Hondo Brethren ..	36.97		
Bellflower, Calif., First Brethren	29.25		
Camden, Ohio, First Brethren	54.78		
Central District	137.00		
Cheyenne, Wyo., First Brethren BYF	4.42		
Clayhole, Ky., Clayhole Brethren	2.95		
Conemaugh, Pa., Conemaugh Brethren	1.00		
Covington, Va., First Brethren	121.90		
Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale Brethren	805.53		
East District	25.00		
Glendale, Calif., First Brethren	105.85		
Harrah, Wash., Harrah Brethren	450.14		
Harrisburg, Pa., Melrose Gardens Brethren	412.13		
Hollins, Va., Mountain View Brethren	552.48		
Juniata, Altoona, Pa., Grace Brethren	5.00		
Lake Odessa, Mich., Grace Brethren D. V. B. S. ..	56.87		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren	2,047.31		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren College C. E. ..	15.00		
Los Angeles, Calif., First Brethren	1,902.45		
Midwest District	29.00		
Miscellaneous	137.69		
Osceola, Ind., Bethel Brethren	620.00		
Peru, Ind., Peru Brethren D. V. B. S.	69.31		
Philadelphia, Pa., First Brethren	5.00		
Philadelphia, Pa., Third Brethren	838.50		
Roanoke, Va., Washington Heights Brethren Jr. BYF ..	5.00		
San Diego, Calif., First Brethren	169.75		
Seal Beach, Calif., First Brethren	65.02		
South Bend, Ind., Sunnymede Brethren	2.00		
Taos, N. Mex., Canon Brethren	90.25		
Tracy, Calif., First Brethren D. V. B. S.	44.49		
Washington, D. C., First Brethren	30.00		
Wooster, Ohio, First Brethren	57.31		
		\$9,010.85	
<i>Magazine Fund—</i>			
Dayton, Ohio, First Brethren Women's Bible Fellowship Class		25.00	
<i>Africa General Fund—</i>			
Harrah, Wash., Harrah Brethren	100.00		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren	13.00		
Rio Cuarto, Argentina, Brethren Church	22.50		
Winona Lake, Ind., Winona Lake Brethren	5.00		
		140.50	
<i>Africa Hospital Fund—</i>			
Dallas Center, Iowa, First Brethren		38.50	
<i>Africa Leper Fund—</i>			
Ashland, Ohio, West Tenth Street Brethren	20.00		
Atlantic District	10.00		
California District	215.00		
Johnson City, Tenn., Johnson City Brethren D. V. B. S. ..	17.22		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren	126.08		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren Adult C. E. ..	42.05		
Los Angeles, Calif., First Brethren	100.00		
Mansfield, Ohio, Grace Brethren	90.00		
Miscellaneous	15.00		
Spokane, Wash., First Brethren	5.00		
Sunnyside, Wash., First Brethren	50.00		
Sunnyside, Wash., First Brethren D. V. B. S. ..	21.00		
Waterloo, Iowa, Grace Brethren	385.00		
		1,096.35	
<i>Africa Special Fund—</i>			
East District	30.00		
East Fellowship Boys Brotherhood	25.00		
Martinsburg, W. Va., Rosemont Brethren Joy Class	30.00		
Northern Ohio District WMC	185.87		
		270.87	
<i>Argentina General Fund—</i>			
Albuquerque, N. Mex., Grace Brethren D.V.B.S. ..	14.50		
Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex., Arroyo Hondo Brethren D. V. B. S. ..	8.14		
Central District	40.00		
Cordillera, N. Mex., Brethren D. V. B. S.	12.73		
El Prod. and Ranchitos, N. Mex., Brethren D. V. B. S. ..	1.89		
Harrah, Wash., Harrah Brethren	110.00		
Taos, N. Mex., Canon Brethren D. V. B. S.	12.79		
		200.05	
<i>Argentina Special Fund—</i>			
East District WMC		300.74	
<i>Brazil General Fund—</i>			
Central District	30.00		
Harrah, Wash., Harrah Brethren	10.00		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren	163.00		
Los Angeles, Calif., Third Brethren	180.00		
National SMM	1,205.44		
Rio Cuarto, Argentina, Brethren Church	22.50		
		1,610.94	
<i>Brazil Special Fund—</i>			
South Gate, Calif., First Brethren		31.39	
<i>Altig Fund—</i>			
Garvey, Calif., Grace Brethren	18.00		
Garvey, Calif., Grace Brethren D. V. B. S.	31.06		
		49.06	
<i>Balzer Fund—</i>			
Los Angeles, Calif., Second Brethren		700.00	
<i>Beaver Fund—</i>			
Dryhill, Ky., Brethren S. S. and D. V. B. S.	6.14		
Fort Wayne, Ind., First Brethren	15.00		
		21.14	
<i>Byron Fund—</i>			
North English, Iowa, Pleasant Grove Brethren ..		25.00	
<i>Churchill Fund—</i>			
California District	10.00		
<i>Cripe Fund—</i>			
South Bend, Ind., Sunnymede Brethren		23.05	
<i>Dunning Fund—</i>			
Conemaugh, Pa., Singer Hill Grace Brethren ...	10.00		
East District	50.00		
Philadelphia, Pa., Third Brethren	25.00		
		85.00	
<i>Fogle Fund—</i>			
Alexandria, Va., Commonwealth Ave. Brethren ..	5.00		
Ankenytown, Ohio, First Brethren	48.15		
Atlantic District SMM	14.57		
Danville, Ohio, Danville Brethren	17.00		
Mansfield, Ohio, Grace Brethren	138.35		
Martinsburg, W. Va., Rosemont Brethren	45.27		
Philadelphia, Pa., Third Brethren	19.25		
		287.59	
<i>Foster Fund—</i>			
Camp Grace	6.54		
Camp Keystone	10.00		
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Grace Brethren	11.47		
Conemaugh, Pa., Conemaugh Brethren	16.13		
Garwin, Iowa, Carlton Brethren	18.05		
Iowa District WMC	30.00		
Jenners, Pa., Jenners Brethren	5.00		
Johnstown, Pa., First Brethren	12.80		
Leamersville, Pa., Leamersville Brethren	24.00		
Philadelphia, Pa., Third Brethren	70.21		
Sharpsville, Ind., Grace Brethren	15.00		
Washington, D. C., First Brethren	24.79		
		243.99	
<i>Geske Fund—</i>			
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren		1.42	
<i>Haag Fund—</i>			
California District	100.00		
California District WMC	5.00		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren	2.86		
		107.86	
<i>Hill Fund—</i>			
Portis, Kans., First Brethren		108.20	
<i>Howard Fund—</i>			
Bell, Calif., Bell Brethren	5.04		
California District WMC	5.00		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren Sr. Y. P. C. E. ..	8.41		
Los Angeles, Calif., First Brethren Home Builders Class ..	52.02		
Los Angeles, Calif., Third Brethren	7.50		
South Pasadena, Calif., Fremont Avenue Brethren ..	30.27		
		108.24	
<i>Hoyt Fund—</i>			
Altoona, Pa., First Brethren	20.26		
Berrien Springs, Mich., Grace Brethren	10.00		
Conemaugh, Pa., Conemaugh Brethren	20.00		
Northern Ohio District Conference	25.00		
Roanoke, Va., Ghent Brethren	24.94		
		100.20	
<i>Jobson Fund—</i>			
Akron, Ohio, First Brethren	33.63		
Albany, Oreg., Grace Brethren	31.46		
Albuquerque, N. Mex., Grace Brethren	2.80		
Ankenytown, Ohio, First Brethren	32.25		
Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex., Arroyo Hondo Brethren ..	4.62		
Ashland, Ohio, West Tenth Street Brethren	48.80		
Beaver City, Nebr., Grace Brethren	13.60		
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Grace Brethren	10.98		
Central District Conference	10.00		
Cheyenne, Wyo., First Brethren	7.20		
Cleveland, Ohio, First Brethren	14.00		
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Grace Brethren	32.00		
Dallas Center, Iowa, First Brethren	33.76		
Danville, Ohio, Danville Brethren	17.50		
Findlay, Ohio, Findlay Brethren	32.68		
Fort Wayne, Ind., First Brethren	39.05		
Fremont, Ohio, Grace Brethren	59.77		
Garwin, Iowa, Carlton Brethren	34.08		

Harrah, Wash., Harrah Brethren	50.53		
Homerville, Ohio, West Homer Brethren	12.66		
Leon, Iowa, Leon Brethren	48.79		
Mansfield, Ohio, Grace Brethren	85.06		
Middlebranch, Ohio, First Brethren	29.35		
North English, Iowa, Pleasant Grove Brethren ..	42.01		
Northern Ohio District Conference	25.00		
Portis, Kans., First Brethren	41.21		
Portland, Oreg., Grace Brethren	12.00		
Rittman, Ohio, First Brethren	37.00		
Seattle, Wash., Brethren Bible Class	100.00		
Spokane, Wash., First Brethren	43.01		
Sterling, Ohio, First Brethren	20.00		
Sunnyside, Wash., First Brethren	71.94		
Taos, N. Mex., Canon Brethren Young People ...	6.67		
Waterloo, Iowa, Grace Brethren	67.47		
Wooster, Ohio, First Brethren	137.00		
Yakima, Wash., Grace Brethren	34.55		
Lester Kennedy Fund—			
Berne, Ind., Bethel Brethren	61.18		
New Troy, Mich., New Troy Brethren	20.00		
Minnie Kennedy Fund—			
New Troy, Mich., New Troy Brethren		20.00	
Kliever Fund—			
California District		15.00	
Maconaghy Fund—			
Philadelphia, Pa., Third Brethren		1,630.86	
Marshall Fund—			
Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale Brethren	9.00		
Philadelphia, Pa., Third Brethren	50.00		
Don Miller Fund—			
Artesia, Calif., Carson Avenue Brethren	30.70		
Bell, Calif., Bell Brethren	6.00		
California District WMC	5.00		
Compton, Calif., First Brethren	19.25		
Glendale, Calif., First Brethren	29.41		
Leon, Iowa, Leon Brethren	25.00		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren	2.86		
Los Angeles, Calif., First Brethren	26.10		
Los Angeles, Calif., Second Brethren	19.00		
San Bernardino, Calif., Arrowhead Ave. Brethren	25.08		
Seal Beach, Calif., First Brethren	10.00		
South Pasadena, Calif., Fremont Ave. Brethren	35.02		
Whittier, Calif., First Brethren	21.00		
Edward Miller Fund—			
Philadelphia, Pa., Third Brethren		6.00	
J. Paul Miller Fund—			
California District WMC	5.00		
Conemaugh, Pa., Conemaugh Brethren	17.05		
Harrisburg, Pa., Melrose Gardens Brethren	41.85		
Hopewell, Pa., Yellow Creek Brethren	5.51		
Junia, Altoona, Pa., Grace Brethren	20.71		
Leamersville, Pa., Leamersville Brethren	31.68		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren	2.86		
Meyersdale, Pa., Summit Mills Brethren	10.09		
South Bend, Ind., Sunnymede Brethren	10.00		
South Bend, Ind., Sunnymede Brethren D.V.B.S.	22.60		
Waynesboro, Pa., First Brethren	63.60		
Mishler Fund—			
California District	5.00		
Wooster, Ohio, First Brethren	5.00		
Munn Fund—			
Central District	4.00		
South Bend, Ind., Sunnymede Brethren	23.04		
Myers Fund—			
North English, Iowa, Pleasant Grove Brethren ..		25.00	
Rottler Fund—			
Berne, Ind., Bethel Brethren	49.69		
Fort Wayne, Ind., First Brethren	13.15		
Hagerstown, Md., Grace Brethren	157.00		
Hagerstown, Md., WMC	22.00		
Samarin Fund—			
California District	5.00		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren High School			
C. E.	20.00		
South Pasadena, Calif., Fremont Ave. Brethren	5.00		
Schrock Fund—			
Albany, Oreg., Grace Brethren	59.70		
Artesia, Calif., Carson Avenue Brethren	11.50		
Cheyenne, Wyo., First Brethren	5.75		
Compton, Calif., First Brethren	14.43		
Garwin, Iowa, Carlton Brethren	11.22		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren	31.76		
Midwest District Conference	20.00		
Miscellaneous	5.00		
Peru, Ind., Peru Brethren	9.63		
Sunnyside, Wash., First Brethren	15.05		
Schwartz Fund—			
Atlantic District		25.00	
Sickel Fund—			
Fremont, Ohio, Grace Brethren	150.00		
Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren	25.00		
Sumey Fund—			
Martinsburg, Pa., First Brethren		720.00	
Taber Fund—			
Altoona, Pa., First Brethren	8.45		
Conemaugh, Pa., Conemaugh Brethren	8.40		
East District	25.46		
Everett, Pa., Grace Brethren	17.05		
Leamersville, Pa., Leamersville Brethren	35.17		
Leon, Iowa, Leon Brethren	29.36		
Mundy's Corner, Pa., Pike Brethren	15.09		
National WMC	63.08		
Sharpsville, Ind., Grace Brethren	22.42		
Troy, Ohio, First Brethren	16.60		
Tyson Fund—			
East District WMC	100.00		
Limestone, Tenn., WMC	5.00		
Philadelphia, Pa., Third Brethren	60.00		
Williams Fund—			
Alexandria, Va., Commonwealth Ave. Brethren	9.97		
Clayhole, Ky., Clayhole Brethren	5.00		
Conemaugh, Pa., Conemaugh Brethren	5.70		
East District WMC	78.63		
Everett, Pa., Grace Brethren	16.26		
Hollins, Va., Mountain View Brethren	6.59		
Hopewell, Pa., Yellow Creek Brethren	15.00		
Limestone, Tenn., Vernon Brethren	20.00		
Martinsburg, Pa., First Brethren	18.17		
Mundy's Corner, Pa., Pike Brethren	17.54		
Osceola, Ind., Bethel Brethren	80.50		
Peru, Ind., Peru Brethren	23.86		
Philadelphia, Pa., First Brethren	30.00		
Philadelphia, Pa., Third Brethren	22.27		
Roanoke, Va., Ghent Brethren	32.87		
Southeast District WMC	25.00		
Troy, Ohio, First Brethren	33.51		
Waynesboro, Pa., First Brethren	66.85		
Total gifts			20,567.30
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BAJA CALIFORNIA—LAND OF DROUGHT

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baseball practice, we heard many uncomplimentary remarks passing among the players concerning us.

Santa Rosalia

Continuing on to Santa Rosalia, we drove out of town a little way and made camp at an abandoned ranch headquarters where we could be off the road a little. During the night it seemed as though a whole fleet of trucks passed on their way to Santa Rosalia. Two stopped right near to work on their trucks for some time. This procession, along with the serenade of a coyote near at hand, wasn't very conducive to restful sleep that night.

The next morning we began our last day's journey (our eighth) into Santa Rosalia. We passed a large jutting point of red lava rock and also a good-sized mountain of the same material which had come out of the bowels of the earth many years ago. Winding down steep mountain roads full of switch-backs, we traveled a while before topping a hill to have our first glimpse of the Gulf of California. It lay beautifully out there before us with an island or two in view. It was a beautiful sight, but the hot, humid air rising from the gulf made us feel sticky.

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A MISSIONARY collection was being taken. The pastor said: "I want each of you to give today as though you were putting your gift right into the pierced hand of Christ." A lady came up afterward and said: "I was going to give a half-dollar, but I did not do so." "Why?" asked the preacher. "Do you think," replied the lady, "I would put a half-dollar into the pierced hand of Jesus? I have \$10 at home and I am going to give that."

PRAY FOR THESE IN APRIL

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—

Pray for—

1. The offering now being received for foreign missions, that it may be sufficient to care for all present work and to send out the dozen or more new missionaries to leave for the field yet this year.

2. The health of all our missionary families. Especially pray for Mrs. Roy Snyder and Miss Marybeth Munn in Africa—both are recuperating from recent illnesses.

3. The Paul Miller and Carson Rottler families as they settle in a new country and learn a new language—the Millers in Brazil and the Rottlers in Argentina.

4. The Bible Institute in Argentina, as the new school year begins on April 8. Pray for the new students, the returning students, and especially for young men to train for Christian service among their own people.

5. The special blessing of the Lord upon the missionaries and national believers in Argentina. Recent heat waves have caused considerable damage to crops and gardens.

6. Arriving and departing missionaries. Miss Florence Bickel arrived in the States on March 18. Miss Grace Byron and Miss Estella Myers will probably arrive in the States by mid-April. Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson expect to leave for Africa about mid-April.

7. The missionaries on furlough in their busy deputation-visitation programs.

8. The general secretary, who plans to spend a part of April and the month of May in the California area. While there he will spend some time in completing plans with the Haag and Howard families for the establishment of the Brethren testimony in Baja California.

9. The translation of the Old Testament into the Sango language, and that it may soon be available to our field in Africa. The next meeting of the Inter Missions Language Committee, which is doing this translation work, will be in mid-summer.

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL—

1. Pray for a fine group of new people attending the services of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, that they will soon make confessions of Christ.

2. Pray that the Lord will bless in the use of the Everman Plan of Institutional Financing at Portland, Oreg., and that it will meet this very urgent financial need.

3. Pray that the Lord will honor the faith of the Cuyahoga Falls Grace Brethren Church by supplying every need and guiding them in a future building program. This church is now self-supporting.

4. Pray for the annual youth revival at Johnson City, Tenn., April 13 to 27, with Dean Fetterhoff as the evangelist.



5. Pray for the new field of York, Pa., that as Rev. Gerald Polman plans to pioneer it the Lord will lead and give wisdom for every step.

6. Pray for the new field of Washington Heights, Roanoke, Va., that the Lord will likewise guide the pastor, Carl Miller, the Roanoke (Ghent) Church, the district mission board, and the Brethren Home Missions Council as they plan to erect a new Brethren testimony to our Lord in that city.

THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD COMPANY—

1. Pray that the Brethren Missionary Herald will always be an instrument planned and used by the Holy Spirit in presenting the whole Gospel to all its readers.

2. Pray that the employees will always have the strength and wisdom needed to carry on this work.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL—

1. Pray for the Lord's leading in plans already being made for the National WMC Conference.

2. Pray that the spring WMC rallies will be a blessing and inspiration to all the women.

3. Pray for increased interest on the part of Brethren women in the Jewish mission at Los Angeles.

THE BRETHREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray for the youth director as he goes west for meetings in New Mexico and California.

2. Pray that our BYF's and CE's will get wholeheartedly and financially behind our national missionary projects.

3. Pray for our young people who will be graduating from school this spring, and who are seeking the Lord's will concerning the next step for them.

4. Continue to pray for those preparing, and those using our new BYF programs, especially that there will be real wisdom in the preparation, so that they will be practical and interesting.

5. Continue to pray for our summer camps which are being planned now.

6. Pray that the rather acute financial needs of the Youth Council may be met.

MISCELLANEOUS—

1. Pearson's Sailor Work. Pray for a chief radio operator who was converted from Catholicism recently after being dealt with several times. Also for a Norwegian sailor who was having "intellectual difficulties."

2. Grace Allshouse at Seely Lake, Mont. Praise the Lord for many prayer victories. All the children, except those from two Catholic families, are attending the Bible classes. There were between 50 and 60 present at the last few classes. Pray for the conversion of the parents also, and that the Spirit may move among the young people to lead separated lives.



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The *Alexandria, Va.*, church continues to make new records, with 163 in Bible school and 166 in the morning worship service, and 78 in the evening service on March 9, and 51 people in the prayer meeting on March 12. New chairs and songbooks have been purchased to care for the extra requirements of the congregation.

The *Modesto, Calif.*, La Loma Church had a Sunday school attendance of 146 on March 16. Two members were received by baptism on March 9. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lautt gave a new 8-foot G. E. refrigerator to Rev. and Mrs. Harold Painter in appreciation of their ministry.

At the *South Pasadena, Calif.*, church the Sunday school attendance reached 154 on March 9. This church is conducting a contest to build up its Sunday school.

The spring Bible conference of the *Harrisburg, Pa.*, church will be conducted April 7-13 by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of Winona Lake. Mr. James Bennett, of New York City, will speak there on April 6. A new record was established in Sunday school on March 9 with 123 people present, and there were 63 present at the midweek service on March 12, also a record.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Flowers were in charge of the music in an evangelistic campaign in a Baptist church in Sullivan, Ind., March 17-28. On March 23 the pulpit of the Sampleville, Ohio, church was filled by Rev. S. L. Lowman, Camden, and Bro. George V. Smith, of Dayton.

The Sunday school attendance at the *Portland, Oreg.*, church reached a new record of 145 on March 16. The first two Sundays in March it was 130 and 132. Rooms have been finished for four classes in the upper part of the building. Dr. Charles H.

Ashman began special meetings there on March 16.

Since Adam Rager became pastor of the *Artesia, Calif.*, church less than a year ago he has baptized 25 people and received 24 into the membership of the church, of whom 15 are adults. The Sunday school attendance was 96 on March 16, in spite of the flood waters. It was 155 on March 2.

The *Martinsburg, Pa.*, church will hold a Bible conference April 6-13 under the leadership of Rev. Conard Sandy.

The *Cedar Rapids, Iowa*, church will hold a spring Bible conference April 9-13. The speaker will be Prof. Robert Culver, of Chicago, Ill. This church will join in the Linn County Ministerial Fellowship's Easter morning sunrise service at 6:30 o'clock, at the baseball stadium. Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum is president of the ministerium and Chaplain L. R. King, of the Bridewell Prison, Chicago, will be the speaker.



Anyone knowing of Brethren people living in *Connellsville, Pa.*, or immediate vicinity, please send the names and addresses to Rev. Clyde Landrum, 350 Morgantown St., Uniontown, Pa.

The *Uniontown, Pa.*, church gave its pastor, Rev. Clyde Landrum, a gold wrist watch as a surprise on his birthday, March 23. The congregation also gave several neckties to Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, who was concluding that day an evangelistic campaign at the church, and whose birthday anniversary was March 24.

Rev. Vernon J. Harris was elected chairman of the board of directors of the John 3:16 Mission in Portland, Oreg.

The father of Mrs. Evelyn Smith, teacher in the Christian day school sponsored by the First Brethren Church of Los Angeles, died at Chicago, Ill., on March 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beaver, of Madison, Wis., became the parents of a daughter, Marcia Lynn, on March 23. Mrs. Beaver is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Russell Barnard, of Winona Lake, Ind.

The special Easter-week services at the *Fort Wayne, Ind.*, church will be conducted by the interim pastor, Rev. James Hammer, beginning April 6.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman will be at the *Rittman, Ohio*, church for a Bible conference April 6-11.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Banzhaf, of Philadelphia, Pa., and members of the First Brethren Church of that city for many years, observed their golden wedding anniversary on February 22. They were joined in marriage February 22, 1902, by the late Dr. Louis S. Bauman.

On March 30 Rev. Leslie Moore, of New Troy, Mich., preached at the churches at Meyersdale and Summit Mills, Pa. Bro. Jesse Deloe, linotype operator at the Herald Company, preached at New Troy on the same Sunday.

Roger Jobson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson, arrived in Winona Lake on March 23, on furlough from military service in Korea.

Rev. Arthur Collins' new address is 537 N. Main St., Berrien Springs, Mich. (Change Annual, p. 66.)

Earl A. Bryant, 26-year-old member and assistant Sunday school superintendent of the Hollins, Va., church, was killed instantly in a traffic accident on February 8. He had attended prayer meeting at the church less than 36 hours before the accident. Mourners include his wife, son, parents, brothers, and sisters. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. E. Patterson, assisted by Bro. H. L. Radford.

Since January 1 the *Hagerstown, Md.*, church has received 19 persons into membership and has seen 14 people accept the Saviour. On March 16 there were 370 people present in the Bible school, 307 in the morning service, 175 in the evening service, and 143 in prayer meeting on March 19.

The *Southeasterner* is a new four-page bulletin published quarterly by the district mission board of the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches in the interest of the mission program within the district.

A reminder: The Brethren Missionary Herald Company will be closed Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12.

The annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches will be held, Lord willing, at Winona Lake, Ind., August 18-24.

NEWS NOTES FROM YOUTH DIRECTOR

Waterloo, Iowa, is really coming along with their BYF groups. The senior group, which disbanded for a while last spring, is going strong now, with a dozen or more in regular attendance. The junior group is even more active, with more than 20 in average attendance. In addition to their regular meetings, the junior group visits a convalescent home every month, bringing cheer by singing and special numbers. Often they leave flowers or cookies with the patients, too.

Jenners, Pa., was host to a youth rally recently, with about 150 in attendance from Meyersdale, Summit Mills, Listie, Johnstown, and Laurel Hills Gospel Tabernacle, in addition to the local folks. Special music and testimonies from the visiting groups, and a message by Youth Director Ralph Colburn made up a program that was enjoyed by all.

The Boys Club of Philadelphia First Church is not large, but is really going fine. Glider models are their first hobby project, and some were almost completed when the accompanying picture was taken in



The Brethren Boys Club at the Philadelphia, Pa., First Church.

February. William Hetrick, at the left rear, is the club chief, and he has several able assistants among the men of the church.

The Meyersdale and Summit Mills young people had a big party the day after Washington's Birthday, which is also Pastor Gerald Polman's birthday. A number of new games were led by the youth director. After pictures and devotions, appropriate refreshments—cherry pie a la mode and soft drinks—were enjoyed. Almost 40 were present for the good time.

Listie, Pa., has a very fine Sky Pilot squadron and Sisterhood group, both of which meet every Monday at the church. Hobby projects, mem-



The Listie Sky Pilots eating cake on their second anniversary.



The Listie SMM group in the basement of their church.

ory work, and devotional times round out the evening's activities, and on a recent Monday night nearly 50 children and young people were present.

YFC ENTERS 2 MORE COUNTRIES

The executive committee of the Youth for Christ International met in Kansas City, Mo., March 8-16. One thing reported from the meeting was that YFC teams had entered Guam and British Guiana, bringing to 78 the number of countries in which this organization is now working. American GI's on Guam began the work there with much success, and a South American team entered British Guiana and held meetings, some being attended by as many as 5,000 people.

Two more full-time evangelists were added, making 17 men now working as international evangelists for YFC. The two just added were Rev. Orval C. Butcher, of Stevens Point, Wis., and Rev. Carl Bihl, of Flint, Mich.



"NO SOAP"

(Lament on Not Having a Boys Club)

Tide thought by now, we'd have a place

For Boys Club meeting soon;
Duz seem we'll *Lava* lot of boys
Ivory little room.

Woodbury much appreciate a place,
I'm sure 'twould bring much
Cheer;

I hope you get the *Dreft* by now,
We need a place quite near.

Surf you know of any place,
Dial the men, and tell them so,
For *All* the boys are waiting
To see the Boys Club grow.

I'm sure 'twill be your greatest *Joy*
To help promote the Christian *Life-buoy*!

(Submitted by Marion Knickerbocker, Temple City, Calif. Maybe a few other clubs have the same problem and lament as this church!)

IT'S AN IDEA!

In your Junior BYF or CE, give an award or points toward an award, for a report, written or oral, on the morning sermon. Temple City Junior CE has done this with interesting results and success.

If you're having a contest, add points for bringing a Bible or Testament to the youth meeting, and also give points for those present at the midweek prayer meeting, with a few extra points here for Bibles, too. Johnstown Senior BYF has been doing this, and it has resulted in greater enthusiasm and interest in the Wednesday night service.

A colored preacher, following a sermon one Sunday, said: "Breddern and sistern: I have told you what is right. Now listen to me. First you gotta believe it. Then you gotta behave it."—Quote. (Maybe we need a little more behaving of the Gospel!)

BEHOLD THE SON OF MAN

OR

Ballad on the Seven Last Words

By Rev. Charles Bergerson, Wadsworth, Ohio

Behold the Son of Man
On Calvary ill-scarred.
Could He, perchance, be recognized,
His visage was so marred?

Behold Him dying there,
For alien sinners killed,
As from His side, His hands and feet
Atoning blood is spilled.

Did He a martyr make,
Unwarned, though loyal? Nay:
"I give and take again my life,
My Father to obey."

The hammers drove the nails
With vengeance flamed anew;
He cried: "Forgive them, Father, for
They know not what they do."

John numbly heard Him say:
"Behold thy mother, son";
And from that hour divine concern
Was measured to his own.

Two thieves, each on his cross,
Did curse, but one confessed.
"This day thou'lt be emparadised";
And forthwith he was blessed.

"My God, my God, why hast
Thou now forsaken me?"
The dying Saviour queried heaven
In bitter agony.

"On Thee I cannot look,"
The Father spoke above,
"Till Thou hast made Thy sacrifice,
Our destiny of love."

He, rasping, groaned, "I thirst,"
His palate parched indeed;
Then, bowing, said, "I now commend
My spirit unto Thee."

" 'Tis finished, as we planned,
So great salvation made;
The sinner sees beyond the bier,
Hell's yawning gates are stayed."

And when He bowed His head,
The sun refused to see—
The temple veil rejoiced to view—
The Saviour on the tree.

The earth was loath to lift
Its own Creator's form,
And graves anticipated well
Their future rapturous morn.

Centurion's faith was made
In Calvary's Son of God,
While loved ones, hopeless, stood aloof,
Faith's premises untrod.

And He, knowing that death
Three days and nights would stay,
Submitted to a borrowed tomb
'Til Resurrection Day.

Thus died the Son of Man,
In noble harmony
With triune God's eternal plan,
Now found in history.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

Long Beach, Calif. (Second)

The Second Brethren Church of Long Beach dedicated to the Lord its remodeled building on February 24, 1952; the pastor preached the message. The new addition has a sanctuary which will seat 450 people, a youth chapel, pastor's study, church office, class rooms and rest rooms. It was joined to the old educational building by an enclosed corridor. The cost of the construction and the furnishings of the addition was \$45,000.

While raising the money for this addition the congregation also gave the largest home mission offering in its history.

On March 2 there were 126 men at the men's fellowship dinner. Music was furnished by the Second Brethren Men's Quartet and Alan McGill, recording artist. Dr. Samuel Sutherland, dean of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, was the speaker.

There were 701 people present at the Sunday school on March 9.—George O. Peek, pastor.

Uniontown, Pa.

March 10-23 were wonderful days as we labored for Christ in this historic city. In 1754 this area was the scene of the French and Indian War, which was fought to determine whether the French or the English were to gain control of North America. It was in this area that George Washington engaged in the first major battle of his military career. It was here that Gen. Edward Braddock, captain-general of all British soldiers in the American colonies, was killed in battle. This was "Braddock's Defeat."

Our interest was keen with regard to these historic details, but our primary interest was to "preach the Word" that Satan might be defeated. It was a joy to labor with Bro. Clyde Landrum, pastor of our Uniontown church. A man of devotion and



The remodeled building of the Second Brethren Church, showing the new addition, front center.



Part of the audience at the dedication service, with the pastor at the pulpit.



Leaders in the dedicatory service: (left) George O. Peek, pastor; (center) Harry Kirby, charter member; (right) Max Williams, music director.

prayer, Brother Landrum had left no stone unturned to publicize the meetings by radio, newspaper, and door-to-door contact. The congregation was "keyed" to the meetings when we arrived. The result was that we had a fine attendance throughout the campaign.

We praise God for the fervor for Christ in the Uniontown church. Pastor and people alike are busy in jail meetings, tract distribution, home evangelism, and radio ministry. Praise God for a church that is busy for God. It was by the grace

of God that we were privileged to minister the Word of God in Uniontown, and to see the fruit of the Holy Spirit.—Arnold R. Kriegbaum, evangelist.

Surely God is good to His own! This has been demonstrated to the Uniontown church in the 2 weeks of Bible-evangelistic services. We were stirred right from the start by Bro. Arnold Kriegbaum's clear, forceful messages and by his sincere love for souls. Not only have we been stirred but also we have been caused to see more than ever before the joyful privilege that is ours to go out and win men for Christ.

During the last week of the meetings the Eureka Jubilee Singers furnished special music. This proved to be a real help in the winning of lost souls. Their ministry blended right in with Brother Kriegbaum's strong Gospel messages, making for an unusually strong evangelistic appeal. We praise the Lord for the love for souls that we found in the Eureka Jubilee Singers.

There were first-time decisions, decisions to walk closer to the Lord, and there were those who came for baptism. Praise the Lord for definite results. However, one of the finest contributions of this pastor-evangelist preacher to our church was the strengthening of the believers. Surely the Lord has used the Word to encourage and build up the Lord's people here, for which we thank our God.—Clyde K. Landrum, pastor.

Albany, Oreg.

En route to Portland, Oreg., we stopped over in Albany for a week of prophetic studies with the Brethren there. This was the first attempt this church had made to interest the people in the study of prophecy in a conference. We had a feast of blessings proclaiming and studying together. We sought to give a "bird's-eye view" of God's prophetic program.

This home mission church is getting more established in the community. Their beautiful building is just about completed. Now the people have faith and works enough to tackle the erecting of a parsonage. This group of faithful, sacrificing members and pastor do much of the building themselves, with their own hands. This was our second visit to this church. Join with me in praying for the program and progress of the Albany church.—Dr. C. H. Ashman, Bible teacher.

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*As from the desert, lifeless, dry, the yucca lifts its head,
So that first Easter morn the Lord arose out from the dead.*

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The *Bellflower, Calif.*, church received two members on March 16, one by letter and one by baptism.

The *Los Angeles County Christian Endeavor Convention* will be held this year at the Church of the Open Door, May 2-4.

The *Waterloo, Iowa*, church will hold an evangelistic campaign April 13-27 under the leadership of Rev. L. L. Grubb, of Winona Lake, Ind. Rev. John Neely, of Conemaugh, Pa., will be in charge of the music.

The *Iowa District WMC* held its spring rally at the Cedar Rapids church on March 27. Miss Mary Emmert, of Dallas Center, was the special speaker.

Almost 50 women and girls attended the mother - and - daughter banquet at the *Cheyenne, Wyo.*, church on March 20.

There were 475 people present on Saturday night, March 22, at the *Modesto, Calif.*, La Loma Church to hear the Pacific Bible College choir.

Rev. Lowell Hoyt's new address is 500 S. Tejon St., Denver, Colo. (Change Annual, p. 68.)

The *Long Beach, Calif.*, Second Church received 41 members during the first 2 weeks of March.

Married: Mr. Charles Willard and Mrs. Zona Coleman by Rev. George Peek, at Long Beach, Calif., Second Church on March 8.

The *Clearbrook, Va.*, church added a baptism to its building and dedicated it on April 6.

Miss Adeline Gordon, of the Long Beach, Calif., First Church, sailed

for Formosa aboard the "Pacific Transport" on March 24. She will work with the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. Her address will be c/o Child Evangelism Headquarters, c/o Kei Jin Hospital, Taichung, Taiwan, Formosa.

Bro. Clair Brickel, member of this year's senior class at Grace Seminary, accepted the pastorate of the Clayton, Ohio, church, effective March 30. He will not move to Clayton until after graduation in May.

The Lester Kennedys and the Charles Tabers are visiting the Northern Ohio churches during the Easter week. Both couples are missionary candidates for the African field.

Mrs. Bertha J. Smith, Johnstown, Pa., read her Bible through twice in 1947 and once each year since then.



At the *South Pasadena, Calif.*, church five people accepted Christ as Saviour on March 23. The choir of this church will be a part of the choir at the Easter sunrise service in the Rose Bowl.

At *Tijuana, Baja California*, four adults accepted the Saviour in public confession on February 24. Rev. Roy Howard, using an interpreter, was the preacher.

The *Leesburg, Ind.*, church will hear messages from Dr. Harold Mason, missionary candidate for Africa, and Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr., of Grace Seminary, on Easter Sunday. Prof. Kent also spoke at the church on April 6.

Three people publicly acknowledged Christ as Saviour at the *Hargerstown, Md.*, church on March 23.

The attendance averaged 426 at the Good News Revival in *Leamersville, Pa.*, during the eight services the Eureka Jubilee Singers were there, March 9-15. Pastor Robert Crees did the preaching. There were 27

who accepted Christ as Saviour, and 4 who came in reconsecration of life. The church has granted the pastor permission to hold two evangelistic meetings this year in other churches as the Lord leads.

The young people's camps of the *California District* will be held June 14-July 5.

The dates for *Camp Grace*, the young people's camp for the Southeast District, will be July 21-August 4.

The *Winchester, Va.*, church will hold a Bible conference April 14-19 with Dr. Paul R. Bauman as the teacher. This church recently placed carpet on the floor of the auditorium of its building.

On the afternoon of March 23 there were 452 people present to help observe the fifth anniversary of the *Kittanning, Pa.*, church. The program featured the Eureka Jubilee Singers, who spent the remainder of the week at the church.

Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, after holding an evangelistic campaign at Uniontown, Pa., was welcomed home by the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church by presenting him with a platform rocker. (When does a preacher find time to use such a thing?)

The *Findlay, Ohio*, church will hold special meetings April 13-20 with Rev. Miles Taber, of Ashland, Ohio, as the speaker.

Rev. Lester E. Pifer, of Fremont, Ohio, will be the evangelist at the *Cleveland, Ohio*, church April 14-27.

The *Ashland, Ohio*, church saw 16 people make public decisions, 4 of which were first-time decisions, during the week beginning March 23. On March 26 there were 92 people in prayer meeting, the previous high being 76, registered the week before.

The *Southeast District* conference will be held at the Covington, Va., church July 7-9. Prof. Robert Culver, of Chicago, will be the special speaker.

The *Roanoke, Va.*, Washington Heights Church voted on March 23 to enter into a working agreement with the Brethren Home Missions Council, and the following men were elected to the building committee: O. R. Keith, B. H. Conner, and John Wright.

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What Easter Means in Banouland

By Dr. Floyd Taber, Missionary on Furlough

Years ago a missionary bound for the far interior of Africa was spending a night in a village that had never heard the Gospel, and it might be years before another messenger passed through that area. He could not tell them much in one evening, but he might at least lay a foundation on which a later pilgrim could build.

He began: "We must all die."

Immediately there was an uproar. Angry faces, threatening words, brandished spears.

"What is the matter?" he asked his interpreter.

"But you have cursed them. You have said they are going to die."

To the Banou, the tribe living around Yaloke and Bossembele, death means to become a "bizon"—a disembodied spirit that wanders around in the bush with no place for the sole of its foot.

If the members of the family are kindly disposed toward the deceased, they may carve a little wooden idol that they stick in the ground outside the door of their hut, and the "bizon" may use this body as a makeshift resting place. But in time his family dies, the hut is abandoned, the idol rots, and the "bizon" faces an eternity of aimless wanderings.

Do you hear that endless drumming as you lie awake? As well ask the soldier if he hears the heavy artillery bombarding a few miles away.

Yet *hear* is not exactly the right word. You began by hearing it, but as time goes on you *feel* it, as it makes your whole being vibrate.

NO RESURRECTION, NO GOSPEL

Virgin birth, spotless life, perfect teachings, substitutionary death, all added together, do not make Good News. Without the resurrection, there can be no Good News. With the resurrection, there can be no bad news.

Dr. Floyd Taber.

After hours of it you fall into a half doze, and imagine yourself down in the engine room of a great ocean liner—throb, throb, throb, throb—and then you *are* the ocean liner, being pushed through raging seas by those relentless engines that make every part of you quiver—throb, throb, throb, throb . . .

Then the throbbing begins to spell out: one-more-lost-soul—one-more-lost-soul—one-more-beyond-hope—one-more-beyond-hope . . .

Morning at last. The throbbing still goes on. Under the heat of the noonday sun, still the same throb-



Dr. Taber

bing. Shadows lengthen—throb, throb, throb, throb . . . All the *next* night—and the *next* day.

From time to time a pause, under the effect of complete exhaustion. Then once again it takes up, piercing your being more painfully because of the break.

Three days—and three nights—then silence. The silence of death. The nearest thing the heathen know to comfort, this state of collapse from complete physical and nervous exhaustion.

The death dance is ended. The mourning begins.

Now is your opportunity. You know the Gospel. Comfort this man who has lost his only son.

God has planted the craving for immortality in every breast. To the heathen, the nearest approach to a satisfaction of this hunger is to lengthen your shadow in the person of a son. This man has lost his only remaining son, he is too old to have

another. He has nothing more to live for.

"God in heaven, like you, had an only Son, and He gave Him up."

Your bereaved Banou father sits unmoved, reflecting dimly, "Strange, that One should give up a Son."

"He sent His Son down to earth to live among men, live in a body just like ours, to die and be buried just like your son."

Strange indeed that one should give his son to death. He must have been a very inhuman father. Like a white man.

"He loved His Son very dearly, but gave Him to die for your sin and my sin."

Unbelievably strange, that God should care for me more than for His own Son, and give His Son to die for me. But what good does it do me? My son is still in the grave, and I will soon follow him. That is no good news.

"They laid Him in a tomb, just like your son. But after three days He came forth, alive for evermore, the conqueror of death. He abolished death. The one who lives and believes in Him can never die."

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Good news indeed. If I could only believe it!"

Christ has abolished death. Yet after 1,900 years men are dying without knowing it. GO TELL.

RESURRECTION MORN

The Christ is gone! He is not here!

The stone is rolled away!

He is not here among the dead—

"Tis resurrection day!

No more the chains of death are His, He has gained victory!

Triumphant over death! the grave!

The conqueror is He!

What joy! What joy is ours to know

That He who came to die

To rescue us from sin and shame

Now *lives* for us—on high.

—Geneva Showerman.

France Wants Security

The French government has asked for a binding promise from the United States Congress and the British Parliament that the rearmed Germans will not pull out of the proposed European army and revive the Wehrmacht. The French people remember all too well the might and destructiveness of the German army under Hitler and his companions. Now they want a promise of security.

However, tragic to say, nations have a way of making such promises and then immediately forgetting them or breaking them for other political ties.

What the French people really need is the security that comes only in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. We are told that there are less than 50,000 born-again believers in all of that great nation. Pray that the Gospel will soon be preached to the people of this land and they will find their eternal security in Him who alone could say: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

Communists Believe in Separation

Communists believe that it is not right for a Communist and a non-Communist to be married to each other. They believe in the separation of themselves from all other people.

Stephen A. Wereb, 55-year-old former member of the party, testified at the trial of the 15 California Communist Party leaders that "some persons were expelled for what they call right separationist tendencies and some for left separationist tendencies. For instance, if you were married to a non-Communist you were given your choice of divorcing your wife or divorcing the party."

Mr. Wereb, a typewriter repairman, testified under cross-examination that he had been married for 34 years and that pressure had been put on him to divorce his non-Communist wife, though he was not expelled for not doing so.

Centuries ago God asked the Israelites: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

Sometimes the people who adhere to false philosophies and religions put to shame the Christians in their belief in the doctrine of separation. This ought not to be, for we have been bought and paid for by the Lord of glory Himself. We are His and we ought so to live apart from the world that all people will know this about us.

Peace for the Nation's Children

President Harry S. Truman believes that the children of today will live in an age of peace tomorrow. Writing to Columnist Leigh Mitchell Hodges, of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, congratulating him on his 50 years of continuous writing for the paper, the President further declared:

"Of all our personal reasons for happiness and optimism, none is greater than our confidence in the future well-being of our children.

"I believe, first of all, that they will live in peace. The economic and military measures now being taken by the peoples of the free world will discourage fresh aggression. Already, thanks to our steadfast course, Communist aggression has been checked."

There is one thing, however, that the President does not consider, and that is sin. When Fascism and Communism, when poverty and ignorance, and when racial and religious distinctions are all destroyed and dissolved, there still remains the problem of sin.

The Book declares to all who will read and heed: "There is no peace,

saith my God, to the wicked" (Isa. 57:21). So long, therefore, as sin and wickedness remain there can be no lasting peace either for individuals or for nations composed of individual people.

God's Blessing (?) for the Brewers

According to Ethel Hubler, editor, owner, and publisher of the National Voice, at last one has made a mockery of prayer in asking God to bless the making of alcoholic beverages. No one ever heard of God being asked to bless the activities of the brewers until it happened in our own country the other day.

Miss Hubler wrote in her paper (March 13, 1952) that "the United States Brewers Foundation recently held its 78th annual convention in New Orleans. The president of Loyola University of the South, the Very Rev. Thomas J. Shields, prayed at the opening session of this convention. If there have been other times when this has occurred, it has not come to our attention.

"The Rev. Mr. Shields' prayer, as published in the Beverage Dealer News, follows:

"Almighty and eternal God, Creator of the Universe, who, through the wondrous workings of natural laws published and ordered by Thy divine providence, has placed on this earth an abundance of plant and vegetable life for the nourishment and comfort of mankind. O God, of infinite intellect and power, who has endowed men with the knowledge and ability to use the cereal plants and grain, together with the waters of the earth, to make a beverage both nourishing for the body and pleasing to the heart of man, we ask Thy blessings upon all here assembled, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who manifested His divine power by changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, thereby teaching us that it is not the moderate use but the irrational abuse of beverages which is sinful. May the United States Brewers Foundation be conscious of its high responsibility before Thee, and so conduct its business that it may merit the commendation of all men, and Thy divine blessing. Amen."

Further comment is unnecessary!



The Way of Peace

By Louis S. Bauman, D. D.

[This article was written by Dr. Bauman just a few days before his promotion to be with the Lord Jesus Christ and first appeared in *Salvation* magazine, December, 1950, issue. The article is as timely as when it was first written and is here presented so that all members of the Brethren Church may have access to it.—Editor.]

The whole world today is in desperate search for enduring peace. If all the campaign speeches to which the American people have listened, and all the tons of literature they have read in recent weeks, serve as a good criterion, then the one thing above all others that, not only the American people, but all the nations of the earth fervently desire, is an enduring peace. All mankind is sick of wading through human blood and gore. Ostensibly, all the efforts of men during the months, and possibly years, just ahead of us will be spent in the pursuit of enduring peace. May their efforts be not in vain!

We wonder how many people really believe the Bible to be the Word of God, that through it the eternal God, who sees the end from the beginning, speaks to us? Now, if you really believe with Jesus that "the scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35), why search elsewhere for the signposts that mark the only pathway to enduring peace? The whole purpose of the revelation of God is to show men the pathway to peace—peace with God and peace with man. One searching elsewhere for that happy pathway, no matter how great, how learned, or how sincere he be, will seek in vain, even as did Ponce de Leon for the Fountain of Youth.

Now once upon a time, the living God turned His candid camera upon this unregenerate world, and then gave us the picture. We may not like to look at ourselves in our unregenerate state. Nevertheless, let us take a look at the picture. Here it is in Romans 3:10-18:

"There is none righteous, no, not one . . . there is none that seeketh after God. . . . There is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips;

whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: their feet are swift to shed blood: destruction and misery are in their ways: and the way of peace have they not known: there is no fear of God before their eyes."

What a terrible picture! But that is the unregenerate world as the infinitely holy God sees it. We only need to look about us to realize that the camera of God is very faithful!

We need not cross the seas to heathen lands for verification of the picture. Our daily newspapers are enough to verify it. Throats open to



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belch forth Communism, Bolshevism, Atheism, fumes of alcohol, cigarettes, hate, bigotry, lies, death! Verily, "open sepulchres"!

"With their tongues they have used deceit." Promises! Promises without end. Promises for election purposes! Who among us expects these promises to be kept? Deceit upon deceit! P. T. Barnum, the world's greatest circus proprietor and showman, declared seriously, "The public likes to be humbugged!" We are compelled to believe that Barnum was right. He should have known. Half the world spends its time trying to deceive, to put something over on the other half. Honor goes out the window, but peace does not come in at the door.

Peace can never come, as God is in His heaven, so long as the wicked are exalted. "There is no peace, saith our God, to the wicked." Just so long as Jesus Christ and His righteousness find no place in the councils of men, plan as men will, wars and rumors of wars will continue to be the order of the day. It is not enough even for men to say that they believe in God and pray

to Him. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, must be recognized. Let Jew and pagan remember that. The hand of God has written it:

"All men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honour-eth not the Father which sent him" (John 5:23).

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And now will you open your Bibles with me to the second chapter of Haggai and read chapter 2, verses 6 to 9?

Now fix this statement clearly in your mind: "*In this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.*" When enduring peace comes to this world, it will not emanate from Moscow, Paris, London, Geneva, Washington, or from the United Nations. It will be spoken from "*this place*"—Jerusalem!

Now some may not like that! I cannot help it. As a true minister of the Word I must declare unto the people what God has spoken.

Let me tell it once again: "In this place [Jerusalem] will I give peace." That peace which is "the desire of all nations."

Jesus said: "Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22). This anti-Semitic world doesn't like that. The Jews did not like it when Pilate nailed to the cross the title: "JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS." They said to Pilate: "Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews" (John 19:19, 21). Pilate replied: "What I have written I have written." Today the gentiles may not like it that Jesus said, "Salvation is of the Jews." They also may want God to change that. But the omnipotent God can only reply: "What I have written I have written." "I am Jehovah. I change not."

Yes, when enduring peace comes to the earth it will be heralded from the towers of the city of David. What a lot of useless effort men would save if only they would believe that. Let us do our utmost to attain the best peace we can. But if the nation is wise she will not be so foolish as to sink her battleships, and nose-dive her battle planes into the sea, and tear down her defense walls on

any orders from Moscow, London, or Washington. Don't permit yourselves to be deceived! Paradoxical as it may seem, those planners for world peace are also planning to create the greatest and most fearful engines of war the world has ever seen. They are going to base their peace on atomic force. Therefore they talk peace but prepare war. We shall not here question their sincerity. The old Book tells the story: "The way of peace have they not known."

Now will you again turn to the sure word of prophecy, and read Zechariah 9:10. "And the battle bow shall be cut off; and he shall speak peace unto the nations (RV): and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth."

Now, my friends, this part of Zechariah's prophecy has never yet been fulfilled. The battle bow is working overtime, and the nations are red with human blood. But as "the scripture cannot be broken," this latter part of the prophecy must be fulfilled just as truly as the first part.

The kingdom of God, which is the kingdom of peace, was offered to men. But men rejected it. And so the kingdom was postponed. Someone will say: "So you believe in the postponement *theory*." My reply is: "No, I believe in the postponement *fact*." The 9th verse of Zechariah 9 was fulfilled to the letter on that first Palm Sunday long ago. The 10th verse will likewise be fulfilled to the letter. Otherwise, the Scripture would be broken, and that can never be!

The next time Jesus comes to Jerusalem He will not come riding upon a humble ass. That part of the Scripture He has already fulfilled. The next time He will come riding on a great white charger. You have the picture in Revelation 19:11-21. It will be to Armageddon's battlefield under the walls of Jerusalem. He will overthrow the embattled legions of the nations gathered about that city. Then, and not until then, will the battle bow be cut off, and He will speak peace, enduring peace, to the nations. Then "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isa. 2:4).

Peace, without the Prince of Peace, is a fool's dream!

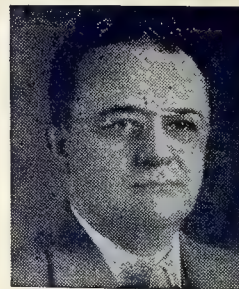
God Did My Banking in Kittanning

By Rev. Robert Crees
Leamersville, Pa.

My first pastorate was at Kittanning, Pa., in the depression years of 1931 to 1936. Times were hard, finances were low, most of the members were out of work, many on relief. At the end of each year the church owed me money on my salary, and each year I forgave the debt, for they could not pay. Their hearts were right, but they had no money.

Last year the Kittanning church told me they had decided to pay the salary I had forgiven and forgotten! They kept their promise, and last month the final installment was received. Thank you, Kittanning, for your thoughtfulness, and may God continue to bless you.

The miracle of it was this: I was married while I was pastor in Kit-



Rev. Robert Crees

tanning and my two oldest girls were born there. Rosemary is now a sophomore in Bryan University and these surprise payments helped make possible her college training! The Lord knew this preacher never would have any surplus money, so He saved it for me through Kittanning! God knows best and Romans 8:28 is still in the Book!



South Bend, Ind.

A 2-week evangelistic campaign was held at the Sunnymede Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind., March 10-23. Rev. M. L. Myers, pastor of the Rosement Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va., was the evangelist and song leader. Brother Myers preached the Word with convicting power night after night and there was a moving of the Holy Spirit in our midst. The first night that Brother Myers preached there were 10 who came forward to indicate their desire to be used of the Lord in the winning of precious souls.

During the meetings that followed there were two first-time decisions for Christ and three reaffirmations of faith. On the final night of the meetings there were two who were baptized and received into the membership of the church. The average attendance for the 2 weeks was 44.

Children's meetings were also held during the 2-week period, with the pastor in charge. Brother Myers led the singing and Mrs. Allen, a member of the church, gave the Bible

lesson each day. There was a total enrollment of 67, with an average attendance of 31. Thirteen first-time decisions were made for Jesus Christ at these children's meetings.

Hugh Coombs, a student at Grace Seminary, was a great help in the meetings. Brother Coombs recently lost his father by death and is leaving school for the remainder of the year. In spite of this recent heartache he was willing to play the piano and assist in many other ways.

We wish to thank from the very depths of our heart the Brethren Board of Evangelism for their financial help, without which it would not have been possible to hold such a series of meetings.

The revival spirit continues to prevail and we are trusting God that a harvest will still be reaped.—
John W. Zielasko, pastor.

Covington, Va.

The First Brethren Church, Covington, Va., invited Rev. Bob Guelich for a week of special meetings, but due to the marvelous working of the Holy Spirit he remained with us 3 weeks, teaching the Word. Brother Guelich is a pastor and evangelist, also vice president of Appalachia Bible Institute, Whitesville, W. Va. He knows and loves the Lord. His deep love and understanding of the Word of God enabled him to impart

it unto us, thus establishing us deeper in faith and our love for Christ.

At the end of the first week the official board, recognizing the working of the Spirit and believing it was only the beginning, voted unanimously to continue another week. During the second week the members of the church came to meet issues in their lives which were hindering a revival in their hearts as well as in the church. When pastor and people met the requirements of II Chronicles 7:14, then we saw a revival.

Ten young people recognized Christ not only as Saviour but as Lord of their lives. A Bible club has been started at the high school, for which we praise God.

At the end of the second week the official board felt the direction of the Spirit to continue for the third week. There were not a great number of first-time decisions but we feel definitely that those who heard the Word taught so clearly will come to know the Lord soon. We are praying now that the revival may continue in our hearts so that when Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum comes for our regular spring revival it may be evangelistic, winning the lost to Christ instead of taking time to get church members revived.

We feel that this was truly a revival, and the best evidence we can give is that there were 110 at prayer meeting the Wednesday following the meetings. This, we believe, is a record attendance for this church. —Ina H. Westerman, reporter.

Migrant Camp, Indio, Calif.

Indio is in the center of the date industry of California. There are several Brethren families living there. Finding no fundamental church in which they felt at home, they have been attending and supporting the missionary work in the migrant camp. This work is conducted under the Gospel Fellowship Organization of the State of California. It is undenominational, as all work in these camps must be. We were invited to hold an 8-day meeting in the camp. The two young ladies in charge are doing a fine work in the field of Bible school, child evangelism, and personal visitation. Preaching services are held only when ministers are brought in for special services.

We enjoyed the fellowship with this group of believers, for it was genuinely Christian. A more needy field for evangelism could not be found

Philadelphia First Church Installs Pastor

The members of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia are rejoicing with prayer and thanksgiving to God for having sent Rev. John M. Aeby and his family to Philadelphia. During the long period we have been without a pastor we have prayed earnestly for God to send the man of His choice to us, and we are convinced He did that very thing.

Brother Aeby came to Philadelphia the first of February 1952, and already his ministry among us has been blessed of the Lord.

On Tuesday evening, March 11, we had an installation service for Brother Aeby. The installation committee arranged to have every Brethren pastor in the Atlantic Fellowship participate, with the exception of Rev. M. L. Myers, who was conducting special meetings in South Bend, Ind., at the time.

Rev. Robert S. Cessna presided, and led in the invocation; Rev. Walter Lepp read the Scripture lesson (Eph. 4:1-16), and then Rev. Clarence Lackey led the assembly in the evening prayer. Rev. Paul E. Dick preached the sermon. The service of installation followed, with Brother Lepp reading the declaration of faith (the Message of the Brethren Ministry), and the installation prayer was offered by Rev. Kenneth Teague. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. William Gray, the charge to the people by Rev. James Dixon, Jr., and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. John M. Aeby. This program was interspersed with congregational and choir singing, with Mrs. Maurice Hearn at the organ.

On Wednesday evening Brother Aeby led the prayer meeting, which was one of the largest in our memory. Many prayers and testimonies

than these migrant camps where the people come and go as labor conditions change. We just got started in the 8 days. A spirit of revival had begun to grip the hearts of the believers and the unsaved were beginning to get interested. The outstanding feature was the revival fellowship. We had a happy time together in the Lord. The Brethren families there greatly desire a Brethren church. Pray with us that if that is the Lord's will it shall come to pass.—Dr. C. H. Ashman, evangelist.



Rev. John Aeby

were given, thanking God for giving us Pastor Aeby.

The Philadelphia ministers and Christian workers extended their welcomes to the Aebys on Thursday evening. Letters were sent by Dr. Philip E. Howard, of the Sunday School Times, and Dr. William A. Mierop, president of the Philadelphia Bible Institute. Rev. Ralph L. Keiper, professor at the Philadelphia Bible Institute, gave the message on this occasion, and Rev. O. E. Phillips led in the prayer.

Friday evening was devoted to an evening of fellowship and inspiration, with a musical program in charge of Rev. Stan Cook, of the Philadelphia Bible Institute. Afterward refreshments were served to the members and friends.

We have a fine building, located in a growing suburban section of this great city. In business meeting the congregation gave approval to the alteration committee's recommendation to spend approximately \$4,000 to make our building more usable for the church and Sunday school purposes.

We covet the prayers of the entire brotherhood that we may be able to do His will in this great city where Brethrenism had its beginnings in the United States.—Carl H. Seitz, reporter.

NAE GOES TO CHICAGO

The 10th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, with headquarters at 542 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., will be held in the Congress Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Blvd., Chicago, April 15-18.

The theme of this year's convention is "By My Spirit," which will be featured in the general convention messages and in the various conferences and auxiliary meetings in connection with the gathering.



“Occupy” IN TEACHING

By Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, Dayton, Ohio

Our Lord Jesus, when giving the parable of the pounds, said at the end of the lesson, “Occupy till I come” (Luke 19:13). This parable of the pounds, among other things, teaches us that the gift of opportunity is equal for each believer. He did not leave us in the dark as to the preparation for taking possession of our opportunities.

Among the last words of our Lord were these: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.” It is this work of teaching and occupying therein of which we wish to speak.

Its Basic Scope

That the teaching ministry is Scriptural is without doubt. This ministry is really more important than that of preaching. The word “preach” appears 143 times in the Bible, but the word “teach” appears at least 217 times. It is the practice of every Bible student to take heed to the words of Scripture that are so oft repeated.

The “Great Commission” of Matthew 28:18-20 gives us the basic scope of the teaching ministry. It tells us two things about it. First, we are to teach all nations. Secondly, we are to teach them to observe all things that He has commanded. We have heard many missionaries from all the fields of the world, and their consistent cry is for more *teachers* for the fields. We are convinced that here is one of the richest fields of labor in the work of our Lord, and we are also convinced that it is very much neglected.

That the church might be properly equipped, gifts of the ascended Lord were given—apostles, prophets, evangelists, and teaching preachers. These were given to equip the saints for the work of serving. This teaching ministry is basic in the “Great Commission” and its scope is universal.

Its Practice

In writing to young Timothy the Apostle Paul said: “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (II Tim. 2:2).

Without doubt Paul was instructing Timothy in the basic work of the ministry, and telling him to put into practice in the organized church the ministry of teach-

ing so that the children of our God could grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord, and could be instrumental in the growth of other saints committed to their care.

The supreme purpose of the church is to shape the eternal destiny of souls according to the Word of God. That the Word of God may become effective in the lives of the saints it must be taught to them line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ (Eph. 4:13).

Accomplishments

An effective teaching ministry is the very foundation of revival. The great revival in Judah under the godly Jehoshaphat was the result of a definite, consistent, universal teaching ministry. Here is what the Record says: “And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah. Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes . . . to teach in the cities of Judah. And with them he sent Levites . . . and with them . . . priests. And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the Lord with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people” (II Chron. 17:6-9). The resultant accomplishment and blessing is told in the next verse: “And the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.” By reading further we find that Jehoshaphat was enriched by, and became great among the nations (II Chron. 17:10-12).

Could it not be that if our great nation—the United States of America—were to follow this simple procedure that the results would be the same?

There can be no effective evangelism unless it follows a period of teaching wherein the Word is planted that it might be instrumental in opening the hearts of those dead in sin. The one great reason for the success of D. L. Moody in his evangelistic campaigns was due to the great teaching ministry of the church of his day. There can be no harvest without first planting the seed.

There are two classes of people who cause trouble in

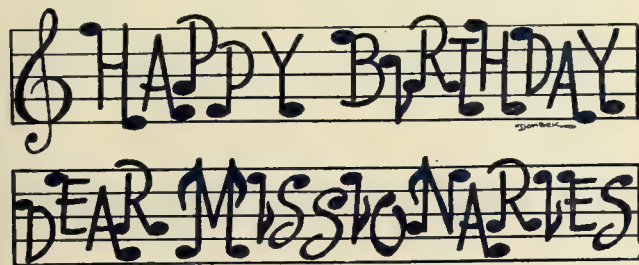
the church. The first class is the unsaved who get membership by confession of a faith they do not possess. The second is the untaught, who remain that way because of neglect on the part of the church, or because they choose not to be taught and resist every effort by others to teach them. It can truly be said that those who are being taught the Word and are searching it out and teaching others seldom trouble the ranks of the church. They may differ at times, but they never cause trouble.

An effective teaching ministry in the church is a great bulwark against Satanic attacks. It will effectively stop the inroads of liberalism and false cults. Well-instructed saints will never become the victims of these false movements, for they will have the Word stored in their hearts, ready to give an answer to those who ask for the hope that lieth in their hearts. When our Lord was tempted by Satan, He put him to rout by the effective use of Scripture which had been taught Him by His parents, and in the synagogue.

Rewards

Daniel said: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12:3). The word "wise" in the Authorized text can also be translated "teachers." It says that they shall shine as the brightest objects of the heavens, and you will notice that the turning of many to righteousness implies much more than just the matter of soul winning. It implies the instruction in righteousness that will make the man of God perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Let us be diligent in the ministry of teaching. Let us occupy the field so that none of the brightness of the reward shall be dimmed by neglect or failure to teach.



Africa—

Rev. S. Wayne Beaver.....June 2
Mrs. Marvin Goodman, Jr.June 12
Rev. Roy Snyder.....June 15
Miss Marie MishlerJune 19

Argentina—

Mrs. Ricardo Wagner.....June 17

On Furlough and in United States—

Mrs. Rose Foster.....June 9
(Winona Lake, Ind.)
Donald Sheldon (missionaries' son).....June 5
(c/o Mrs. R. F. Sturges, 2021 Dawson Ave., Long
Beach, Calif.)

Missionaries' Children—

Clifford Wagner (Argentina).....June 4, 1949
Nancy Grace Hill (Africa).....June 8, 1949
Roberta Hill (Africa).....June 29, 1945

April 12, 1952



"The Lord is risen,
The light of the morning is shining;
The night is ended,
The darkness is over and done;
From gloom, from sorrow,
The earth has awakened to gladness;
The Lord is risen,
And victory won."

—Selected.

As a child I sang those words to the "Angels' Serenade" in the First Brethren Church, Philadelphia. I never hear that melody without a rush of sweet memories. In my mature years I have thanked my Father over and over again not only for the precious memories of childhood training but for the glad reality of personally knowing the risen Christ. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (I Cor. 15:19). How we should thank God for our living "hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (I Pet. 1:3).

Christianity is NOT just another religion. It is THE WAY OF LIFE. The founders of every religion in the world have one thing in common—they are dead, or will die, in the case of a newly founded religion. But Jesus Christ, very God of very God, who laid down His life for lost mankind, conquered death and is now living. He sits at this moment at the right hand of God the Father interceding for you and me. "Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your heart and sing. . . . He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!" Believest thou this? Then arise in the power of a living Lord and win men to Him.

The tragedy of Christendom today is its "peanut" living. Instead of living in the power and might and love of her living Lord she exists in a spineless, apologetic manner, offering stones for bread to those who seek. But how can she give bread when she knows not the "bread which came down from heaven"? If there is ever a time in our existence as a church or in our individual lives when a rededication is in order it is now at this Eastertime. Christ lives while people for whom He gave His life as a ransom die. They need not die, they should not die in their sins, if Christ's church were obeying His command to "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

It is Eastertime, and the Brethren Church turns her attention to the fields of service beyond these shores. In the past, the women of the Brethren Church have given self, sons, and substance. We'll not do less this year. If we do less this year than last we vote to curtail the spreading of the Gospel. If we do the same as last year we vote to hold the present line. It is only as we do more through the giving of self in intercessory prayer and sacrificial offering that we show our thanks for our "so great salvation."

As you thank God at this Eastertime for the resurrection of His Son make your thanksgiving "audible" with a sacrificial gift. "He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity" (Rom. 12:8).

LOOSEN THE CORDS

By Dorothea M. Schwartz, First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

The 6th chapter of Romans is one of the most helpful portions of Scripture for the Christian. Among other fundamental requirements it teaches the yielding of our lives to God (vs. 13). This truth should be emphasized because so few believers pay heed to the Word at this point. Show me the unyielded Christian and I will show you a carnal individual. The two are inseparable (I Cor. 3:1-4). Show me a yielded Christian and I will show you a joyful individual. These, too, are inseparable.

Carnality hinders the work of the Lord. It dulls our senses so that we are not alert to the subtle overtures to sin which Satan puts in our paths. Carnality beclouds our vision so that we are not on tiptoe expecting our Lord to come. To be sure, we *talk* about His coming, we *read* about His return, and most of us have some very *clear cut views* of our Lord's second coming into the world. But the talking, the reading, and the clear thinking do not mean that we *really* anticipate His return. Most of us are tightly bound to the things of this world. There are professed believers who hold tenaciously to the truth that the church may be caught up at any moment to meet Christ, but who are utterly worldly in life and thought. They are immersed in habits, pursuits, and relationships so foreign to their high and holy calling that should Christ suddenly break through the blue these folks would bow in heartbreaking shame at His feet. It is high time we loosen the cords of worldly entanglements, right all wrongs to which we've been party, and prepare ourselves for our translation! "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (I John 3:2-3).

Our supreme task in these last days is to call upon the godless to repent. There are various methods of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is not a believer who cannot have a part in winning the lost to Him. We can *all* go and tell, either in person or by being represented by the missionaries whom *we* send. We all *know* that the spreading of the Gospel takes time and money. What are we doing about it? The resources of prayer have only been slightly touched by the great host of professing believers. It is high time we loosen the cords of selfish living and begin to sacrifice ourselves in giving, in praying, in going, ere He comes for His own.

Eastertime and foreign missions are synonymous in the Brethren Church. Each day that Jesus Christ delays His coming gives us added opportunity to spread the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. This takes money. God has raised up many fine men and women in the Brethren Church who are willing to go and tell the story in your place and mine. But we must *send* them. We are stewards of all God has given us. What will the record show as to our stewardship? Have we been true to the trust He has placed in our hands? The Book admonishes us to "occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13). It is high time we loosen the cords of our money purses and occupy in the fields to which the Lord has directed the Brethren Church.

It is the resurrection season. May God help the Brethren Church to spend and be spent for the salvation of a lost world. Let us go and let go and help go. Our poverty, our weakness, our limited resources are not excuses. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor. 9:8).

Are you "sitting loose" from worldly entanglements, from selfish living and from tightened purse strings as you pray for His return? Let us get our house in order for "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." Loosen the cords; He may come tonight!

HELLO, EVERYBODY



My name is Grace Bekoro. I am the first little baby to be born here in the leper village. You can tell two things by my name. "Grace"—you know I am a Karre baby and that we live close to Bassai. "Bekoro"—that is where I was born, since Mamma and Daddy are strangers here in this land of Bekoro.

My life at Beandje is quite a happy life. We have come here because Mamma has leprosy. Every day Mamma takes me to the dispensary where she gets some little pills, then once a week we go and they stick the place on Mamma's back with a needle. She doesn't even cry; she goes without anyone pulling her, too. I don't do it that way. Whenever I'm sick and I see that white lady coming, I cry as hard as I can because the medicine she gives me is bitter. One time my leg was sore and she stuck me with a needle. I really hollered that time and I snubbed her for months after. Sometimes she plays with me and sings me songs about One Door and Only One while she does funny things with my hands, and I just begin to think that she likes me when here she comes the next day with medicine to jam in my mouth for my cold or my fever.

Would you like to know what I do all day long? When we get up in the morning Mamma makes a fire right outside our door. It is cold in the mornings, so she holds me in her arms near the fire. You see I don't wear any clothes, so I get a cold if Mamma doesn't hold me

over the fire in the morning. Then when the sun starts getting hot, Mamma starts pounding grain, and my little friend, who is about 6, comes over and I ride around on her hip. We play all morning like that; sometimes we play in the dirt, and if we can find a puddle of water we play in that. It gets real hot in the afternoon, so we have to go in the shade. I usually sleep on a mat until it gets cooler. Now I'm trying to walk, so Daddy made a walker for me. It is different from the walkers the children in America use. My walker is a long branch with both ends stuck into the ground. That gives me something to pull myself up on and I try to walk a little bit by hanging on to it.

Then in the evening I am very, very dirty. If no one watches me I even like to eat dirt. So Mamma gets a

clay pot of water and a gourd and starts washing me. Sometimes just for fun she lets me take a bath in her basin that she serves food in; that's where I am in this picture. After that it starts to get dark, so Mamma makes a fire outside and then Daddy and some other men eat the mush she made, and we lay down on a mat by the fire. Sometime in the night we all move inside to sleep, but I never know just when.

Well, I guess that is all I can tell you, except I want to thank all of you who have given your money so we can come here to get Mamma well, so Daddy and all of us can go back to Karreland to preach about Jesus like before. Mamma and Daddy want to thank you, too.

Grace Bekoro.

(Sent by Marybeth Munn.)

LO! I SEE

A Preacher's Wife* Looks at Laywomen and Their Children

While traveling through the Smoky Mountain area we arrived at a sign marked "Tennessee" on one side and "North Carolina" on the other. Our little girl climbed the sign, sat in one State, and wiggled her feet in the other.

A dear friend and I looked down Memory Lane and discovered we have many similar experiences. As we watch the flock which God has given us grow spiritually and socially and hear their prayers on our behalf, we delight in the "state" of ecstasy. However, as we listen to the Word week after week and see our husbands busy day after day trying to lead the flock in His way, we sometimes reach the "state" of perplexity. My friend and I asked each other: "What can we do to arouse our folk out of lethargy, pettiness, indifference? How can we best help those whom God has put in our care?"

Lo, it is Monday morning. A pastor's wife is trying to recuperate from the strain and stress of a busy Lord's Day. There had been kiddies to get ready for Sunday school, dinner to prepare for the guest speaker and the family, helping husband preach the sermons (like the back-seat driver), speaking at the youth service, meeting with the SMM cabinet, answering telephone and doorbell, keeping her own children occupied and out of trouble. She got up early this morning to do her laundry so she could get the house in order for—well, just anybody who might drop in.

She starts to hum a tune, when lo! she thinks of yesterday's services. Wasn't Junior So-and-So alone when he came to Sunday school? He surely was. Plenty of spunk the boy has, for coming alone usually means he had to dress and get breakfast without any parental assistance. When he comes alone it's a sure sign that Mother and Dad were out too late the night before and are too tired to make the effort to get to church on the Lord's Day. Junior is always at boys' club, parties, practices for anything going on at the church, and even loves to help at the parsonage. When he stays for meals he is little concerned about calling home because "Mom is glad to have me out of her way." Mrs. Preacher sighs as she thinks how they've worked and prayed that parents might have a vision of what they should and could do, but are not doing.

She recalls that she heard her daughter ask her school

friend, who has lately started to attend Sunday school, whether or not she could go to SMM. Babs' reply, "If it were a sewing club Mother would allow me," grieves her as it calls to mind the mothers in our churches who are willing for their children to be active in the 4-H clubs, the Brownies, the Scouts, and the like. All of these are good organizations in their way, but most mothers are interested in them primarily that their children may gain popularity and be worldly wise.

Ting-a-ling! Oh, me! A dear friend calls and suggests that the pastor's wife didn't speak to Mrs. Ina Hurry yesterday. The friend thought we would like to know so that we could speak to her especially the next time she comes to church. Lo! she remembers she did rush from the front seat to meet all the ladies but this one slipped out the door before Mrs. Preacher made it to the door herself.

Back to humming a tune as she works, the pastor's wife is suddenly jolted with the remembrance of a query of the laywoman who recently asked: "Why are preachers' kids always so ornery?" 'Sfunny how humming as one works brings so many things to mind. She thinks of the "cherubs" she just sent to school so spic and span. How she loves them! How often she yearns for more time to give to them. But now such a harsh reminder from one who has no children of her own, yet who never has time for calling, teaching, speaking, or preparing programs. Dear critic, if you could but see that often the kiddies of the parsonage have to be "on their own" while Mother and Daddy do what you, the laywoman could have helped to do.

"Blue Monday?" No; just retrospect. It's good, though not always pleasant, to be jolted once in a while as we see ourselves as others see us. But there is another side—a brighter one.

What greater thrill to Mrs. Preacher than to see that father and mother with all their children sitting there together in worship service yesterday. Linda is always dressed neatly, ready with an answer to the questions of her Sunday school teacher. She plays the piano, sings sweetly, and prays discerningly. Not only is home training in evidence, but the mother takes a course in teacher training in order that she may be a more effective and efficient teacher. There is no "preacher hash" in this home! They cooperate. Bless them.

The pastor's wife wishes she could express her utter

*NOT your WMC Editor!

loneliness at times. She listens carefully, cheerfully, to the burdens of the members of the congregation, but she and her preacher hubby must keep confidences. This they gladly do, for a vital part of their ministry is helping, encouraging, and counseling those in distress and need. But it is a lonely road. What a grand feeling, then, when a friendly voice comes over the telephone saying, "I'm going to town today. Do you need anything? Or, better yet, would you be able to go with me?" It warms the heart to be thought of and buoys Mrs. Preacher for the remainder of the day.

Suddenly there comes before her mind's eye the sweet little woman who is not talented as far as teaching and singing go. She's a fine housekeeper and, what's more she serves the Lord in this capacity. When she calls to say, "My work is caught up, or I can let it go since I know you are so pressed at this time, so I'll be over tomorrow to give you a day of cleaning. Get your mending ready, too, because I want to bring that home and do it for you," the preacher's wife shouts, "Glory!" This dear saint has the gift of helps, and she USES it. Mrs. Preacher knows, too, that any naughtiness on the part of the children will not be straightway broadcast among the membership, nor will any confidential matters suddenly brought up in her hearing or presence be aired.

As she continues to look down Memory Lane she recalls the time she sat down to dinner with a father, mother, and their sons. The father of the home said, "We always read God's Word before we eat." What a spiritual as well as physical feast for the pastor and wife who have long advocated that harmony proceeds from such ventures!

Naturally we leave you in the "state" of ecstasy, for lo, we see that one of the greatest joys on earth is to work with you dear women and your kiddies; to watch you grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Wherein we have failed you, forgive us. Remember, if you criticize us you are not praying for us. If you are praying for us we are sure you will not have time to criticize us. You'll be busy helping us improve!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOWMANS

Hearty congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. Edward Bowman on the birth of their son, Philip Edward, March 8. Mrs. Bowman is the able president of National WMC. Her fellow laborers in the Women's Missionary Council over the brotherhood rejoice with her in this new joy which God has given to her in answer to prayer.

Editors are supposed to have "long noses" for news. Your WMC editor must confess to having had this great bit of news sprung on her like a bolt out of the blue. She couldn't believe her eyes when she read in a letter from Mrs. Bowman: "I guess you haven't heard about the birth of our son, Philip Edward, on March 8. . . . We have waited 11½ years for him. I feel like Hannah of old. My heart is full of praise and thanksgiving to our wonderful God. . . ." Your Editor not only had NOT heard of Philip's arrival, she didn't even know the Bowmans were looking for him!

The Lord's blessing be upon you three Bowmans.



Mrs. Edward Bowman



Dear Mrs. Miller,

How about some news from Cleveland? Last year we sent layettes for every new baby at the seminary. It surely was a big project because of the "bumper crop" out there! We haven't done any sewing this year. However, we do have a special Kitchen Fund and have already purchased a used refrigerator for the new church. This is all for now. Please pray for us.

In Jesus' name,

Dorla Deane Ward.

Dear Editor,

The WMC of La Loma Grace Brethren Church in Modesto entertained the SMM girls in the home of Mrs. Loren Zook, February 22. An interesting program was planned with Miss Beth Soney, formerly with Wycliffe Translators as our special speaker. She brought us an inspirational and challenging message. An offering of \$17 was given the SMM girls toward their national project.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pearl J. Dickie, WMC President.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

The Sr. WMC of the Peru Brethren Church sends greetings. How wonderful it is to serve the Lord Jesus through the WMC.

We would like to tell you some of the things we are doing in our council. Our women are faithful in reading the Word of God. The senior ladies have prayer partners with the junior ladies. We remember the home and foreign missionaries daily.

As a project we have purchased dishes for the church. For our project offering at our November meeting we had an imitation birthday cake with candles. Each lady lit a candle and gave an offering for her own birthday while the birthday song was sung.

At Christmas we had an exchange of gifts that missionaries would use. These were placed in a chest at the church and as the missionaries come to our church they are given articles out of the chest of their own choosing. For Christmas we gave our pastor's wife, Mrs. Robinson, two woven throw rugs. We had one workday mending used clothing and making a comfort for a mission point, and preparing rug rags. Several days were spent working in the parsonage preparing it for our new pastor and family.

Pray for us that the Lord will keep us faithful to Him.

In Christ,

Mrs. Frank Jones, Secretary.

DEVOTIONAL TOPICS FOR MAY

Bible Study—"Easter or Pentecost."

Mission Study—"Occupation of the Field to the East."

"IN HIS VINEYARD"

SISTERHOOD OF MARY and MARTHA

"FOR WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD..." I Cor. 3:9a



SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR MAY

HYMN SING—Select some of the old hymns of the church to sing this time.

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE—Matthew 6:24-34.

SHARPENING YOUR TOOLS—"His Eye Is on the Sparrow."

TESTIMONY TIME—"Seven Reasons for the SMM Chapel."

AFRICAN VINEYARD—"Stranger Than Fiction."

Senior—"Recruits."

Junior—"Gospel Through Medicine."

THEME CHORUS—"Missionary Prayer."

OTHER VINEYARDS—"Baja California."

CIRCLE PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

CALIFORNIANS MEET AGAIN!

The district rally of the Sisterhood was held January 20, 1952, Sunday afternoon, at the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach. A total of 163 girls were present.

The song service was led by Ann Emely, the pianist was Elna Fisher. After the song service, prayer was led by the national president, Isobel Fraser.

Requirements for the SMM pennant were presented by Bonnie Augustus, district vice president.

Girls of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach gave a panel on "How to Make an Interesting SMM Meeting."

Announcements were made by Diane Jones, district president, followed by the roll call, which is new in the California District.

Our speaker was Mrs. Stuart (Suzy) Hamblin, who gave us a very interesting talk. She sang for us "Is He Satisfied?" which was written by her husband. Then she sang a composition of her own, which was very beautiful. She spoke on "The Steadfastness of the Christian life." She told us how many Christians start their Christian life off with a rush then after a while they are cold in their walk with Him. She closed with the "Beatitudes for Girls."

The girls went home inspired to make their SMM meetings better than ever.—*Marjorie Wetzel.*

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THE GRAPEVINE

MAY—ALUMNAE MONTH! What is the purpose of the alumnae? The following quotation from our Handbook will explain this:

"The Sisterhood of Mary and Martha Alumnae was established to maintain a closer relationship between the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha and the Women's Missionary Council."

This project helped in an hour of need for the newly organized Sisterhood work. We wish to thank all of you former Sisterhood girls for backing up our work. Since this is not an organization, it was decided we would discontinue it as a project. However, any ladies desiring a card may secure it from our national vice president. The card reads as follows:

Recognizing the abundant blessing and help the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha has been to my spiritual life, I desire to have a part in helping sustain the fine aims and ideals long held by this organization. Therefore I deem it a privilege to become an Alumna of SMM.

Signature

A gift of one dollar to the Sisterhood shows your interest in the work of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha.

May is the month in which we make a special effort to contact our alumnae and keep them informed and interested in SMM. A tea would be a good way of reaching them as you present our work by means of a special program. Or, tissue carnations could be given each one as a special recognition (directions on how to make these will be found in "The Tool Chest").

KEEP THOSE BANDAGES ROLLING. Last month Dr. Floyd Taber, our medical missionary to Africa, made a special appeal in the Herald for bandages to be shipped out with medical supplies in March. We were able to respond in a measure, but more bandages will be needed. As soon as possible, send your boxes of bandages to the bandage secretary, Mary Bauman, Winona Lake, Ind. (Bandages must be 7 yards long, 2 inches wide, rolled hard, and sewed at the end.)

SECRETARIES, have you sent that second post card item to the general secretary?

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray definitely for the Kentucky work.
2. Pray for the missionaries returning to take up their work after their furloughs at home.
3. Pray for SMM; for your officers as they follow the Lord's leading for SMM.

SEVEN REASONS FOR THE SMM CHAPEL

Testimonies From Sunday School Folk at Hell for Certain, Kentucky

WHAT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MEANS TO ME.

The Sunday school means an awful lot to me. It makes me realize the need of going, and it also helps me to have the courage to invite more people out to worship the Lord. The lessons I hear each Sunday as I go really make me stronger and love the Lord better. The lesson Miss Evelyn gave last Sunday really helped me, and made me understand the need of inviting more people to come out to worship Him. I really received a blessing. The lesson was on things that are in the church, and things in our lives that shouldn't be.

We have had Sunday school in Miss Evelyn's house for the last few Sundays because of high waters. We have to cross the river to get to the schoolhouse where we have Sunday school. We are praying that the Lord will make a way for us to have a chapel. We believe He is going to, for He says in His Word, "What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." So join with us in prayer. Thank the Lord for sending Miss Evelyn down here to us to teach us more about Him.—*Betty Huff (age 14)*.

I am thankful that I was saved when I was 13 years old. There is a verse in Romans 3:23 that says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."—*Lorene Begley (age 14)*.

WHAT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEANS TO ME.

Sunday school means a lot to me because it is a place where we go to study God's Word, and to worship our Lord Jesus Christ and God—the God of Jacob, Moses, and Israel. My God is the true God that made heaven and earth, and my Saviour is truly the Son of the living God.

I surely will be glad when we can get started on building our chapel. I have been praying that God would help us get a place, and help us to build it. And I am sure He will because I have great faith in God and His Son.—*Myrtle Huff (age 24)*.

WHAT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS MEANT TO ME.

Well, I can truly say it has meant more to me than I can explain. I am so thankful for our Sunday school, as we didn't have any until Miss Evelyn came to our community to teach it for us. Each Sunday as Miss Evelyn stands before us as a witness for God, we can see our dear loved ones who were sinking deep in sin go walking up the aisle to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. This helps me to see my need of inviting others out to Sunday school to hear the Word of God. And I can truly say it has made our community a better place in which to live.

We have no place now to have Sunday school but in a little ragged schoolhouse at the mouth of Hell for Certain on the opposite side of the river. We don't feel we are too good to have Sunday school in this building, but each Sunday we can see our need for a chapel. We are daily praying earnestly that God will meet our need, and we believe He will. So you dear Christians join us in prayer, for we know that there's nothing impossible with God.—*Mrs. Addie Huff, mother of Betty and Sally Huff*.

WE NEED A CHAPEL!

We have our Sunday school in a little one-room schoolhouse where the floor is warped, the windows broken out, the walls cracked, and the seats are old. But God is there! We can feel His presence in our hearts, and He has said: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." We thank God for this promise.

We have 35 or 40 present every Sunday. We get together for a prayer meeting every week. We pray especially that God will see fit to give us a piece of land where we may build a little chapel for His glory. As things stand now we do not have the land, but we believe that God will provide a place where His children may worship Him. Won't you work and pray with us that we may have this which we are seeking? With God nothing is impossible (Luke 1:37).

In closing, I would like to leave this thought for those outside the fold. As a young person I can truly say that knowing the Lord Jesus is the greatest thrill in the world. He can give you joy the world cannot give and cannot take away. Won't you accept Him today? "Oh," you will say, "I am going to be saved. I have plenty of time yet." But listen: you don't. God will speak to you for the last time some day. Then it will be too late; you will be lost in eternity "where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." Won't you accept Him today while there is still time? Jesus is calling now. What will you do with Him? Will you lock Him outside your life, or will you accept Him today?—*Sally Huff (age 16)*.

WHAT THE LORD MEANS TO ME.

First of all I want to say I was a sinner. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Not that I am anything, or that I pretend to be anything, but by the grace of God I am what I am. So then He called me from darkness unto light. Not that I loved God, but that He loved me, and gave Himself for me. But God be thanked with all my heart that He did love me, and did call me to life by the death of His Son Jesus Christ on the cross. For by that love on the cross I have life also. By that same death I have life eternal. Therefore, I will confess Him before me with my lips and praise His name with all my heart.—*Merle Begley (age 16)*.

WHAT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MEANS TO ME.

It is as this song goes: "Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all; He is my strength from day to day, without Him I would fall." I give thanks to the Lord each day for our Sunday school, and pray for our teacher, and I pray that the Lord will bless her always and guide all her undertakings. This I ask in Jesus' name and for His sake. Before Miss Evelyn came to teach Sunday school we were all going astray, forgetting God and our souls, and were going after worldly pleasures, but since Sunday school has begun in our community I have fully understood the seriousness of one's soul to be lost. So now I have a heart of thanks to God for our Sunday school and our teacher, Miss Evelyn.—*Mr. Kenneth Begley, father of Merle Begley*.

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

By Rev. Ralph Colburn

Have you ever wished you were a bird and could fly like they do? I guess all of us had such daydreams when we were children. Most of us have wondered why birds could fly, and other creatures couldn't.

Actually, the only possible explanation is that God made them to fly, unaided, and He did not make other creatures that way. Birds' bones are of lighter, yet stronger, construction than those of other creatures. Their bodies are made differently—streamlined and equipped with retractable landing gear, so that they are most effective for zipping through the air with a minimum of drag or resistance.

Evolutionists who have tried to explain all life as having come from a common origin have always had trouble trying to explain their development. God made them, and He made them for very definite purposes. So important are they in God's plan, and so infinite is His care, that Jesus said that not even a sparrow fell without His Father's notice.

Birds are plentiful, too, for there are probably ten billion of them in the Western Hemisphere alone—representing about 8,600 species. They come in all sizes, from tiny hummingbirds to great eagles.

Some of these birds are very strong—capable of lifting almost their own weight in flight, and capable of flying long distances. Many birds migrate 10,000 miles or more annually, and one, the golden plover, flies nonstop 2,500 miles, from Newfoundland to Colombia. Ducks, swifts, and falcons seem to fly tirelessly at 60 miles an hour or more. And some of them fly high! Asiatic warblers cross the Himalayas at 20,000 feet, and geese have been photographed at 29,000 feet by astronomers! That's higher than man can go without oxygen tanks!

Many birds are smart, too, and chart their courses over trackless oceans, yet "zero in" on small islands as if guided by radar. Others have an acute sense of timing. Everybody has heard of the swallows at San Juan Capistrano who return to that place by the thousands on the same day every year, regardless of the weather. Even more spectacular is an event that takes place on islands off Australia. On a single evening in late November, tens of millions of shearwaters, which have spent our summer all over the North Pacific at points as far apart as Japan, the Bering Straits, and British Columbia, arrive within 15 minutes like a roaring cloud.

Most birds have vision that is the envy of man, and aquatic birds are better swimmers and divers than most of us could dream of being. Still others are fast on their feet, and mother birds of most species are known for their courage and cleverness in protecting their nests and their young.

How come birds have all these varied and enviable abilities? God made them so, and for very definite reasons. He equipped them with the abilities and instincts they would need for survival. For the survival of birds is important to the survival of man. Their migration is caused primarily by their quest for food, and birds eat a lot. Did anybody ever tell you that you "eat like a bird"? Don't take it as a compliment—baby birds often eat their own weight in insects each day! And even adult birds eat a fifth to a fourth of their weight daily! Worse than hogs! But this is for our good. Bird migration is timed to keep insects and rodents from destroying

Stranger Than Fiction

Seniors—

IX. Recruits—Chapters 21 and 22.

A. Chapter 21—"Beginnings of Yaloke Life."

1. Reinforcements (pp. 157-158).
2. Yaloke Station (158-160).
3. Loneliness (160-162).
4. Surgery in Africa (162-166).
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B. Chapter 22—"A Digression."

1. The Kennedys (168-169).
2. The Sheldons (169-170).
3. Miss Emmert (170).
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7. The Jobsons (172, 174).

Juniors—"Gospel Through Medicine."

Last month we learned about Dr. Gribble's two great sorrows—the separation from Marguerite and the death of her husband. In her need she found the Lord to be her comfort and strength. Dr. Gribble still had a job to do for her precious Saviour. This was to bring the Gospel to the lost souls in Africa. Her work as a doctor was not just to bring healing to their bodies but also to their souls. This month our story tells how God received the glory through medicine. Read pages 162 to 167 and use the following questions to help you tell it.

1. What happened to the man Dr. Gribble found in the Jougon village (pp. 162-163)?
2. What did the man say about his arm at first and then what did he decide to do (163)?
3. Tell about Dr. Gribble's "nurse" and what happened to her (163-164).
4. What did they use for bandages (164-165)?
5. What did they receive in the parcel post (165)?
6. What happened to the patient (165-166)?
7. How did God receive the glory through this man (166)?

all plant life during the spring and summer months. If you think the bugs are bad now in summer, you couldn't imagine how bad they'd be if it weren't for the birds who devour billions of them, and their eggs, annually. In fact, one naturalist, commenting on this phenomenon, said: "Man could not live if birds did not come to his assistance."

Yes, God has given them to us for food—(I kind of agree with the colored brother who said, "De chicken am de most useful animal which God ebber invented: on account of you can eat him befo' he's born, and you can eat him aftah he's daid!")—and to protect our food. As extra dividends, we enjoy their songs and their colorful beauty.

Aren't you glad that God created the birds and endowed them with their unusual abilities, talents, and appetites? It's part of the evidence of His all-wise and wonderful power and majesty. If He is so interested in the birds as to bestow upon them His watchful care, how much more is He interested in your life and mine, since we were made in His image! And He who made the birds and guides them, is certainly capable of directing our paths, too. Let's give Him the chance He deserves for this.

By Ruth E. Reddick

SUGGESTED BOOKS FOR GIRLS—By Mrs. Conard Sandy

TEN HANDICAPPED PEOPLE WHO BECAME FA- MOUS, by Basil Miller. \$1.00.

Courage and determination are wonderful factors in this life, but here are the portraits of 10 famous people who put God first in their lives and then by His grace showed forth remarkable courage and determination in spite of great physical handicaps.

If you ever become discouraged and wonder how God can ever use you in His work, then read these short sketches and I am sure you will become aware of the fact that though our bodies may be weak, diseased, tattered and torn, God is able to perform miracles through them if given the opportunity.

This book tells the stories of Mary Reed, John Milton, Reuben Robinson, William Wilberforce, Martha Snell Nicholson, George Matheson, Mary Jones, Paul Hutchens, Christmas Evans, and Annie Johnson Flint.

SILVER STAR AND THE MUSTANG ROUNDUP, by Basil Miller. \$1.00.

Here is a story that the Junior Sisterhood girls will enjoy. It is the story of a great horse, Silver Star, who had at one time been a wild, roving leader of the mustangs. Now, although he had been "tamed" and trained, the call of wild mustangs still stirred his blood.

The worst drought in years had struck the Grand Canyon; the grass had withered and the water holes were empty. Mustangs were dying every day and there seemed to be nothing that Kay and Kim could do to relieve the tragic situation.

There was something, however, that Silver Star could do, and he did it. The reader will thrill to follow the great horse on his trip as he leads his band out of certain death and into green pastures by sweet flowing waters.

Kay and Kim reveal their practical faith in God as they deal with their problems; and the cattle thieves discover that their cunning traps and plans all fail when they try to work against these young people. This is a story filled with plenty of thrilling action.

THE TOOL CHEST

TISSUE CARNATIONS: Singly or as a corsage these flowers can be used in a variety of ways. Suggest that they be given as a means of recognition to SMM alumnae.

Materials needed: Tissues, wire, green crepe paper.

What to do: First fold a tissue in the center and cut on fold. Place the two pieces together, fold in thirds, and cut the folds. There will be 6 pieces of tissue; each has 2 thicknesses, making 12 pieces. Now pleat the tissue (all the pieces together). Now wrap the wire around the center of the tissue. The wire should be about 3 to 4 inches long, depending on how long one wants the stems. Now start separating each layer of tissue until it looks like a carnation. Wrap green crepe paper around the stem. Arrange flowers in a corsage by tying them with ribbon. About 3 or 4 flowers make a nice corsage. If one wants, perfume may be sprayed on the flowers. Pink and yellow tissue make the flowers appear more real.

Baja California? Where is that? How do you pronounce "Baja"? What does the word "Baja" mean? Yes, you have probably asked yourself these questions as well as many others. It is the purpose of this brief article to answer some of these questions.

Baja California is the long, slim peninsula which hangs from the very southwest portion of the United States. It extends approximately 1,000 miles down into the Pacific Ocean and varies from 40 to 200 miles in width. Although belonging to Mexico, the peninsula is cut off from the Mexican mainland by the hot, tide-lashed Gulf of California.

Baja is pronounced "bah-hah." It is a Spanish word meaning "lower, under, underneath, or below." Therefore, Baja California is Lower California.

Though Baja California is almost as large as Florida, its population is estimated to be less than two persons per square mile. For the most part the peninsula is mountainous and arid and, seen as a whole, the land is a realm of weird plant and animal life—a veritable paradise for the naturalist. The people scattered throughout this area are in great need of the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

In one sense the peninsula is an empty world, and even the map is misleading. Many of the place names are not towns at all, but merely ruins of missions, ghost towns, abandoned mines, lone ranch houses, deserted fishing camps, and rare wayside waterholes. One writer has termed it a land with a "hot, dry, and lonely heart." An empty world! A lonely heart! Such expressions are true descriptions of the spiritual status of the people.

Many pleasure-loving Americans are well acquainted with the resort spots of the peninsula, but evangelical Christians have neglected this needy mission field right in their own "backyard." The Brethren Church is seeking to establish a permanent Gospel testimony in Baja California, but government regulations are such that only those who are Mexican-born citizens can be pastors of churches. Hence, Mexican believers must be trained to carry on the work among their own people.

In the late summer of 1951 two families—Rev. and Mrs. Walter Haag and two children, and Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Howard and two children—settled in San Ysidro on the California side of the border. From this vantage point they are carrying on the work of evangelization of nearby points in Baja California. The work is in a beginning stage and the problems are many, but the Lord is able. Pray that the many empty and lonely hearts in Baja California may find fullness in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Saviour.

NEWS OF THE SISTERHOODS

West Homer, Ohio—They plan to purchase songbooks for the chapel at Dryhill, Ky., by using the "penny-a-meal" plan.

Sunnyside, Wash.—These girls hold two meetings a month, one for devotions, the other for work. They made stuffed animals for the Indians of New Mexico.

Peru, Ind., Jr.—They have an average attendance of 23. They received an offering for the national project at the play they gave on New Year's Eve.



GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW BRETHREN CHURCH

Another memorable occasion in Brethren history occurred recently when ground was broken for the first unit of the new Brethren church building in the Patterson Park section of Dayton, Ohio.

Under the leadership of Bro. C. S. Zimmerman, the Patterson Park church group has developed and grown to the place where it is possible to begin construction of

a church building, for which new plans have been completed.

The ground breaking is the signal for the beginning of this construction, which will be under the direction of one of our own skilled workmen, Bro. Thomas Bailey.

Pray earnestly that this construction may be finished in record time so that suitable meeting quarters will be available for this new church group.—L. G.

Ground Breaking—Patterson Park

By C. S. Zimmerman, Pastor

Yes sir! The ground is broken and we are on our way to begin the construction of our building. Our Lord gave us the most beautiful day for this service that we could have ever thought possible. The sun broke on the day, and promised a warm one. The temperature rose to about 70 degrees. A crowd of more than 125 participated in the service, representing both of the other Dayton churches, the Camden, Ohio, church, and other friends of the work.

Pastor W. A. Steffler, of the First Brethren Church of Dayton, brought the message from the Word. Greetings were brought from Brethren Clyde Balyo, Robert Betz, Kenneth B. Ashman, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, L. L. Grubb. Mr. Malcolm Leybourne, the architect, also spoke.



Rev. C. S. Zimmerman

Special music was presented by representatives from the North Riverdale and First Brethren Churches.

Members of the planning board and of the trustee board participated in breaking the ground. It was very fitting that Mr. Roy H. Kinsey, chairman of the planning board, and the one whose foresight, missionary vision, and energy spearheaded the formation of the work here, should have been the first to break the ground. Mr. Kinsey is also treasurer of the Brethren Home Missions Council, a proper office for one whose interest in missions runs so high.

More than \$150 was received as an offering for the work. This reminds us again of the goodness of our Lord in all this work. We praise Him for going before us in Patterson Park, for surely we have seen His hand in this work and have known His presence at all times.

We also realize that He has directed Brethren across America to share in this work, and we want to express our thanks to you all at this time. Will you continue to pray for us as we enter the building program?

As the Editor Sees It

By L. L. GRUBB

ALL-OUT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

As we face the challenge of foreign missions during this Easter season we are confronted with our greatest opportunity for world evangelization. Never has the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches had so many fields open for ministry, and never has she had so many

fine missionary candidates ready for active service in the field.

We are convinced that God does not lay such opportunities of service before His people without expecting them to meet the challenge by their prayers and gifts. The Easter season is the signal for an all-out effort to expand our foreign missionary work by increasing our gifts and our prayers. The scope of our foreign ministry cannot be expanded without additional funds to meet the need.

Doors are already closing against missionaries in some parts of the world. While doors are open to us we must enter without delay and reap the harvest before it is forever too late. Nothing avails to keep doors open to missionary endeavor so well as *more missionary expansion*. The very power of the Gospel of Christ will frequently guarantee the expansion of a field and the availability of new opportunities for service.

For the Lord's sake, for the sake of those who are lost

THE COVER PAGE

The pictures on the cover page were taken at the ground-breaking service of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, which took place on Sunday afternoon, March 30. You see pictures of the building committee, the quartet singing, the pastor, Rev. C. S. Zimmerman; the speaker of the afternoon, Rev. W. A. Steffler, of the Dayton First Church, and various views of the large group that witnessed the occasion.

in sin, and for the sake of God's blessing upon us in all our service for Christ, let us go *all-out* in meeting this foreign mission challenge.

**IS WATER BAPTISM ESSENTIAL
TO SALVATION?**

A recent religious periodical which came to our desk stated that baptism is the final requirement for salvation and continued to state that if a man rejects it he may as well reject all, no doubt meaning the other promises of God relative to Christ's work in redemption.

By this statement the writer makes the effectiveness of all that God has bestowed through His great love for men, including the complete redemptive work and sacrifice of Christ, completely contingent on one work of man—being baptized in water. Thus we would reason that the shed blood of Christ cannot loose a man from his sins unless he is later baptized in water. The breaking of Christ's body on the cross with all the accompanying agony and suffering are only effective for us if we are later baptized in water. In fact, all the promises of God written into His Word, His measure of blessing or wrath upon us are all contingent on this supreme spiritual work—water baptism. We logically conclude that in His omniscience God planned the intricacies of the plan of redemption and suffered infinite pain in His own great heart and then made the final salvation of a man entirely dependent on whether he was baptized in water or not.

The inconsistencies of such a position are as myriad as the references of God to *grace* in His Word. Such a doctrinal position knows nothing of grace. It has not taken into account such passages as Romans 11:6, Ephesians 2:8-9, Acts 4:12 and 16:31, etc. We have noticed that writers holding baptismal regeneration as a Biblical doctrine always fail to explain what such Bible references mean. One simple statement by Paul should be enough to settle this problem. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." *This means that no one can do anything to save himself!* It also means that no servant of God can seal your salvation by water baptism. Salvation is by grace alone! It is the unmerited favor of God which provides and performs the new birth.

Usually such a passage as Acts 2:38 is used in an endeavor to prove baptismal regeneration. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." This phrase has been the subject of endless controversy as careless Bible interpreters have tried to read into it a purposive action. They contend that Peter meant that the purpose of this baptism was to wash our sins away. It is true that the word *eis* in the Greek, translated "for" in English, is sometimes used in a purposive manner. However, it is also used to denote the basis or the ground for some action. In this case men are to be baptized on the basis of the name of Jesus Christ and what He has already done for them because they have believed in Him. They *have been saved*, now on that basis they are baptized. *Thus baptism is only a symbol of what Christ has already completed in redemption, and is not a work of grace.*

Again, one of the rules of Bible interpretation which is so often ignored by careless interpreters is that questionable passages must be interpreted in the light of

NEWS Of Home Mission NEEDS

Write the Home Mission Office for Further Information

Los Angeles, Calif. (Colored Chapel)—

1. Desk and chair.
2. Bookcase.
3. Table.
4. Tracts.

Harrisburg, Pa.—

1. 52 tons of stone for off-street parking.
2. Bus for Sunday school (\$100 received for the bus fund).

Cheyenne, Wyo.—

1. Piano.
2. Office typewriter.

Cleveland, Ohio—

1. Gravel for parking lot.

clear revelations. Acts 2:38 interpreted in the light of Ephesians 2:8-9 presents no problem.

To follow the baptismal regeneration line of thinking to its logical conclusions is to face some strange and unreasonable questions.

For instance, the above writer holds, and we hold, that Biblical baptism is triune immersion. If a man must be baptized to be saved or may as well reject all else that God has provided, there will certainly be a multitude of other denominationalists in perdition. Think of those who sprinkle or pursue some other form of baptism. Think of many in other than denominational churches some of whom do not baptize by triune immersion. They are all lost. What about the poor man who accepts Christ on His death bed and cannot be immersed? Can we call upon God to exercise His grace for this man? If so, who decides whether he is physically able to be baptized or not? Man, of course.

The position of the baptismal regenerationist is absolutely untenable both from the standpoint of human reason and also the revelation of God's Word concerning the plan of salvation.

Further, such a position robs baptism of its beautiful symbolism and brings its purpose down to the human level. When a believer is baptized he is publicly identifying himself with Christ and at the same time telling a beautiful story in symbol of what God does in saving each soul. He goes into the grave with Christ, leaves his sins there, and arises in resurrection life while giving due honor to the ministry of each member of the Godhead in salvation. By one baptism with three actions he teaches the unity and trinity of the Godhead.

We should not forget that every believer should be baptized, if physically possible. This is the command of Christ (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15). If any believer fails in this he actually has no right to be identified publicly with the *visible church*. At the same time he loses the blessing of the Lord because of his disobedience and courts divine chastisement.

Christian water baptism is a Biblical doctrine, to be practiced by those who are saved, but not to be saved.

Largest Offering Laid on the Altar for Brethren Home Missions

By Luther L. Grubb

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord!

The directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council praise God for the largest home mission offering in Brethren history and for the great home mission advances made possible through the generous gifts of His people.

The Lord's servants laid on the altar during the Thanksgiving season and following, the amount of \$115,-936.50, which is \$14,654.24 more than last year's home mission offering.

Special thanks and deep gratitude are extended to our pastors and all members and friends of the Brethren home mission work who have made this advance possible.

Looking at the offering percentage-wise and church-wise some interesting facts and figures appear.

The over-all average increase in the offering is 14 percent. Offerings increased in 83 of our churches. Offerings decreased from a very small to a larger amount in 43 churches.

Eight new churches laid offerings on the altar for home missions this year. This is worthy of note because these eight new churches will be contributing to every other department of Brethren work, thus increasing our overall potential and strength for Christ.

The missionary spirit in home mission churches is strong. These very churches, which have so many needs that they seem almost insurmountable, needs which range from lots to church buildings, communion sets, church furnishings, etc., showed a 45-percent increase in their home mission offerings. This is indeed as it should be. To reverse the verse we sometimes quote we judge that where the people have a vision they do not perish, but God repays the gifts in divine multiples.

Two former home mission churches are gradually climbing toward the top in the list of the 10 leading churches, namely: North Riverdale in Dayton, Ohio, and the Mansfield, Ohio, church. This year they occupy third and fourth places, respectively.

Our list of home mission life members is also growing. One hundred two additional names have been added to the list because of their contributions of \$100 or more to the offering.

All Brethren districts but one showed an increase in offerings in 1951-52.

The proposed home mission budget approved by the directors last year in the amount of \$126,326.00 will almost be met by the Thanksgiving offering plus other gifts which are given through the year.

As we praise God for the increase let us pray about the challenge of new fields not included in this budget, such as Jackson, Mich.; Ozark, Mich.; La Crescenta, Calif.; Walla Walla, Wash.; Parkersburg, W. Va.; Findlay, Ohio; Scott City, Kans., etc.

New church buildings are needed in Artesia, Calif.; Baltimore, Md.; Dayton, Ohio; Denver, Colo.; Kings-

port, Tenn.; Washington Heights (Roanoke), Va.; Temple City, Calif.; York, Pa.; Seattle, Wash., etc.

Rejoice with us as we praise God for opening the windows of heaven a little wider this year and keep praying for Brethren home missions!

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INCORPORATED, THANKSGIVING OFFERING COMPARATIVE REPORT

Note: Gifts sent in designated for local projects, district missions, or other work extraneous to the Council are not included in this report. No gifts for the Jewish mission work are included in the Thanksgiving offering.

	1950-1951	1951-1952
<i>Atlantic District</i>		
Alexandria, Va.	\$376.57	\$508.40
Allentown, Pa.	354.83	349.98
Baltimore, Md.	31.00	110.45
Hagerstown, Md.	1,444.01	1,815.00
Martinsburg, W. Va.	335.68	405.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	2,731.03	3,175.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	1,848.58	1,883.40
Seven Fountains, Va.	137.00	67.72
Washington, D. C.	3,102.13	3,281.91
Winchester, Va.	1,600.59	1,828.04
Isolated Members	10.00	20.00
Total	11,971.42	13,444.90
<i>Southeast District</i>		
Boone Mill, Va.	98.29	91.57
Buena Vista, Va.	1,716.56	1,501.02
Covington, Va.	611.70	1,037.42
Hollins, Va.	477.71	575.35
Johnson City, Tenn.	52.34	118.68
Kingsport, Tenn.	0.00	30.00
Limestone, Tenn.	689.00	528.50
Radford, Va.	59.08	129.95
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	36.30	0.00
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	2,111.26	2,892.60
Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)	0.00	225.01
Salem, Va.	21.29	0.00
Isolated Members	57.00	20.00
Total	5,930.53	7,150.10
<i>East District</i>		
Accident, Md.	0.00	20.20
Aleppo, Pa.	125.12	147.00
Altoona, Pa. (First)	655.15	309.70
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	510.18	518.40
Conemaugh, Pa.	1,202.34	1,435.01
Conemaugh, Pa. (Mundy's Corner)	430.10	688.86
Grafton, W. Va.	31.21	128.36
Harrisburg, Pa.	244.16	535.81
Holidaysburg, Pa.	337.01	160.33
Jenners, Pa.	133.26	210.07
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	2,880.34	3,344.06
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	100.00	225.00
Kittanning, Pa., (First)	1,013.85	1,311.00
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	104.69	171.66
Leamersville, Pa.	296.59	208.80
Listie, Pa.	701.82	668.17
Martinsburg, Pa.	1,245.19	980.93
Meyersdale, Pa.	452.96	395.35
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	546.25	623.69
Pond Bank, Pa.	40.00	0.00
Uniontown, Pa.	483.86	538.00
Washington, Pa.	0.00	43.15
Waynesboro, Pa.	2,175.05	2,588.27
Yellow Creek, Pa.	284.00	231.81
York, Pa.	0.00	140.00
Isolated Members	132.00	35.00
Total	14,125.13	15,658.63
<i>Northern Ohio District</i>		
Akron, Ohio	1,482.99	2,586.00
Amkenytown, Ohio	766.75	541.20
Ashland, Ohio (West Tenth St.)	1,204.00	2,073.88
Canton, Ohio	1,221.46	1,186.63
Cleveland, Ohio	39.40	151.60
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	314.49	465.09
Danville, Ohio	216.00	330.60
Findlay, Ohio	0.00	155.00
Fremont, Ohio	1,062.23	1,032.75
Homerville, Ohio	375.75	605.31
Mansfield, Ohio	2,792.53	4,180.71
Massillon, Ohio	10.00	50.00
Middlebranch, Ohio	294.30	354.50

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	1950-1951	1951-1952
Rittman, Ohio	1,038.82	1,134.91
Sterling, Ohio	573.00	498.55
Wadsworth, Ohio	45.00	38.20
Wooster, Ohio	528.61	886.05
Isolated Members	26.00	10.00

Total 11,991.33 16,280.98

Central District

Alto, Mich.	0.00	153.00
Berne, Ind.	2,057.68	2,815.15
Berrien Springs, Mich.	36.07	84.20
Camden, Ohio	26.85	102.46
Clay City, Ind.	209.90	171.00
Clayhole, Ky.	74.35	82.34
Clayton, Ohio	261.96	348.50
Covington, Ohio	103.50	73.64
Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)	51.00	0.00
Dayton, Ohio (First)	5,407.00	6,262.00
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	3,986.00	5,023.42
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	504.60	810.75
Dryhill, Ky.	0.00	21.61
Flora, Ind.	852.25	1,281.65
Fort Wayne, Ind.	1,960.41	1,981.09
Huntington, Ind.	30.00	50.00
Jackson, Mich.	0.00	27.77
Lake Odessa, Mich.	197.04	259.65
Leesburg, Ind.	100.50	152.72
New Troy, Mich.	0.00	470.00
Osceola, Ind.	210.50	891.54
Peru, Ind.	219.00	394.65
Sampleville, Ohio	65.00	17.00
Sharpsville, Ind.	5.00	39.90
Sidney, Ind.	741.00	1,000.03
South Bend, Ind.	227.63	321.78
Troy, Ohio	74.00	83.00
Winona Lake, Ind.	2,109.81	2,392.41
Isolated Members	531.00	420.00

Total 20,042.05 25,731.26

Iowa District

Cedar Rapids	227.85	524.47
Dallas Center	836.00	838.20
Garwin	346.40	273.93
Leon	348.17	386.40
North English	413.25	258.60
Waterloo	1,672.53	1,870.24
Isolated Members	102.00	0.00

Total 3,946.20 4,151.84

Midwest District

Albuquerque, N. Mex.	41.91	22.56
Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex.	59.32	10.00
Beaver City, Nebr.	214.75	125.73
Cheyenne, Wyo.	106.98	221.37
Denver, Colo.	20.00	47.00
Portis, Kans.	848.09	600.00
Taos, N. Mex.	130.34	111.05
Isolated Members	120.00	10.00

Total 1,541.39 1,147.71

California District

Artesia	248.00	152.10
Beaumont	147.61	371.65
Bell	49.53	150.32
Bellflower	602.61	575.61
Chico	93.00	147.24
Compton	886.97	697.74
Fillmore	300.19	283.25
Garvey	28.00	16.88
Glendale	637.20	758.22
La Verne	1,385.56	1,420.29
Long Beach (First)	11,417.96	9,857.88
Long Beach (Second)	1,176.07	1,785.98
Los Angeles (First)	2,230.01	1,933.89
Los Angeles (Second)	1,568.03	1,385.28
Los Angeles (Third)	240.40	139.51
Modesto	434.20	806.00
San Bernardino	202.16	294.10
San Diego	225.00	252.52
Seal Beach	281.78	197.38
South Gate	1,178.07	1,025.44
South Pasadena	666.98	766.17
Temple City	723.13	1,000.00
Tracy	166.00	138.50
Whittier	2,284.19	3,036.92
Isolated Members	200.00	205.00

Total 27,372.65 27,397.87

Northwest District

Albany, Oreg.	201.35	243.03
Harrah, Wash.	983.00	1,023.10
Portland, Oreg.	230.68	275.59
Seattle, Wash.	0.00	232.10
Spokane, Wash.	617.33	450.46
Sunnyside, Wash.	1,730.20	2,133.93
Yakima, Wash.	579.00	600.00
Isolated Members	20.00	15.00

Total 4,361.56 4,973.21

GRAND TOTAL 101,282.26 115,936.50

YORK, PA., HAS NEW BRETHREN TESTIMONY

A new Brethren testimony is developing in the great city of York, Pa., cosponsored by the Brethren Home Missions Council and the East District Mission Board.

For a number of months our home mission pastor at Harrisburg, Pa., Bro. Russell Weber, has been holding a Bible class each week in the city of York. A number of Brethren people have been reached and others are becoming interested in this Gospel testimony.

Now Bro. Gerald Polman, former pastor of the Meyersdale and Summit Mills churches, is entering this new field on a partial self-support basis to develop a new Brethren church. Brother Polman should be on the field in a few weeks when regular Sunday services will be started.

Pray for this new church that each step of the way may be directed by the Lord and each need met by His grace.—L. G.



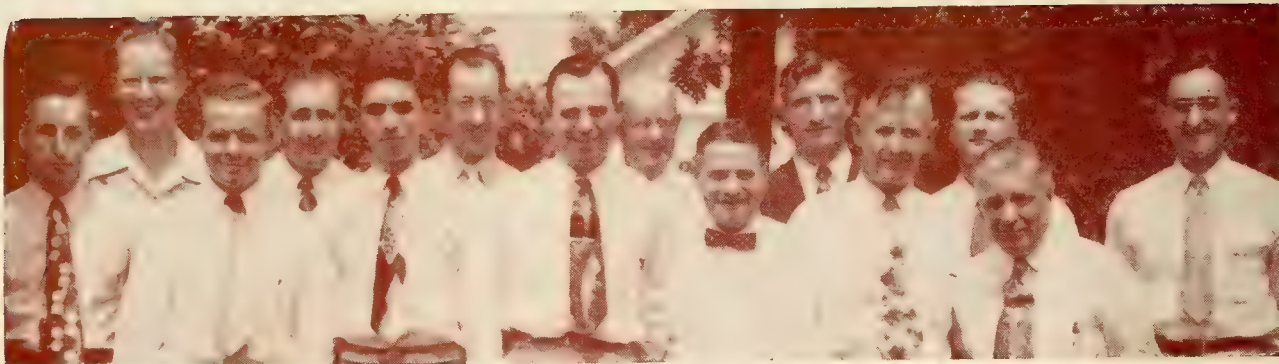
Rev. Gerald Polman

TEN LEADING CHURCHES IN THANKSGIVING OFFERING 1951-1952

1. Long Beach, Calif. (First)	\$9,857.88
2. Dayton, Ohio (First)	6,262.00
3. Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	5,023.42
4. Mansfield, Ohio	4,180.71
5. Johnstown, Pa. (First)	3,344.06
6. Washington, D. C.	3,281.91
7. Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	3,175.00
8. Whittier, Calif.	3,036.92
9. Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	2,892.60
10. Berne, Ind.	2,815.15

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Bishop, Don	Miller, Gaylord
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Killen, Ed	Witzky, Harold
Kuhns, Harold	Wyles, Dale
Larmon, Mrs. Leland	Yarger, B. D.
Lauster, Mrs. Paul	



The picture of these pastors from the Northern Ohio District was taken last July, and since that time Rev. Miles Taber has succeeded Rev. James Dixon, and Rev. Wesley Haller has succeeded Rev. Fredrick Fogle. Richard Burch was not present for the picture. The pastors are as follows, reading from left to right: Neil Beery, James Dixon, Robert Holmes, Charles Ashman, Jr., Fredrick Fogle, Kenneth Ashman, Lester Pifer, Joseph Gingrich, Edward Lewis, Bernard Schneider, Jesse Hall, Charles Bergerson, Harold Etling, and Russell Ward.

Although this picture was taken before the official beginning of the home mission offering, it is an appropriate one. The smile upon their faces could be a smile of victory in showing the largest percentage of increase of any district in the Thanksgiving home mission offering for 1951.

The churches of the Northern Ohio District lead all others this year in the percentage of increased offerings for home missions by rolling up a 35-percent-increase record. As far as we know this increase has only been surpassed once in our home mission history. This was last year when the Northwest District of Brethren Churches achieved a 50-percent increase in their home mission offering.

The Brethren Home Missions Council especially commends each pastor, church, and friend of home missions in the Northern Ohio District for this outstanding victory.

Several great home mission victories have been registered in the district this year apart from the increase in the offering. Two fine churches, one at Fremont,

Ohio, and the other at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, have become self-supporting, thus releasing funds to enter new fields. A splendid new church is under way in Findlay, Ohio, with wonderful prospects for growth as Bro. Forest Lance becomes the new pastor about May 1.

The vision and work of this district should be a challenge to each other Brethren district across our nation.—L. G.

	1951	Pct.		1950
1. Northern Ohio	35.7	Increase		Northwest
2. Central	28.3	"		Northern Ohio
3. Southeast	20.5	"		Atlantic
4. Northwest	14.2	"		East
5. Atlantic	12.3	"		Central
6. East	10.8	"		Southeast
7. Iowa	5.2	"		Iowa
8. California	.09	"		California
9. Midwest	25.5	Decrease		Midwest

BRETHREN MINUTE-MEN WRITE—

Nampa, Idaho.

Dear Brethren:

Please list our name with the Minute-Men for Brethren home missions. We read the Brethren Missionary Herald each week and enjoy a blessing each time. We are still looking forward to a home mission church here in Boise Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D.

Mansfield, Ohio.

Dear Brethren:

We spent our vacation in Osceola, Mich., where there is a real need for the Gospel. There were no Sunday evening services or prayer meetings. A Brethren church is needed there.

Mrs. W. K.

Elyria, Ohio.

Dear Brethren:

We would know how the hearts of the Seattle Brethren yearn for a Brethren church as we have been isolated from Brethren fellowship for 15 years. There are quite a few Brethren living here who attend other churches because there is no Brethren church near.

Mrs. A. L.

Spokane, Wash.

Dear Brethren:

I am enclosing \$5.00 to be used for the furtherance of God's work through the Brethren Church. Since we have been members of one we have learned more of the Word and realized more the importance of living close to its teachings than ever before.

Mrs. E. P.

Kittanning, Pa.

Dear Brother in Christ:

I have very little to give but want to do what I can. I lost all I had in a fire and have no home now except with my grandson and granddaughter. I give all I can to the building fund, home missions, my pastor, and the radio broadcast. The little gift enclosed for Seattle is just a free-will offering but I praise the Lord for it.

Mrs. M. S.

Cheyenne, Wyo.

Dear Christian Friends:

Greetings in the name of our blessed Saviour! I still

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SPANISH CHURCH GOES SELF-SUPPORTING

For the first time in Brethren history a Brethren Spanish-American home mission church has assumed full responsibility for its own support including the ministry of a full-time pastor.

The new little building in Cordillera, just outside the town of Taos, N. Mex., which was made possible by two generous Brethren laymen, now houses a growing congregation of about 35 people. With the help of a few folks from Taos this little group constructed the splendid and attractive little building where Gospel meetings are held.

The new pastor of the church is Tony Luna, one of the fine young people from our Taos church, and a product of the able Bible teaching of our missionaries there.

Through the work of Bro. Sam Horney, superintendent of Brethren Spanish-American missions, this church was started and developed into a self-supporting institution.

The Brethren Home Missions Council feels that this case is an excellent illustration of what can be done by the grace of God in scores of Spanish communities which are absolutely without a Gospel testimony.

Our home mission friends may visit this fine little chapel in Cordillera and see a monument to their praying and giving ministry.—L. G.



Tony Luna (inset) has accepted the call to pastor the mission church at Cordillera, near Taos, N. Mex. With him is shown the new church and one of the many typical families this Brethren testimony will be reaching.

MISS GRACE GRAUEL RESIGNS AS MISSIONARY TO CLAYHOLE, KENTUCKY

Miss Grace Grauel, for almost 3 years one of our fine missionaries in the Kentucky mountain area, has tendered her resignation to take effect May 1.

We deeply regret losing such an excellent, effective, and hard-working missionary from our Kentucky effort. Miss Grauel's work among the school children has been very fruitful and her contribution to the regular services of the Clayhole church has been great.

We pray God's blessing upon His servant as she feels called to enter Christian day school work somewhere in the West. L. G.



Miss Grace Grauel

come from another denomination, we truly love the Brethren Church and what it stands for.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H.

Waterloo, Iowa.

Dear Brother Grubb:

I am sending a gift toward establishing a new church in Seattle. I will pray for a chain of Brethren churches in the great Northwest. I want to see churches established for the glory of the Lord.

Miss G. B.

(These few excerpts were taken from Brethren Minute-Men letters returned with gifts for the Seattle, Wash, work. To April 1 a total of \$2,844.95 has been received, which will be a real help and we thank every one of you for your part. It is not too late for you to send that letter, if you have not already done it, and share in the Lord's blessings upon the Seattle work.)

BRETHREN MINUTE-MEN WRITE—

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think of Grace, and purpose, the Lord willing, to attend. I am very happy to be a Brethren Minute-Man. I appreciate home missions more than ever since being stationed near Cheyenne. Keep me informed.

Corp. J. D. K.

Beaumont, Calif.

Dear Brethren:

This gift is small but it has a big prayer behind it for the new work in Seattle. We as a family have been truly blessed by the work here at Cherry Valley. Having

THE MASTER'S WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

(John 14:1-3)

1. The Word of Sympathy—"Let not your heart be troubled."
2. The Word of Faith—"Believe in God, believe also in me."
3. The Word of Revelation—"In my Father's house are many mansions."
4. The Word of Certainty—"I will come again."

(W. T. Forshaw in Moody Monthly)

THE EFFECT OF THE WORD OF GOD

By B. L. Button

I sometimes marvel at the hardness of the heart and the denseness of the mind where the true reading of the Word of God is concerned. It would seem as long as you approach a person with an "off-color" doctrine he is ready to listen and many times willing to accept such teaching as a yardstick for his life. He does not concern himself with the reasonableness of what you have to say. Neither does he check your statements with the Bible. Rather he seems to base his acceptance or rejection of your message on the appeal it holds for him at that time. And any man who accepts an erroneous doctrine is inevitably lost to the truth for his Bible study is not devoted to *testing* this doctrine against the teaching of the Word of God, but rather he devotes his time toward *justifying* the doctrine regardless of the clear teaching of Scripture or of logical reasoning.

Such an attitude is clearly evident in most of the contacts we have with Jewish people. What teaching they have received from their Jewish spiritual leaders has been colored by the rabbinical traditions and teachings of ancient times. It does not matter so much what the Old Testament says. Rather one should look to the rabbi for an interpretation of the Word. In fact, some

rabbis maintain the Old Testament should never be studied except in connection with "the commentaries," commentaries referring to the Talmud and other wisdom of the Jewish spiritual leaders of old. One recently told me we are not competent to study the Word in any other way, for we in this modern age cannot understand the situations of ancient times, and unless we adhere to "the commentaries," which for the most part were composed by men who devoted their whole lives to the study of the Old Testament, we are very apt to extract Scripture from its context and cause it to read just the reverse from what was intended.

The reason for this attitude centers around the happenings during the life of Christ and immediately thereafter. With the destruction of the temple and the cessation of the temple sacrifice it became necessary for Jewish spiritual leaders to devise some means of explaining the apparent fulfillment of prophetic Scripture and to devise some means of gaining fellowship with God other than the sacrificial method. It was then that the personality of Messiah faded into the background and in its place a Messianic movement of the nation of Israel came to the fore. It was also at this time that the idea of a central place of worship and the sacrificial method was dropped and in place of these the "good life" was substituted as pleasing to God. With the stressing of the National Messianic Ideal and the "good life" it became necessary for Jewish spiritual leaders to wrest with Scripture and force it to support their teachings. Those passages which refused to be made to render a meaning contradictory to the real meaning were assigned as applicable to their forefathers or were dropped altogether. They handled Leviticus 17:11 and similar passages in this manner. The result has been confusion in the minds of Jewish people and many, in fact most, have ceased reading the Scripture altogether and have substituted the prayer book or *chumish* or nothing. Thus the Jewish people are strangers in their own book and, not knowing the Word of God, they are open to every cult and "ism" that comes along as long as these false teachings do not render to Jesus the true place He occupies in the New Testament.

One evening last week Mrs. Button and I called at the home of one of our Jewish friends. We were able to talk to the man of the house for about 2 hours. As the conversation progressed I was impressed with the fact he knew nothing about the Old Testament. He had been contacted by a Christian Scientist. He had been impressed by the life this person had lived before him. Thus he was toying with the idea of accepting that belief for his own. In fact, he made the assertion that if such belief could assure him living the type of life his friend was living he would certainly embrace this belief. He asked me if I knew any of the particulars of the teaching of Christian Science. I told him that I did and when he asked what they taught I briefly told him of the errors of the system and supported my claims by passages from the Old Testament. He stated that my statements concerning the teachings of Christian Science were as he understood them. He will-

CONFESSION

By Aaron Niehaus

Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain.

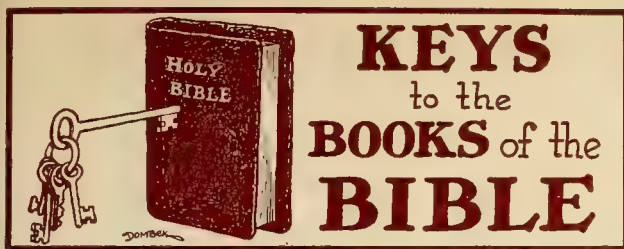
But only Christ, the heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away,
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head of Thine,
While like a penitent I stand
And there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear,
While hanging on the cursed tree,
And know my sin is there.

And now I know You came,
My soul to retrieve,
Thou blessed, holy Lamb of God,
I believe! I believe!

(This poem was written by a dear Jewish friend who lives just a block from the Brethren Messianic Witness home. It has been a blessing to minister to him. He has known the Lord about 2½ years. Ill health has disabled him, but it was because of this that he accepted the Lord. Be praying for this man as we study with him and minister to him. Remember to pray for him and for the healing of his body.)



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C. S. Zimmerman

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

I. Presents Jesus as Son of God (Isa. 4:2; 40:9).
Interprets His Person and Mission.

II. Key Words.

- A. Believe—90 times in John; only 39 times in other three Gospels.
- B. Life—38 times in John; 32 times in other three Gospels.
- C. Light—18 times.
- D. Glory; to be glorified—40 times.
- E. Truth—25 times.
- F. Other words of importance.

To live, testimony, to know, world, work, name, sign, Comforter, judge, judgment.

III. Key Verses.

- A. 1:18—Jesus came to reveal the Father.
- B. 20:31—Faith in Christ brings life.

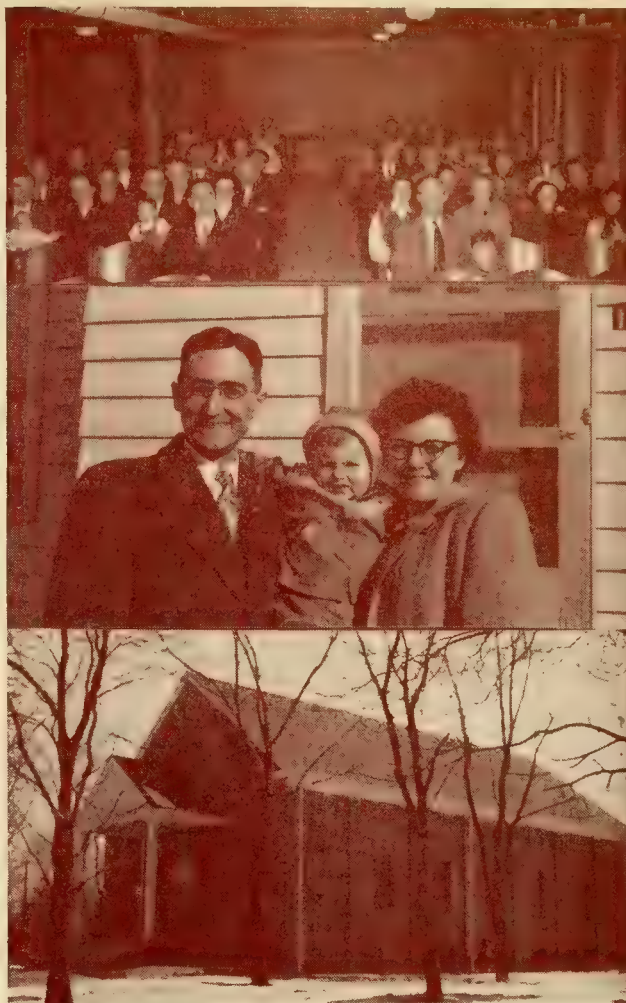
IV. Key Outline.

- A. The Son of God is revealed (1:1-14).
By incarnation to the world.
- B. The Son of God is revealed (1:14 to 12:50).
To the world in words and deeds.
- C. The Son of God is revealed (13:1 to 17:26).
Through His own discourses.
- D. The Son of God is revealed (18:1 to 19:42).
As Saviour of the world.
- E. The Son of God is revealed (20:1 to 21:25).
The resurrected Christ.

V. Key Thoughts for Today (21:19, 22).

- A. Verse 19—Follow me (cf. Matt. 16:24).
- B. Verse 22—Follow thou me (cf. John 10:4; Matt. 28:20; Rev. 14:4).

FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH, CLEVELAND, OHIO



The congregation (above) of the First Brethren Church is shown here meeting in the lower auditorium of the new church pictured (below). The pastor, Russell Ward, with his family is shown in the center picture. A revival meeting with Rev. Lester Pifer as evangelist is being held April 13-27 in this new church. Please remember this revival in your prayers.

ingly defended their denial of the material, and of sickness, and of pain. He accepted their idea of "no sin, only error." Even with the truth of the Old Testament before him he was not able to grasp it. When I used the Word to refute their teachings he would say, "That is your interpretation." For an hour and a half I attempted to show him the truth in the Old Testament and was unsuccessful.

Finally he questioned me regarding the handling of Jewish people by the gentiles. At this I took him to the Word and its prophecies regarding the punishment that would fall on Israel if they did not heed God's Word and God's demands upon them. He seemed startled. Then I was able to point out prophecies from the Old Testament regarding Messiah (particularly those in Deuteronomy 18:15-19, Isaiah 53:3-10, Zechariah 12:10 and 13:6-9), the reason for His coming, of His coming again, and at the same time stressed the penalty for not heeding Messiah's words. He permitted me to discuss

this for half an hour and then I could see my time was up. But his attitude was entirely different. The Word of God had caused this man to think about Messiah for the first time in his life. And one could see he was in some measure convicted because of his thoughts.

His 16-year-old daughter had listened to our discussion and had supported me several times in statements I had made. As Mrs. Button and I made ready to leave the daughter asked: "What will we be like when Messiah comes?" Her father answered with a smile: "You'll be sweet 16 forever." He tried to say this with an air of lightness but there was a note of seriousness in his voice. The daughter caught it and so did I. I am praying and ask you to pray for this family. They are willing to receive the testimony. Pray that they will accept it as their own.

Yes, the heart is hard and the mind is dense, but the Word of God is still able to soften the heart and enlighten the mind of those who will hear and heed.



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Rev. and Mrs. Marvin L. Goodman, Sr., and their work in India are featured in a two-page article, with pictures, in the April issue of Child Evangelism, the official paper of the International Child Evangelism Fellowship.

No fooling, congratulations are in order for the Marvin Goodman, Jr., family, who announced the arrival of a new daughter April 1. Difficulties in communication prevented further details from reaching the foreign mission office in time for publication in this issue.

The initial meeting for a Sunday school service in the new Parkersburg, W. Va., group was held Easter Sunday morning.

Rev. Armin Gesswein will begin a week of special meetings in the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif., commencing April 20. Mr. Vere Raley will be the featured singer.

Rev. Clyde Landrum will conduct a series of revival meetings in the North Buffalo Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa., from April 21 to May 4.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, executive vice president of Grace Theological Seminary, will be speaking at the Calvary Baptist Church, Lancaster, Pa., April 22 to 25. Dr. R. A. Torrey is the pastor of this church.

The Yellow Creek church, Hope-well, Pa., announces a week of meetings April 20-27. George Hopkins will be the preacher for these services.

Dr. J. Vernon McGee, pastor of the Church of the Open Door, was the speaker in a series of meetings commencing March 31 in the First Brethren Church of South Gate, Calif.

If your church has not been featured in a news brief for a long time

see your pastor, or better yet, send us some news items.

Dr. Orville Jobson flew to Long Beach, Calif., to be the speaker at a great missionary conference April 6. The churches of the Southern California District were cooperating in the meeting.

A special basket dinner fellowship was held April 11 in the First Brethren Church of Compton, Calif., as a farewell service for Pastor Forest F. Lance. The program was in charge of the upper classes of the Sunday school.

The Brethren Boys Brigade of the First Brethren Church of Cheyenne, Wyo., plans a week-end camp at Hynds Lodge April 10-12.

In the absence of Rev. Conard Sandy, who is conducting a pre-Easter series of meetings in the Martinsburg, Pa., church, your news items are being compiled by Blaine Snyder.



The effective date of the resignation of Rev. John Neely as pastor of the Conemaugh, Pa., church will be July 2.

A new record was set for a regular Sunday service when 394 people attended Sunday school at the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., March 30. That same day saw four first-time confessions of Christ as Saviour.

The current itinerary of Rev. R. I. Humberd has taken him to Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.; Bryan University in Dayton, Tenn.; Carver Bible Institute in Atlanta, Ga. He also conducted a Bible conference at the Center Point Baptist Church in La Fayette, Ga.

At a recent business meeting of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif., Rev. Kenneth Drennon was called to serve as pastor for another year.

Rev. Orin Smith, head of the Missions Department at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, was the speaker on a recent Sunday evening at the First Brethren Church of Seal Beach, Calif. Pictures of South America were featured at the service.

The Akron (Ohio) Bible Institute has purchased a 13-acre tract of land and the 31-room mansion from the Russell Firestone estate on the Medina Road (Rt. 18), Akron, for its new quarters. The school, of which Dr. Raymond Gingrich is the president, has already moved from its old quarters at 121 N. High St. There are now 170 students in the school and the new location will permit an expansion of the work of the institute.

Rev. William Gray has been called to serve as the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Allentown, Pa., for another year.

Fine progress in gifts to the building fund are reported from the Grace Brethren Church of Juniata, Pa. They were enabled to pay \$500 above the regular monthly payment at the end of March.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason, candidates for our African mission field, gave their testimonies to God's goodness and guidance in the Winona Lake Brethren Church April 6. Dr. R. D. Barnard presented a missionary challenge in the morning service.

Gifts for missionary purposes amounted to 16 percent of the gross income for the first 9 months of the current fiscal year in the church at Berrien Springs, Mich.

Since their arrival in France the Fred Fogle family has moved exactly five times! Brother Fogle is now attending three different classes in different schools in order to grasp the language more quickly.

There were six first-time confessions of Christ at a recent meeting of the Good News Club conducted by the First Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio. Fifty-nine boys and girls were in attendance at the meeting.

Miss Mary Ann Lepp received top honors for Western Maryland in the Hearst Newspapers' Tournament of Crators in their recent contest conducted in the Hagerstown, Md., high school. She was the unanimous choice of the three judges.

Rev. Solon Hoyt presented the work of Argentina in the Summit Mills and Meyersdale churches April 6. Pictures were shown in the evening service in Meyersdale.

Rev. Gerald Polman plans to move from Meyersdale, Pa., to York, Pa., about April 23 or 24. After that time his address will be 731 Elm Terrace, York, Pa.

Brethren Book Club News for May

By Blaine Snyder

This month the Book Club offers a selection of two books, both of which it can be said are "different." We are quite sure that either of these will interest you and bring profit and pleasure as you ponder them.

The Month's Selections

The first-choice book for May is Dr. V. Raymond Edman's work entitled "Storms and Starlight" (\$2.50). Reading this book will give one a better understanding and appreciation of the life of our Lord and at the same time enable him to face anew the problems of life.

Our second selection is a new fiction work entitled "Stoney Batter" (\$3.00). This quaint novel, with its colonial background, should prove especially interesting to our Brethren Book Club members.

Membership in the Book Club

Why and how does one become a member of the club? With the presses of our land running off books night and day and pouring out on our populace an unending avalanche of books there must of necessity be considerable selection made in the books which we ought to read. How shall we know what is being offered? How shall we decide what to read? Members of the club committee are in continual contact with the leading Christian book publishing companies and from them advance notices and review copies are received, which keeps them informed as to what is new in the religious book field. It is the responsibility of the committee to read and review, estimate and eliminate till books are found which are suitable for our purpose. These are then offered for your pleasure and profit.

Joining the club is simpler than selecting the books! Anytime any of our readers feels like joining us in this reading club all he needs to do is to send us the information of his intention and purchase one of the current offerings of the club. In return for joining the club we will send to you free of charge any one of the following books: (1) Dr. Florence Gribble's "Stranger Than Fiction," (2) Andrew Bonar's "The Bi-

ography of Robert Murray McCheyne," or (3) O. E. Phillips' "Out of the Night."

The only further obligation resting on the new member is that he maintains membership until four books have been selected and paid for. These need not all be taken in consecutive months, but should be purchased within a period of 1 year after joining the club.

Selection of Books

Read the reviews which follow and then decide which of the two books you would like to have. If you *are* a member of the club and desire the first-choice book you need do nothing further, for in due time the book will arrive at your home. If you prefer the second book you simply notify the club of this decision. If you *are not* a member of the club, but plan to join this month, tell us which of the two books you would like to have as your initial selection.

Note Carefully

Present members of the club who do not desire either book this month or who want the second-choice book *must* so notify the book club at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company not later than May 1.

STORMS AND STARLIGHT

By Dr. V. Raymond Edman

Dr. Edman, president of Wheaton College, presents the literary world another of his great works in this meditation from the life of our Lord. Every life has its vicissitudes, its days of poverty and plenty, pain and pleasure, storm and serenity. It is interesting and illuminating to know that the life of our Lord was no exception to this general principle. He also knew all the changing experiences of human life.

From the Gospel of Mark the writer has selected portions which portray to us these changing circumstances and our Lord's reaction to them. From these he has drawn careful and practical applications which make life more worth living.

Are you passing through deep waters? Are the sneers and sarcasms of the world being hurled at

you? Do you feel forsaken by your friends? Do men misjudge your motives and condemn your conduct? If so, you need not feel alarmed nor alone in this, for the Lord also experienced all these things and it is by learning from Him that we are strengthened and succored as we journey through life.

It is a pleasure to join the author as he observes our Lord in desert and in city, on sea and on shore, in street and synagogue, and in solitude as well as in the center of the multitude and learn from Him the fundamental lessons of life. Those who enjoy real literary style will appreciate this book. Dr. Edman's use of words is almost amazing. While the book is that of a scholar, it is written in such simple style that any layman can profit by pondering its pages.

STONEY BATTER

By Zoda Elizabeth Anderson

The story of the discovery of oil and the development of the industry connected with oil is one of the most interesting records in the annals of the history of the United States of America. When one remembers that this discovery took place in Pennsylvania, among some of the most interesting people in all the world—the Pennsylvania "Dutch"—he is somewhat prepared for the reading of this novel.

Here is a story with the background of the War Between the States in the middle of the last century. More important, however, here is the story of Abraham Fox, who was favorably compared by those who knew him with the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. Here is life with its strength and weakness, with its love and hate, with its joy and sorrow.

This is not a fanciful tale, but a down-to-earth account of people who lived and made history, and who enjoyed life while doing it. The secret of the life of Abe Fox was deeper than most people of his day could fathom. He was not given much to talking about great deeds; he was a doer of the best he knew—but we must let you read the story, and you will not be disappointed in doing so.

Reports and Hints From the Youth Director

GOOD-NIGHT SONG

(Tune: "This World Is Not My Home"—used by the Washington, D. C., BYF after their Sunday night after-church meetings.)

This house is not our home,
We're just a-passin' through;
Our beds are all made up:
It's time to bid adieu.
Our mothers beckon us
From our own home front door,
And we shouldn't feel at home
In this house any more!

Oh folks! You know, it's time for us
to go;
We've had a lot of fun, so let's tell
everyone
To come next Sunday night, and
bring a friend or two:
And then we shall see what the Lord
can do!

FILM LIBRARY INCREASING

An increasing number of our youth groups and churches are discovering the fine slide sets and strip-film in our Youth Council rental library. Some are using complete sets, and others are getting a film-strip a month for use. Rental costs are low—if you have a projector available.

WOOSTER YOUTH INCREASING



In addition to meeting every Sunday night after church the Wooster Youth Fellowship group meets every other Thursday night for fun, sometimes food, and always fellowship. After a splendid covered dish dinner on a recent Thursday (preceded by games with the early birds) a fine meeting was enjoyed with Youth Di-

rector Ralph Colburn speaking and showing pictures. More games were enjoyed before dismissal.

This group also forms a youth choir, and has now a splendid girls' trio in the group. John and Gloria Armstrong and Dave and Ruth Knight are the young adult advisors with the group.

KITTANNING YOUTH REALLY ACTIVE



*Kittanning boys
paddle the ball in
Fiscus' basement.*

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fiscus, advisors of the Kittanning BYF, really keep their gang busy, and it's paying off in real dividends. Increased attendance and real interest have been manifested by this group, whose ages run from 11 to 20.

At Christmas time they bought



and distributed (on successive Saturday nights) 600 seasonal tracts. It was a door-to-door distribution, with Christmas caroling by the entire group, and with a personal invitation to visit the church. They were well received, and often treated!

On New Year's Eve they were in charge of a candlelight service and fellowship time. For the Martinsburg youth rally they chartered a bus and took 43 young people there.

Every Sunday night they form a fine youth choir, and on March 16 the girls all wore white blouses and the fellows wore white shirts, and all wore green paper bow ties. In addition to their special number they presented the real story of St. Patrick in this service. They also distributed, with personal invitations to attend, more than 500 invitations to the anniversary week meetings at their church.

Every Saturday night is BYF club night at the Fiscus home, and attendance ranges from 20 to 40. It is mostly a fun and fellowship time,

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This is an S O S for funds—the Youth Council is right now in a financial crisis. If your church has funds designated for this work but not sent in, or if you are burdened about this work, send your gift to Rev. Gerald Polman, 112 Beachley Street, Meyersdale, Pa. Gerald is our treasurer, and will be at this address through April. Make checks payable to the Brethren Youth Council.

Must Christ Be Crucified Again?

By Mrs. Ethel Moffitt, Findlay, Ohio

Ofttimes we have heard the story of the resurrection, yet each time we hear it more beautiful it seems. Each time there comes to us a clearer vision of the garden, fragrant with lilies, and of the empty tomb.

We know well of the Saviour we love, who was condemned to death by Pilate, who was crucified, and as the shadows fell was borne to the garden of Joseph.

If the story were to end here, with the body of this Man of Calvary sealed in a stone-bolted tomb, what joy would there be? It would be a long night of sorrow, all hope would be gone, and faith would have no object. But thankful are we today that the stone, the watch, and the seal were all in vain, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven—an angel in raiment as white as snow—and rolled the stone away. He who was slain by sinful men now lives!

Now I come to my question: Must Christ be crucified again? What do I mean? Do we have a choice? It is left for us to decide about Christ's second suffering. His first suffering was the fulfillment of the Scriptures, the second will be from our selfishness, our heartlessness, our thoughtlessness, and our negligence.

Let us ask ourselves: Are we doing anything to wound the Christ of Galilee? Are we helping to cause Him to suffer again because we neglect Him in prayer, in reading His Word, in speaking ill of others, in placing ourselves first and disregarding His commandments, by failing to be thankful for His wonderful blessings to us?

We might list further, but whether it is under the glare of the noonday sun or under the night sky, lighted by thousands of stars, people are neglecting, denying, and defying our Christ—our Saviour who gave His all, who staggered up to Golgotha's brow and there gave His life to save sinners out of this darkened and sin-

cursed world. He bled and died for us. He endured the anguish of the crown of thorns, yet many are still piercing that lovely brow. Are we not content to follow Him when—

"Oh, none but Jesus bore such scorn,
No stricken Lamb as meek as He,
No other brow so bruised by thorn,
No other heart so bled for me.
No other feet the winepress trod,
No other hand so freely gave,
No Saviour like the Son of God,
No love like His to reach and save."

I am glad that thoughtless people are not going to be able to make new prints in His hands and feet by fastening Him again to a rough-hewn cross, but oh, the anguish we cause Him to bear!

My friends, no sweeter song sweeps over the earth, that soars over our grief and resounds above our cares, than this story of the cross that we are retelling. It is the most perfect story of love; it can drive away all tears. The most supreme gift that it offers is that it makes us heirs of heaven. This story of the cross is what gives us endless joy.

"No more is death the end of all,
'Tis but the dawn of greater joy;

We enter now the heavenly home,
Where pain and sorrow ne'er annoy.

'Twas Jesus' victory on the cross,
That brought us everlasting life,
And 'tis the promise of His love
That keeps us ever through the strife."

Why then are we wounding Christ again? "The thorns in my path are not sharper than composed His crown for me; the cup that I drink not more bitter than He drank in Gethsemane." Besides, He offers grace sufficient to endure all things for Him.

It is not our duty to weep beside the empty tomb, but to us comes the highest privilege—that of serving the risen Lord. So it comes to us to crucify or to serve! Which will it be as you have looked again this Easter time at the empty tomb and heard anew the divinest of all messages—"He is risen"?

"Hast thou forgotten me? Lo, I have sought thee, called thee and chosen thee, comrade and friend. Priceless the ransom I gave when I bought thee; canst thou not watch with me unto the end? Canst thou not follow me still, all else forsaking and doing my will?"



Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

—By Conard Sandy—

The Business of the Church

Congressman Walter H. Judd and 15 other members of the Congregational Church have formed a laymen's committee to "oppose Congregational political action." The Congressman summed up the purpose of the committee in these words:

"We do not believe it is the business of the church to tell the state what to do. It is the business of the church to discover what is righteous, what is the will of God, and inculcate those ideas in the individual."

The committee might have added one more very important purpose for the church's existence, by quoting the decision of James at the end of the first Jerusalem council. Here are James' words: "Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name" (Acts 15:13-14).

The first and chief purpose of the church is spiritual, not social. It is to deal with individuals, and when they are right with God all else will be right, but not before.

Mother's Compassion for Her Child

On March 21 little 3-year-old Mary Margaret Kaufman, of Crystal Beach, Md., fell through a hole in the first floor of her home, scored a bull's-eye in another 4-foot opening in the basement floor, and then plunged into 26 feet of water. Her parents were building themselves a new home and had left the openings so that the workmen could get the water needed in the building operations.

Now when a little one falls into a well of water there is no time to hold long conferences. Action is essential and it must be immediate action. That is what little Mary received, for her mother dived in and held the little one above the water until the husband came to the rescue with a board and a rope.

One day a man "fell among thieves" and was left for dead along the road. He needed help and failed to get it from the priest and the Levite. "But a certain Samaritan,

as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him" (Luke 10:33). You know the rest of the story, but let us have a question with you before you turn away: Do you have a real, genuine Christian compassion upon those about you who are in need of the Gospel?

Fear of Things to Come

Our Lord spoke of the day when men would be "fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on the world" (ASV). Men in high places, especially in religious circles today, may scoff at this and still glibly talk about establishing the kingdom of God on the earth. But what is in the heart of the populace is far more significant than the loud lampooning of the liberal theologians. From a current secular magazine the following has been cited: "Wherever I go I find among all classes what I can only describe as a growing sense of Apocalypse. I mean the sense of tremendous events maturing behind the surface of things and likely to precipitate themselves at any moment. It is the sense of being, so to speak, at the End of an Age, a sense of foreboding—mingled with hope that out of evil a new dispensation may come." When even the world can sense the approaching end of the age surely His coming must not be far off. We as His children need to live soberly and righteously, looking for His appearing.—B. S.

Freedom of Speech

Where have we heard these words before? It has only been a few short years since they were pronounced and published from one end of the earth to the other. One of the results of the recent World War II was to be the guarantee of this right to every man. But just where are we today? How many people enjoy this privilege, even in the so-called free countries? Many people in our neighboring nation, the Dominion of Canada would be better prepared to answer the question than we are. Radio stations in the Province of Quebec refuse to permit the preach-

ing of the Gospel in French over them. Reason? The Roman Catholic hierarchy objects! Even when full commercial prices are offered some of these same stations they still refuse to have the Gospel go out from them. According to a recent news item some faithful Christians desired to publish an advertisement offering a complete New Testament free to anyone who would write in for it. It is reported that not one newspaper or periodical in Quebec would accept their advertisement!

The seers of old have written concerning such days and who but the most credulous and unbelieving would deny the truth that we are now in them? The time has come when men will not endure "sound doctrine," especially where it opposes dominion by the Roman Catholic Church. While we still have the degree of freedom which we have today "we do not well" if we do not spread the "good news" with utmost haste.—B. S.

Sound Advice

Not long ago a woman in California decided to form a "Culture Club" with the purpose of studying the great books of the past. In college her professor had stated that most people are woefully ignorant of the great books of the world. For advice on such a move she wrote to the well-known writer and columnist, Dr. George W. Crane. Here is part of the answer she received:

"Before you tackle Aristotle or Plato or other writers whom Dr. Hutchins glorifies you had better read the four books that have had 10,000 times more influence on mankind than all those other volumes he advocates.

"I refer to the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are a small part of the Bible. . . . These four Gospels have also erected almost all of our hospitals, plus the YMCA's and YWCA's and CYO Halls."

This advice takes on special significance in the light of the stated purpose of the Gospels, that is, that by them men might believe, and believing have life in His name.—B. S.

THIS IS TODAY!

A Day's Challenge

"Is this today?" In his attempt to count the passage of time on the basis of known daily and weekly experiences, 4-year-old Kent often asks: "Is this tonight?" Coming about nap time, as it usually does, the question is amusing. If it is "tonight" then the lad knows he'll be staying in bed for quite a long time. If it isn't "tonight" then this bed episode will be relatively short-lived and he will soon again be playing.

"Is this popcorn night?"

"No, this is Wednesday."

"When is popcorn night?"

"Think, little sweetie; what night do we have popcorn?"

With a shy smile the lad said, "Friday is popcorn night. Goody, I can't wait."

Friday night is Family Time under this roof and popcorn is the stock treat. Such little things bring so much joy to children. The big boys delight to pop the corn, each one insisting he popped better than his brother.

"The Dairy Queen opens today," Bill announced one morning ere leaving for school. Such an announcement is enough to stop the clock. The little ones were wild with delight. Later that morning Mother bundled all the babies in the car and took them to the grocery store. Passing the Dairy Queen stand on the return home prompted the question by Kent, "Is this today?" He undoubtedly had remembered Bill's announcement earlier in the day and was giving Mother a gentle hint. Rather wearied with endless questions and feeling the futility of trying to save, or even stretch the dollar to meet the needs of an ever-growing family, Mother answered rather sharply, "Well, it's not tomorrow!"

"Why?" came the question so typically 4-year-old.

A twinge of remorse swept over Mother because of her sharp answer to her boy. "It isn't tomorrow," she'd said without thinking. But now she was thinking. Perhaps there is more of tomorrow in today than she had realized. Much of today's thinking and teaching will be reflected in tomorrow's attitude and

accomplishments. Today is "the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2), tomorrow may never come as far as insuring eternal life is concerned. But "today well lived (especially by the child of God) . . . makes every tomorrow a vision of hope." Lord, help me live with eternity's values in view!

A Day's Grievs

Two boys up in the morning just as rebellious and unkind as they could be. Arguments and impudence seemed the order of the day before they were off to school. Criticism of the destructive and derogatory kind flowed freely. How Mother longed for that silver-framed picture the Proverb tells about: "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pic-



tures of silver" (Prov. 25:11). How the flesh rears its ugly head in an attempt, which is usually successful, to spoil our testimony and hurt those we love the best. Dear Lord, give us wisdom not only to live for Thee but to live with each other. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psa. 90:12).

A Day's "Honey From the Rock"

At the close of family worship one of the boys involved in the wrangling and unkindness told Mother he was sorry for his impudence and un-Christlike conduct of the morning. "I'm sorry; I'll try to think next time I'm tempted. Forgive me, please." Mother's heart rejoiced in the victory of her boy. "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psa. 51:17). "Have you told the Lord you are sorry? After all, your sin was against God."

"Yes I have, Mother."

"Then rejoice in His Word: 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to

cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

A Day's Chuckles

Baby Ardyth has an audience each day at bath time. Sharon, Kent, and Althea vie with each other in kissing the baby's pink feet and in coaxing a smile. Each youngster takes his turn rubbing the baby's precious little back with "oy," as Althea calls the oil. Interest soon wanes on the part of the smaller children and they leave the bathroom. But Sharon stays on, helping Mother put on the dainty baby clothes. As they dress the much-loved baby together, Sharon and Mother either sing or learn a Bible verse or go over the books of the Bible in their proper order. Sharon has been remembering the Old Testament books real well.

One morning Mother asked her girl to recite as many of the books as she could without help. With a shy, sweet smile she began: "Genesis, Exodus, Heironimus . . ." Mother raised her head sharply and broke into laughter as she looked at her girl. "Heironimus is not the name of a book in the Bible, Sharon. It's the name of a department store in town. Didn't you mean Leviticus?" "Yes, Mama. I just got mixed up. But I'll learn them all, won't I?" "You are doing just fine, honey. When you go to Grandma's be sure to tell her you want to keep going over the complete list of books in the Bible until you know them perfectly. Even though some of the names are hard to pronounce, go right ahead and try. Now is the time, while you are a little girl, to learn all you can about God's Word. Try to learn one new Bible verse each week when you are at Grandma's as you do here at home. We've been memorizing the verse suggested by the child evangelism class. At Grandma's house you'll have to choose a verse some other way. Perhaps you can learn the key verse of your Sunday school lesson. Or maybe Mother can send one each week for you to study. Then when you come home again you'll surprise us all with how many verses you have learned."

"Oh boy, that'll be fun, Mother."

And a thoughtful Mother remembered the admonition and challenge of the Word: "Thy word have I hid

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in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psa. 119:11). "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

"A lady came while you were out calling with Daddy. She wanted to know how many children we have and how old we all are. She told me if she had this many children she doesn't think her house would be this quiet or cleaned up. Here is her name and why she wanted to know our ages."

"Thank you for taking care of things so well while we were away, Dorotheann. We were gone such a short time, but wouldn't you know that someone would come? Did you tell the lady that the house wouldn't be so quiet if the babies had been awake and up?"

"No, Mother. I only told her what she asked me."

Before Mother could feel the full impact of Dorotheann's gentle rebuke, 6-year-old Sharon broke into the picture with her usual sparkle: "I told the lady, Mother. I told her the babies were taking a nap and I told her where you and Daddy went. When she left I went with the lady down the street and told her the names of all the people who live in all the houses on this block!"

If Sharon was breathless when she finished her recital of her part in the events of the afternoon, Mother was flabbergasted. "Oh, Sharon," she wailed, "you'll be the death of me yet. How in this world do you know the names of every family on this block? Why I don't even know them. You little 'family reporter' you! We have as much privacy as a goldfish around you. If you always keep your eyes and ears open as you do now you'll be a whiz when you go to school. You'll never be a back number."

With a hug for both her girls Mother set about evening meal preparations. She stopped these long enough to share with Daddy, via phone (he was in the study at the church), this unexpected story from the girls. The underlying exasperation because of her daughter's "tell-all" habit, gave way to the refresh-

ing spontaneity of the lassie. Sharon's enthusiasm and zest for living are contagious, Mother found herself thinking. "Oh, Father, she is so vivacious, so impulsive, so precious. Keep her feet from the pitfalls of him who is the archenemy of her soul, and may her heart and lips always be quick to tell the story, 'Jesus Saves,' to a lost world."

ATTENDANCE RECORDS BROKEN

Breaking all known attendance records for Sunday school conventions, the Assemblies of God Tenth National-First International Sunday School Convention held in Springfield, Mo., March 25-28, 1952, chalked up a total of 9,184 registrations. Actual attendance at the convention exceeded 10,000.

Simultaneous meetings held in three of Springfield's largest auditoriums provided a full program for the delegate to choose from. Twenty-nine different conferences, morning and evening sessions, and the 46 booths in the two exhibition rooms of the "Sunday School World's Fair" packed the 3-day gathering with inspiration and information.

with games, ping-pong, checkers, pit, dominoes, and even jacks. Singing and devotions follow, with discussions on Christian youth problems. Once a month is work night, with special projects both for themselves and for others. They have obtained a ping-pong table and equipment, a pop-corn popper, and are now saving for basketball and volleyball equipment for their club.

They're really doing swell, and having some great times together, spiritually and socially. That's the way we'd like to see all our groups go!

ICEF CONFERENCE IN MAY

The 6th Annual Child Evangelism Conference of the International Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc., will convene at Minneapolis, Minn., May 5-9. Various phases of the work—music, flannelgraph, object lessons—will be considered. Also the work being done in the various countries, as China, Germany, Norway, Sweden, and Canada, will be considered by the delegates. The evening sessions will be used to hear testimonies and messages from workers who are engaged in evangelizing the children of the world.

The Man Who Lacked One Thing

By Rev. Jesse Hall, Canton, Ohio

(Message Given Over Radio Station WHBC, Canton)

"Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest" (Mark 10:21).

Did it ever occur to you that God's Word has a message so simple that no one in this complex age of which we are a part need ever lose his way? On every side there are voices clamoring for our attention, urging upon us their formulas for success, for popularity, for riches, for health, for everything to be had "under the sun." How bewildering, how confusing they all are! There is just *one thing* that all unregenerate men need today. That is a "new" nature (II Pet. 1:3-4).

Up to the moment that the rich

young ruler met Jesus he no doubt was looked upon as the sum of all a successful person should be. He was young, he was rich, he was educated, he was aggressive, he was healthy, he was clean. But Jesus said he *lacked one thing!* He still needed (and wanted) eternal life. He still needed to be born again (John 3:5). He still needed to be made a new creature in Christ Jesus (II Cor. 5:17).

That is also what you and I need, what the world of men everywhere need today. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:11-12). Open your heart to the Son of God today and He will supply that lack.

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Campus Improvements

In this issue of the Herald the Grace Seminary Alumni Association announces a project it is undertaking for necessary campus improvements. The association is undertaking to raise through its members and friends a total amount of \$5,000. This amount is needed for such necessary work as sidewalks in front of the building and at its rear, the improvement of the drives and parking lot, installation of lights along the drives, grading and seeding the campus, and landscaping. It will readily be seen that \$5,000 is the very minimum amount necessary for the work that needs to be done. Every one of these improvements must be made as quickly as possible. Otherwise, the seminary will suffer considerable damage and loss to the investment already made in its building. Unless walks are installed along the front and rear sides of the building, the asphalt tile floors of the corridors and classrooms will soon be permanently injured. For the protection of our building and students some lights are necessary. Unless the work of grading is completed and the campus seeded, tons of precious topsoil will be lost, and the expense of doing the work later will be greatly increased. The drives have been improved to some extent, but much work still remains to be done on them. Brethren, to this extent the work of our building program is not yet complete. The seminary does not want to borrow additional money for this work. We trust that many of the friends of the school will join the alumni in their commendable project. This is a real emergency, and we know the Brethren Church will not fail to meet it. We are grateful to the alumni for their willingness to postpone temporarily their trailer-camp project in order to meet this pressing need of the moment.—B.

Word From Dr. McClain

Our president is now finding rest in the sunshine of the desert at Phoenix, Ariz. He and Mrs. McClain plan to remain there for several weeks before going on to southern California, where Dr. McClain will be speaking this summer at the sessions of the California Conference. Let us continue to pray for his complete restoration. He has been greatly missed at the seminary this year.—B.

The Seminary Offering

It is not yet possible to give anything like a complete report of the seminary offering inasmuch as quite a large number of the churches have not yet sent in their gifts. The most recent figures available show that 69 churches have reported thus far. It is very difficult to make any comparison with last year's offering which would give an accurate picture on a year-to-year basis since a por-

THE COVER PICTURES

—are described in Dr. Paul Bauman's article, "Reminiscing Upon the Apostle Paul's Last Hours in Rome," in this issue (p. 268).

tion of last year's offering came as a result of the special emphasis for the building program. However, from the 69 churches thus far reporting, there are several facts of interest in comparing their present offerings with those of last year from the same churches: (1) Their total general offering shows a 32 percent increase over last year. (2) However, the total general offering this year is only 35 percent of the total offering from the same churches for the running expenses of the school and the building fund last year. (3) The total offering this year from these 69 churches (the general offering plus gifts to the building fund and other special offerings) is 50 percent of the amount received last year from the same group of churches. (4) All the offerings for the first 8 months of this year amount to a cash total of \$28,606.29. We trust that the remaining churches will raise this figure substantially so that the financial needs of the school for this year will be completely met.—B.

Attention, Pastors and Church Treasurers

If your seminary offering, together with its accompanying financial report, hasn't been mailed in to the school, please care for this matter at once. This season, financially, is the heaviest of the year for the school. In addition to the general school expenses, there are regular monthly payments on the building to be made. Do not let that money lay in your church treasury. Send it in now!—B.

A Chapel Memorial Gift

A gift arrived at the seminary recently to cover the cost of a projection screen for the chapel. This gift was made by Miss Jane Edmonds, of Temple City, Calif., in memory of her mother. In her letter Miss Edmonds says: "My mother, Mrs. Coryet Edmonds, passed away to be with the Lord on July 15, 1951, at the age of 82. Mother was a member of the Brethren Church since early girlhood, having been baptized in Kansas about the year 1886. It was during the time that Grandpa Bauman, the father of Dr. L. S. Bauman, was preaching and teaching through that part of the country, and he baptized my oldest sister." Miss Edmonds' gift is greatly appreciated, for we often have need for such a screen when missionaries speak to our student body.—B.

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RICHARD JACKSON, Jr., Reporter

The Easter season is a time which brings forth varied reactions in people. It is a time which brings into the minds of some visions of colored eggs, jelly beans, and bunnies; to others it brings visions of new hats, new suits, new dresses, and the like, but to the true children of God it brings to mind once more the events surrounding the death and resurrection of their blessed Lord and serves to brighten the vision they have of the joy that shall be theirs when their living Lord returns to take them to be with Him.



Richard Jackson, Jr.

This is what Easter means to the student body of Grace, but there are some other attendant meanings. For the Middlers and Juniors and Collegiates it marks the last lap before final exams, while for the Seniors it marks the beginning of the end—when graduation ceases to be a hazy possibility in the far-distant future and looms as a distinct reality which will bring to an end their years of schooling and their days at Grace. For the reporter of this page it brings another vacation time with its attendant scarcity of news. But here are the things that did happen since you last read "Student News."

VITAL STATISTICS—Two new recruits for the First-Year Collegiate class of 1970 arrived this month. Steven Ray took up his abode with Mommy and Daddy Ray Newby, and Sharon Lynn joined the household of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Weimer. Congratulations.

CHAPEL—The special lectures were continued with Dr. R. D. Barnard speaking, of course, on foreign missions. Dr. Barnard covered the field of missions from the Biblical program to the present prospects.

PRE-EASTER CHAPEL—Special pre-Easter services were held during the last two chapel periods before vacation. The messages, brought by several members of the faculty, were based on the seven last words from the cross. The speakers were Dr. Hoyt, Dr. Kent, Prof. Kent, Prof. Gilbert, Prof. Whitcomb, Prof. Boyer, and Rev. Solon Hoyt. The male quartet, composed of Roy Clark, Dean Risser, Gene Witzky, and Russell Irwin, sang two special numbers, and solos were sung by Dean Risser and Mrs. Joel Kettenring. These special services proved to be spiritual refreshment for the entire student body.

ANSWERED PRAYER—Last month we asked prayer for several of the students and members of their families. We are so glad to announce that as a real answer to those prayers Bro. Scott Weaver is not only out of the hospital and back home again, but has also been attending some of his classes and this several weeks in

advance of the date hoped for by the physician. Praise the Lord!

FOREIGN MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP—The Foreign Missions Fellowship rally this month took the form of a banquet at the Eskimo Inn. Dr. Orville D. Jobson was the special speaker and brought a message that was enjoyed by all who attended. This will be an event that will be looked forward to every year by the FMF in the future.

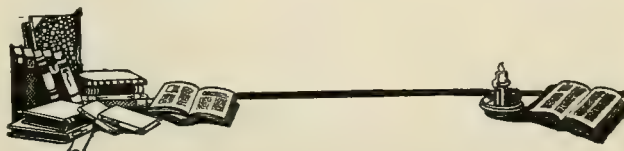
ATHLETICS—Basketball season is over except for one game which will be an extravaganza between the school team and the Senior class. However, the official season was brought to a close with the presentation of the first school letters ever to be awarded at Grace. They are gold G's on a white background, and will be worn on white sweaters. Dr. P. R. Bauman, executive vice president, opened the proceedings with a few appropriate remarks and then your reporter, who had the privilege of coaching the team, made the awards. Those who will be the first to wear the gold "G" of Grace Seminary are Walt Claeys, James Dickson, James Hoffmeyer (captain), Norbert Darr, David Harmon, Harold Westing, Lester Kennedy, Warren Purdy, Russell Irwin, Wayne Pontious, Homer Miller, and Paul Gingrich. At the close of the presentation of awards, Team Captain Jim Hoffmeyer presented the coach with an honorary letter. Thank you so much.

Baseball is getting under way with preparations for two games against Warsaw High School. These games will be played the first week or two in May. Watch this page for the results.

We hope to be able to announce the champion of the table tennis tourney next month. The contests have really been exciting, with some of the girls winning quite a few of the laurels.

ANNUAL—The 1952 *Charis* will go to press in the next week or two and we know that many of the friends of the school will want to get their copy of this fine year-book, so we publish this information just for them. Send three dollars with your name and address to Bernard Ward, Annual staff business manager, Grace Seminary Winona Lake, Ind. You won't be sorry.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS—"Turn it in to Miss Magnuson."



Reminiscing Upon the Apostle Paul's Last Hours in Rome

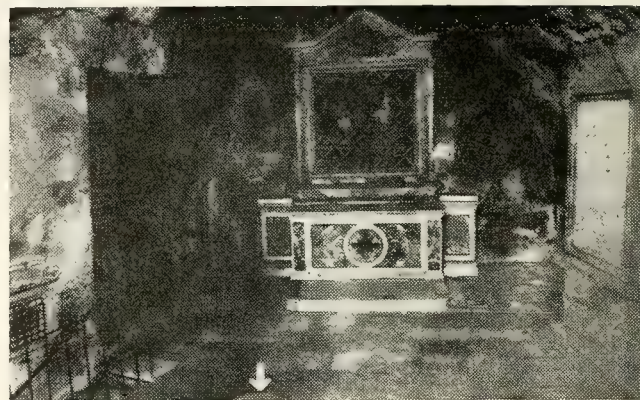
By Paul R. Bauman, Executive Vice President

Rome is the city to which the Apostle Paul wrote his great theological treatise, the Epistle to the Romans. Here Paul came a few years later, not as a tourist, nor as a free man, but as "a prisoner of Jesus Christ" (Phile. 1). It was here that he lived for a period of 2 years in a hired house, chained to a Roman soldier; and from what must have been the very humblest of lodgings, he sent forth his priceless letters to the churches at Ephesus, Philippi, and Colossae. In addition he wrote his personal Epistle to Philemon, one of the most precious gems in the entire Bible.

There are many scenes which interest the Christian traveler in Rome today. Although nearly 2,000 years have passed since the great apostle lived, there are still to be seen there the remains of many buildings, statuary, and other structures that he looked upon during his stay in Rome. The wide expanse of the Forum (market place) is littered with ancient remains. Among these may be seen three columns of the original Temple of Castor and Pollux, popular deities of his day (cf. Acts 28:11).

Close at hand, and standing in a state of partial ruin, is the old Roman Colosseum, with its vast galleries and its four tiers of seats for all classes of citizens. In this vast arena animals fought to the death. It is said that on one occasion 600 lions, leopards, and bears strove together, and gladiators were "butchered to make a Roman holiday." Here also 70,000 Christians died to receive a martyr's crown.

To the west of the Forum, near the Capitol, is the Mamertine Prison, which is probably the dungeon in which the apostle was confined prior to his martyrdom (see accompanying picture and front cover). It is a cell beneath a cell and reminds one immediately of the "inner prison" in which Paul and Silas were confined at Philippi (Acts 26:24). It was excavated out of the solid rock, and the lower cell, or dungeon, originally had its only opening in the roof. Today, for the convenience of tourists, stairs lead down to the dungeon (see accompanying



The above picture shows the upper cell of the old Mamertine Prison, just west of the old Forum in the city of Rome. Compare it with the lower picture on the front cover. The white arrow indicates the opening through which prisoners were cast into the lower dungeon. The cell pictured above was immediately above that pictured on the cover.

picture and front cover). It was called the Tullianum, and into it illustrious prisoners from the Roman triumphs were cast to die. It is a damp, chilly place, and one does not wonder that the Apostle Paul, if confined here, asked that "the cloak left at Troas with Carpus" be brought to him (II Tim. 4:13).

Possibly the last monument to be seen by St. Paul as he passed through the suburbs of the city on the way to his execution was the striking Pyramid of Caius Cestius (see cover picture). Three miles out of the city on the Ostian Way he laid down his life for his Lord. Because he was a Roman citizen, Paul died by the stroke of a Roman sword rather than by the Roman method of crucifixion, as in the case of Jesus. But only about a year later, the Emperor Nero, who executed him, and within 3 years Jerusalem, the city which condemned him, had both met their doom.

Approaching Commencement Activities

By Dr. Homer A. Kent

Another commencement season fast approaches. This is always a time replete with activities of various kinds. It will begin this year with the Collegiate Division Banquet which will be held on Thursday evening, May 15, at the Eskimo Inn. It will be an occasion of special honor to those students who will be completing their two years of collegiate work and will be attended by all the college students, their relatives and friends, and members of the faculty.

On the following evening, Friday, May 16, the Middler-Senior Banquet will be held at the same place. This is an annual affair given by the Middler class in honor of the seminarians who are graduating. It is traditionally looked upon as the outstanding social event of the seminary year, attracting an increasingly large attendance year after year.

CLASS DAY SERVICE

The Class Day Service will be held under the auspices

of the Winona Lake Brethren Church on the Sunday morning preceding graduation day. The service will take place in the seminary chapel where the Brethren church regularly holds its services, the date being May 18, at 10:45 a.m. The Senior Class will have charge of the entire service, supplying its various parts. Mr. William Smith, president of the student body in addition to being a member of the graduating class, will be the preacher for the occasion. A large number of relatives and friends are expected to be present for this impressive service. The entire class will appear at this time in their academic regalia.

On the evening of the same day the Baccalaureate Service will be held in the lower auditorium of the seminary building. Rev. John M. Aeby, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, will be the preacher for this occasion.

The time between the Sunday of the Class Day and
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IS THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER UNDER LAW?

(Continued From March 22 Issue)

In the foregoing installments of this monograph, six questions have been discussed and answered: First, What is the law? Second, Under what conditions could this law give life? Third, Why was this law unable to save men? Fourth, What was God's purpose in giving the law? Fifth, What is the relation of God's written law to Israel? Sixth, What is the relation of this law to gentiles? This brings us to a seventh and very crucial question:

VII. IS THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER UNDER THE LAW?

1. To this question *several answers have been made which are evasive in character*, being for the most part based upon wrong or inadequate definitions of law. (1) Some argue that the believer is under the *moral* law, but not under the *ceremonial* law. (2) Others say that we are under the *moral law*, but not under its *penalties*. (3) Still others assert that we are under the moral law as a *rule of life*, but not as a *way of salvation*. Another way of saying the same thing is that we are under the law for Sanctification, but not for Justification. (4) Another view is that we are under the *Sermon on the Mount*, but not under the *Law of Sinai*. (5) A rather curious view advanced recently is that the Christian believer is under "the law of God," but not under the "law of Moses." According to this scheme the "law of Moses" is the entire system of law recorded in the Pentateuch, whereas the "law of God" is limited to the Ten Commandments! (see "Law and the Saint," by Pink). That such a distinction between the "law of God" and the "law of Moses" cannot stand is clear from the Scriptures. See Luke 2:21-24, 39, where the same law is called variously the "law of Moses" and the "law of the Lord," and the law under consideration is *ceremonial* in nature. See also Mark 7:8-13, where what "Moses said" is also identified as the "commandment of God," and the material quoted from the Pentateuch includes one of the Ten Commandments and also a death penalty from the civil code. Students of the Bible will not be misled by any of the above erroneous views if they hold fast to a complete definition of the divine law, namely, that the law of God in the Bible is one law, including moral, ceremonial, and civil elements, and inseparable from its penalties. Let us turn now to—

2. *The meaning of the Biblical phrase "under the law."* This expression occurs 12 times in the Authorized Version, 14 times in the American Standard Version. Twice the Greek preposition is *en* (Rom. 2:12 ASV, 3:19), 11 times it is *hupo* with the accusative case (Rom. 6:14-15; I Cor. 9:20 ASV; Gal. 3:23, 4:4-5, 21, 5:18). In the remaining passage the English phrase "under the law" represents a very dubious translation of a single Greek word (I Cor. 9:21), which will be discussed later.

According to Green, the *en* of the above texts refers to the *sphere* in which the subject is dwelling and acting (Grammar of the New Testament, p. 240). This would

accurately describe the Jew in relation to the divine law—he was not only under the law, but also *in* the law as the sphere of his existence and actions.

The preposition *hupo* with the accusative in the other texts means "subject to the power of any person or thing" (cf. Thayer, who cites as examples the very references under consideration in this study, p. 643). An excellent illustration may be found in Matthew 8:9, where the Roman centurion says, "For I am a man under [*hupo*] authority, having soldiers under [*hupo*] me." Just as the centurion was absolutely under Roman military authority, both as to its laws and its penalties, so also were his soldiers under his authority.

In summary we may say, therefore, that for one to be "under the law" in the Biblical sense is to be under the law of God—the entire Mosaic legal system in its indivisible totality—subject to its commands and liable to its penalties.

3. *Now the Word of God declares plainly that the Christian believer is not "under the law."* At least four times, simply and without qualification, the New Testament asserts this great truth: "For ye are not under the law" (Rom. 6:14). "Because we are not under the law" (6:15). "Ye are not under the law" (Gal. 5:18). "Not being myself under the law" (I Cor. 9:20 ASV). (This last statement will not be found in the Authorized Version. But practically all the great editors of the Greek text of the New Testament agree that the clause was a part of the original sacred text. It was probably omitted from a few of the Greek manuscripts by legalistically inclined scribes. The American Standard Version includes it in I Corinthians 9:20 without either an alternative reading or other marginal note, thus indicating the translators' unquestioned judgment that it belongs there as a part of the inerrant Word of God through the Apostle Paul.) It should also be noted that in two of the above quoted texts, the writer ties two great facts of the Christian faith directly to the truth that "we are not under the law." In Romans 6:14 the Christian's deliverance from the lordship of sin is tied to his deliverance from the law, and in Galatians 5:18 our deliverance from the law is regarded as an evidence of our being led by the Spirit. These practical effects in the realm of the moral and spiritual life will be discussed more fully later on.

(1) Consider further that the Christian believer is *not under law in any sense as a means of salvation or any part of it*. In Romans 3:20 we read that "by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight." And in this text the Holy Spirit seems to broaden sweepingly the exclusion of all deeds of all law from the divine act in the justification of sinners. There are no definite articles. The Greek text reads simply "by deeds of law." Again in Romans 6:14 the Scripture declares not only that the law as law has absolutely nothing to contribute in the accomplishment of the believer's sanctification, but on the contrary that freedom from the law's bondage is actually one indispensable factor in that im-

portant work of God in the soul. Still further, when Paul comes to deal with the matter of Christian security in Romans 8, he asserts that the law has no power to keep us in safety, but "what the law could not do" in this regard, God sent His Son to accomplish for us and also in us (Rom. 8:3-4). Thus we see that the law can neither justify, sanctify, nor keep us.

(2) The law can give no help to men as a means of salvation from sin. In Colossians 2:14 who can fail to see the reference to Sinai in the phrase "handwriting of ordinances"? Well, the apostle declares that this same divine law was not only "against us" but also "contrary to us." And the same writer, referring to the Decalogue "written and engraven in stones," describes it as a "ministration of death" (II Cor. 3:7). In Romans 4:15 we learn that the law "worketh wrath," and in Galatians 3:12 that "the law is not of faith." And when certain men arose in the early church to insist that believers should be placed under at least a small part of the law, Peter himself rebukes them with the reminder that this law was "a yoke" which "neither our fathers nor we were able to bear" (Acts 15:1-11).

(3) According to the New Testament, *the Christian is "delivered from the law."* This is the central argument of the seventh chapter of Romans, which failure to see and accept leads inevitably to that moral and spiritual defeat pictured so vividly later in the chapter. Such believers had not learned that "ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ" (4), and that "we are delivered from the law" (6). Both verbs are in the aorist tense pointing back to something done once for all. The same book sums up the argument in one irrefutable statement, "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth" (10:4). The Greek arrangement of the words here puts first in the sentence the word "end." That is where the emphasis must be put—the end of the law has come for all believers in Christ. God says "end." Let there be no equivocation here. Either this is true or there is no salvation for sinners.

(4) The conclusion must be that *the law itself as law*, for the Christian, has been "abolished." No one can read the third chapter of II Corinthians with an unprejudiced attitude and not see that the writer is discussing the very center of the law of God with its "tables of stone" (3). All this, so far as the Christian believer is concerned, has been "done away" (11); it has been "abolished" (13). The same thing is set forth in Ephesians: "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances" (2:15). And again we read that "the handwriting of ordinances that was against us" has been blotted out, nailed to the cross of Christ (Col. 2:14). In so doing, our blessed Lord spoiled the powers of darkness and triumphed over them. For the great accuser of the brethren and his hosts had found his base of operations in the law. Under the law he could rightly argue that we sinners deserved to be judged and forever doomed. But, thank God, all this is ended for the believer. Every penalty of the divine law has been paid, every demand of the law has been satisfied—not by us, but by the Lamb of God.

(Note: It has been argued by some that the above quoted texts refer only to the ceremonial element of the law, and not the moral law. Here again I refer the reader back to my earlier argument for the unity of the divine law. Also, on Colossians 2:14, see Peake in the Expositors' Greek New Testament, pp. 527-528. He says,

"This distinction between the moral and ceremonial law has no meaning in Paul. The Law is a unity and is done away as a whole." On the clause "took it out of the way," Peake comments, "The change from aorist to perfect (tense) is significant as expressing the abiding character of the abolition." For the Christian there can be no "point of return" back to the law as law. On the clause "nailing it to his cross," Peake adds, "When Christ was crucified, God nailed the Law to His cross. Thus it, like the flesh, was abrogated, sharing His death. The bond therefore no longer exists for us.")

4. In what sense were God's people "under the law" in the Old Testament age? This is a question which will inevitably be raised at this point. And it is a legitimate question which should be answered.

(1) Let us note that God had a people in Old Testament days, and that this people was "under the law" from Sinai to Calvary. This is the substance of Paul's argument in Galatians 3:17-23. Speaking of that Old Testament people, with whom he himself had been once associated, Paul writes, "But before [the] faith came, we were kept under the law" (23).

(2) Consider now that in these Old Testament days "under the law" could have had only two possible meanings—either "under the law" as a way of salvation, or "under the law" as a rule of life.

(3) We can be certain that "under the law" in those days could not have meant a way of salvation. For nothing is taught more clearly in the Word of God than that no one in any age could be saved by law-keeping. "By the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight" (Rom. 3:20). The entire fourth chapter of Romans is given to the proposition that both Abraham and David were saved by faith, not by law. With this possibility excluded, there is left only one possible alternative: "Under the law" for these old Testament people meant that they were under it as a rule of life.

(4) Let us follow now the argument to its logical conclusion: The dispensational change from the age of the law to the age of grace does not mean that formerly sinners were saved by deeds of law whereas today they are saved by grace, for we have already seen that men could not be saved by law in any age! But it does mean that God's people in the former age were "under the law" as a rule of life, whereas today they are not "under the law" as a rule of life. Yet this is the very sense in which the legalistic theology of our day affirms that the law is still in force over the Christian believer! What utter nonsense! If their affirmation be true, then the distinction between being "under law" and not being "under law" has been canceled, and the Apostle Paul wasted his time writing the great books of Romans and Galatians, to say nothing of the other Scriptures which declare the vital importance of this distinction. Let us turn now to another question—

VIII. WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF PUTTING CHRISTIANS UNDER THE LAW?

1. There are at least three possible ways in which a theological system can be constructed for the purpose of putting the Christian under law: (1) A system which would place the Christian under the total law, including all its elements and penalties. This is pure Judaism. (2) A system which would place the Christian under the moral law and its penalties. This is moral legalism. (3) A system which would place the Christian under the moral law stripped of its proper penalties. This might be called a "weak and beggarly" legalism (cf. Gal. 4:9).

2. It is *this third system that deserves the severest criticism*. (1) It employs an *un-Scriptural terminology*, taking only one element of the law, divesting even that of its sanctions, and then calls it "the law of God." In the Bible "the law" is a unity which includes all its elements with its penalties. (2) Claiming to honor the law of God, the system actually *dishonors the law*, especially because it reduces the holy law of a holy God to the level of mere good advice, comparable to some of the legalistic fictions of the United Nations organization. (3) This ultimately moves in the direction of *theological disaster*, bringing and compounding confusion into our views of sin, of salvation, of the work of Christ, and even of the doctrine of God. (4) Worst of all, this abstraction of the moral element from the ceremonial element in Old Testament law, and its imposition upon the Christian as a rule of life, has a *grave spiritual and moral danger*. For it is precisely this ceremonial element which provides the context of grace for the moral element, and this context of grace provides the great motivating principle which secures the fulfillment of the moral element of the law. Thus this kind of legalistic morality defeats itself.

3. *The Word of God condemns unsparingly all attempts to put the Christian believer "under the law."* The Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul gave to the church the Book of Galatians for the very purpose of dealing with this heresy. Let the sincere seeker after truth read this epistle over and over, noting carefully the precise error with which the writer deals. It is not a total rejection of the Gospel of God's grace and a turning back to a total legalism. It is rather the error of saying that the Christian life, having begun by simple faith in Christ, must thereafter continue under the law or some part of it. This is clear from the apostle's indignant charge in chapter 3: "This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect in the flesh?" (2-3). Little wonder that he begins the chapter with a cry of astonishment, "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth . . .?" And having pursued his devastating argument against this type of legalism through chapter 3 and into the fourth chapter, showing that the redemption of God in Christ has set us free from all the bondage of the law, he again asks with irony, "But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?" (4:9). And then he adds, "I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain" (4:10). "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" (5:7). As for the preacher who had introduced this heresy among the flock, Paul writes by inspiration of the Holy Ghost, "He that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be" (5:10).

That this matter was no mere case of theological hair-splitting (as some today are accustomed to charge) is made clear in the very beginning of the Book of Galatians. In seeking to add some modicum of law to the Gospel of God's grace, these legalistic teachers are preaching "another gospel" (1:6). Paul hastens, however, to add that what they are preaching is really "not another" *gospel*, for the very meaning of the term "gospel" excludes all works of law. And so, strange as it may seem to some, for anyone to add any law (no mat-

ter how worthy) to the simple good news of God's grace in Christ, is actually to destroy the Gospel as Gospel! It is no longer Gospel at all! If even the smallest item of the law should be added to the Gospel and made binding upon believers, so that the requirement now becomes "believe" *plus something else* in order to be saved, the soul which accepts this "plus something else" becomes at once automatically "a debtor to do the whole law" (5:3). For such a one, the apostle warns, "Christ shall profit you nothing" (5:2). And so the problem becomes very simple: Either Christ will save you by grace through faith *plus nothing*, or He will not save you at all! As a matter of fact, even an omnipotent God can save sinners in only one way—that is, by grace. Because of what God is, and because of what we are, there is no other way. Paradoxical as it may seem, this is one place where the *addition* of something *finite* actually results in a *subtraction* which is *infinite*. Such is the mathematics of grace. If the sinner adds anything, he loses everything. If he adds nothing, he wins everything. Understanding this, we can then accept sympathetically the ultimatum of Galatians: "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (1:8).

(Note: The final installments of this monograph will set forth the Biblical standard of life and conduct for Christian believers and show the place of the law within that standard.)

APPROACHING COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

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Baccalaureate services and the Friday of graduation, May 23, will be busy days for everybody at the school. The undergraduates will be taking their final examinations while the Seniors, who do not take these examinations, will be making all final preparations for the day toward which they have been looking ever since they entered seminary. On Tuesday evening of this week, May 20, a special communion service will be held for the graduates and their families at 7:30 p.m. in the lower auditorium.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

The climax of the commencement season will be the graduation service which will be observed in the spacious seminary auditorium Friday evening, May 23, at 7:30 p.m., at which time a group of 35 seminarians will be graduated and receive degrees, and 6 collegians will receive diplomas. This has always been a colorful occasion and the 15th such occasion promises to be as interesting and inspiring as ever. The one chosen to deliver the commencement address is Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, president of Dallas Theological Seminary. It is sincerely hoped that many relatives and friends of the graduates and Brethren from near and far will be present at Winona Lake to enjoy the closing exercises. At this season of the year nature puts on its best display at Winona and there is always an unusual inspiration in witnessing a large group of God's prepared servants stepping forth to take their places in the harvest field of the world. We hope that *you* can be with us for the festivities. It will be one way in which you can honor and learn to know the future leaders of the church. A cordial invitation is yours.

News From Our Alumni

Edited by Rev. Harold H. Etling, President of Grace Seminary Alumni Association



Greetings in the name of our precious Saviour!

They tell us that the work of an editor is that of gathering the news, editing it, and making it popular to the folks who read it, and if there isn't any news to go out and make news. But at least for this month it has not been necessary for your editor to make the news, for the alumni seem to be doing an excellent job at making news. Of course, we could still use a lot of help in getting that news in for the alumni page, which leads me to say: alumni, please send in a bit of news about yourself, your family, your work for the Lord regularly, and it will help make our page of real interest.

Alumni Association Votes Help

It is so easy to do! To vote "yes" on a motion that is made in a business session and then promptly forget all about it. I wish it would have been possible for all of you to have been present with us in the alumni reunion, held in February at Grace Seminary. Then you would have understood with those of us present that the most pressing need at the school at the present moment is to get some sidewalks built around the school, and the parking lot fixed up. Therefore, the alumni present at the business session voted unanimously to send out an appeal for funds to assist the school in the matter. Many were present when we voted; many were not. But all of us can give our assent to the action by writing a check or money order and sending it to the Grace Seminary Alumni Association, Winona Lake, Ind. Bro. Lester Pifer, our treasurer, will be happy to send your receipt. Our school will remain the beautiful building that it is much longer if we will all bear a part of the burden in this matter. The seminary needs \$5,000 for this work. Let me thank you now for what I know you will do for this project. It is the first real challenge the alumni association has been called upon to meet, and I know it will not fail.

News From India

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin L. Goodman, Sr., of the class of 1945, write your editor from Poona 1, B. P. India. We quote a part of the letter, which is of real interest to all. "We have been in India a little over 2 years now, serving the International Child Evangelism Fellowship as missionaries." (Brother Goodman is superintendent of Child Evangelism in India.) "We have been engaged in two of the most important tasks here in India, namely, training Indian Christians in the way to reach others, especially boys and girls, for Christ, and the printing of Gospel literature in the vernacular (five of them) of India. The Lord has blessed the work and we praise

Him for open doors. Millions are without Christ and we are praying for a revival among the Indian Christians so that they will have a zeal for evangelizing their own people.

"We have had the privilege of seeing two other Grace Seminary alumni in India. Dilwyn Studebaker, of Hyderabad, is one. He invited us to his station to conduct teacher training classes. The other is Mr. Robertson, who is starting a new field of endeavor in India." Rev. and Mrs. Goodman are located at 2 Jubilee Road, Poona 1, B. P. India.

More News For India

And since we are looking to India, here is a bit of alumni news concerning Ed. Drechsel, of the class of 1951. He writes, "I was called to California by the Hindustan Bible Institute Board on the 15th of January, and during my stay in California I was unanimously accepted by the board due to the goodness of the Lord, and was thereafter assigned to deputation work until such time as I can procure the necessary papers to enter India, particularly the visa. Once that is acquired, I will sail for India." Your prayers in behalf of Ed. Drechsel are requested.

Our Congratulations

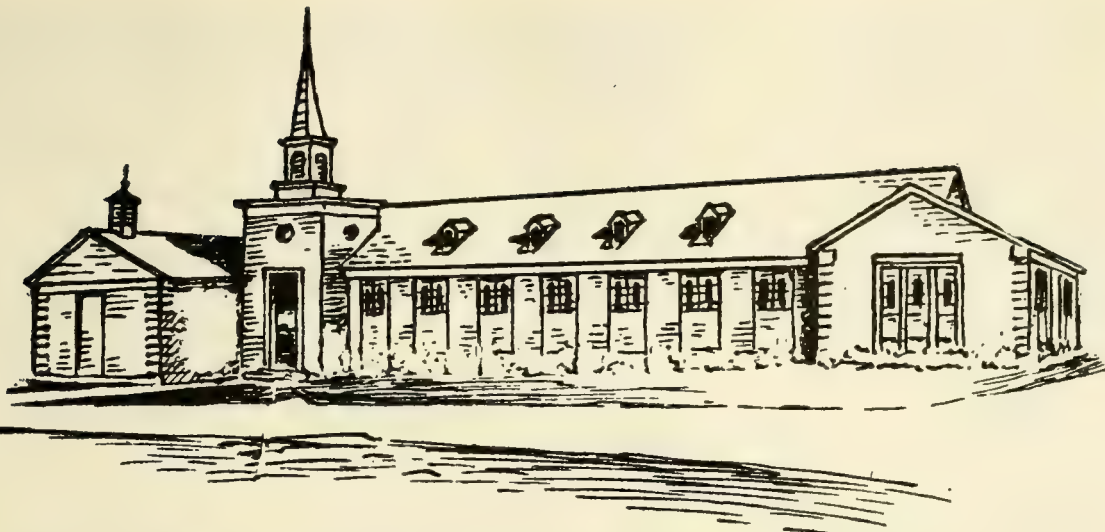
To Edward and Mildred Bowman (nee Miller) we extend our heartiest congratulations on the birth of a baby boy, Philip Edward Bowman. Eddie and Mildred were in the class of 1941 and are now serving the Brethren church of Garwin, Iowa.

Here Is News

Rev. James G. Dixon, of the class of 1947, in a brief note writes that he is being kept extremely busy doing dishes, making beds, and the like. No, Jim has not changed places with his wife, but the MUMPS caught up with the family and Dorothy and the children have been put to bed, thus leaving Jim as chief cook and bottle-washer. Brother Dixon is the secretary of our alumni association.

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Do you have some up-to-the-minute news that ought to be published? Then why not send it in to your editor? Remember, we can only print that which we get, and you are the ones that have that news. This is a page in which everyone who has ever been to Grace Seminary ought to become a news reporter. Remember, the more news that comes in, the better the page will be. You write it; we will see that it gets to the paper. Thanks.



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The First Brethren Church of Tracy, Calif., achieved a new all-time high for Sunday school when there were 106 present the first Sunday of this month. Four decisions for Christ were made on a recent Lord's Day.

Rev. William Clough was the anniversary day speaker at the Brethren church of Chico, Calif. The occasion marked the fourth annual milepost in the history of the church.

Completion of the new wing of the Brethren High School building in Long Beach, Calif., adds 3,500 square feet of floor space, bringing the total to 12,941 square feet.

Rev. W. H. Schaffer, pastor for the past 7 years of the First Brethren Church in Spokane, Wash., has tendered his resignation, to be effective June 30. Brother Schaffer plans to do pioneer work in the Northwest for the Brethren Church, if the Lord so leads.

Rev. Ralph Gilbert preached at the morning service in Alexandria, Va., April 6. Arthur Funkhauser, of the Washington Bible Institute, was the speaker in the evening on the same date.

Bro. Harry N. Krepps, charter member of the Uniontown, Pa., church, passed away April 9 at the age of 92.

Thirty-five were present at the annual sunrise Easter breakfast sponsored by the young people of the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Rev. Arthur Cashman was the speaker. In the evening service Joe Dombek presented one of his chalk drawings.

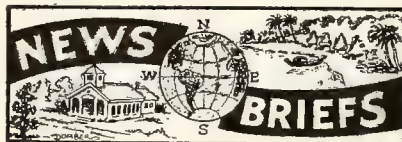
Due to the serious illness of Mrs. Miller, the Paul Miller family has returned to the United States. Brethren everywhere are asked to unite in prayer for Mrs. Miller and their future work.

Recent speakers at the Martinsburg, W. Va., church included Rev. Willis Bishop and Rev. Burl Washburn, both of the Washington (D.C.) Bible Institute.

Dr. Louis Talbot ministered at both services of the Glendale, Calif., church April 6. In the evening pictures taken on his recent world tour were shown.

The Grace Brethren Church, of Juniata, Altoona, Pa., will be host to the Juniata Bible Conference April 28 and 29. Rev. John Aeby, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pa., will be the guest speaker.

The First Brethren Church of Allentown, Pa., will conduct a 2-week revival campaign starting April 29. Rev. William A. Steffler will be the evangelist.



New pews have been installed in the main auditorium, the floor has been sanded, and the wall decorated in the Grace Brethren Church of Everett, Pa. Average attendance for the month of March in the morning services was 53; for the evening services the average was 50.

The Northern Ohio District WMC Rally will be held April 28 at the Wooster church. Mrs. Rose Foster will be the speaker.

Sixty-four were present at a recent midweek meeting of the First Brethren Church of Altoona, Pa. This set a new record for attendance at the prayer and praise service.

Thirty-eight hundred dollars were spent for Sunday school improvements at the Bethel Brethren Church at Osceola, Ind., during the last quarter. New records are being set in prayer meeting attendance, and a goal of 250 was set for Easter Sunday.

Rev. Robert Williams recently spoke in the Grace Brethren Church in Yakima, Wash., where his brother, Russell Williams, is the pastor.

Dr. C. H. Benson, of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, was the speaker for a conference on the Sunday school at the First

Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., April 22.

The next Central District Youth Rally will be held in Winona Lake May 2 and 3. Special speakers include three students from Grace Seminary.

Rev. Leslie Moore has accepted a call to become pastor of the Meyersdale and Summit Mills, Pa., churches. He succeeds Rev. Gerald Polman, whose last services there were April 20.

Dr. Harold Mason was the speaker in the evening service April 13 in the church at Fort Wayne, Ind. His message followed an Easter cantata by the church choir.

A ministerial prayer retreat was held in the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, April 14 and 15. Pastors from the Central and Northern Ohio Districts cooperated in the fellowship.

Rev. Gordon Bracker will conduct a meeting in the Grafton, W. Va., church April 22 to May 4.

The ordination of Rev. Ulysses Gingrich took place Monday, April 21.

Rev. Orville Lorenz was a recent speaker at the Chino Institution for Men in Chino, Calif.

Sunday school attendance at the Uniontown, Pa., church on Easter Sunday was 262, with 175 out for the evening service. Eighty-three persons attended the spring communion service and the prayer meeting recently reached 60.

Rev. Mark Malles, pastor of the Altoona, Pa., First Church, is conducting a 2-week revival campaign in the Listie, Pa., church, concluding April 27.

Steady gains are reported, both in attendance and offerings, by the Covington, Ohio, church. Five new members were added the first quarter of this year. Sunday school attendance has increased every month since November.

The article, "The Finality of the Cross," by Richard Jackson, Jr., which appeared in the Missionary Herald for March 29, was reprinted in the Mission Post, official publication of the Baptist Mission Union of America.

Miss Iris Heckman, of the Missionary Herald staff, accompanied a group of students from the seminary to Taos, N. Mex., to hold special meetings there during the Easter vacation.

The Issue Was Life or Death

In an editorial the Altoona (Pa.) Mirror (April 7) says: "The real issue of Holy Week was the spiritual world versus the material world. Jesus was pleading for a spiritual meaning to life, here and hereafter. The Sadducees and others insisted on thinking in material terms."

The issue was much deeper than that—it was the issue of life and death. There was no life to which spiritual meaning could be given outside of Himself. Without Him all are dead in trespasses and sin, there is no life in them of the spiritual nature. Life can have no meaning until there is life in which the meaning can be placed. Therefore, the Lord came to give that life.

The Christ spoke often on this subject, but note particularly these words: "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Or note these words: "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

Where Impartiality Cannot Prevail

Mr. George E. Sokolsky, newspaper columnist, said: "It is often suggested that columnists and editors be impartial, which generally means to be unhuman. For the human mind was made to think, to draw conclusions, to reach decisions. Impartiality is not a virtue; it is an escape from responsibility."

In this Mr. Sokolsky is but agreeing with truth that has been known for ages, yet there are many people today who believe that impartiality on issues and matters of truth is possible.

While the Lord Jesus Christ was upon earth He was accused of being in a working agreement with "Beelzebub the prince of devils." The Lord answered these faultfinders by pointing out that a kingdom cannot stand if it is divided against itself; there must be unity of purpose and aim within the kingdom.

The Saviour closed this statement with these words: "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth

abroad" (Matt. 12:22-30, esp. vs. 30). In other words, the Lord Jesus is saying that it is impossible for one to be completely neutral and impartial. Concerning Him one is either for Him or against Him, there is no ground of impartiality in this matter. Indeed, Mr. Sokolsky is right: "Impartiality is not a virtue; it is an escape from responsibility." It is an untenable position.

What Stalin Needs

The Duchess of Valencia thinks that perhaps "Stalin's trouble is the lack of feminine influence over him." She further explains her statement with these words: "I think a woman might be able to accomplish far more with him than the western statesmen have been able to do."

Perhaps a woman could accomplish more with him than the statesmen have done, and that would not necessarily be very much, but the great need of the life of Stalin is the Saviour of men. In speaking to His disciples the Lord told them that "without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). Now if that is true of those who have been born again, how much more it is true of those, like Stalin, who have never experienced salvation. Stalin's greatest need is the Lord Jesus Himself, and the same is true of every man who has not yet accepted Him.

The Lord Owns the Earth

Recently a Knoxville, Tenn., citizen, Mr. Ernest Jeffries, was arrested for trespassing at an eating-place known as the Monday White House. When he was brought before the court he had no trouble convincing the judge he was not guilty of the charge. Explanation: Mr. Jeffries owned the place.

One of these days the Lord Jesus will return to earth and no one will be able to accuse Him of trespassing, for He is the owner of the earth. The psalmist declared this truth thus: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. . . . Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness

thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth" (Psa. 24:1-2; 96:11-13).

Indeed, the Lord has a right to the earth—it is His and He has a right to do with it as He wills.

Christianity Is the Answer

The British chancellor of the exchequer, Mr. Richard A. Butler, after experiencing the weaknesses of British Socialism, declared: "Restriction and austerity are not enough. We want a system which offers us both more realism and more hope." Mr. Butler, in these words, has expressed the longing of the hearts of many people in this old world.

The Apostle Paul found the answer in the "Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope" (I Tim. 1:1). This answer was so satisfying that Paul further declared: "For the which cause [preaching the Gospel] I also suffer many things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Tim. 1:12). That is realism and that is hope, and they are available to all who will place simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The People Imagine a Vain Thing

At this time a lot of speculation is present concerning the possibility of a truce in the Korean war, and most of the speculation is concerned with the thoughts of the people in the Kremlin. An Indian Ambassador, Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, said on April 7, after spending a half-hour in an interview with Premier Josef Stalin:

"Following my interview with Stalin, I feel there isn't any outstanding problem now dividing the world which cannot be solved by discussion and negotiations. It would be unwise to bang the door against every approach and give up the task as impossible. Every effort should be made to get the top people together." Though the ambassador did not identify the "top people," it is

thought he meant the leaders of the great nations of the world.

On the same day, Mr. Phil New-som, United Press foreign news editor, wrote: "Russia is launching what seems to have all the earmarks of another peace offensive. And it is another of those times when we could well wish for an inside view of the minds of the men of the Kremlin. What are they up to this time?"

Dear reader, there is One who has an inside view of the minds of the people of the Kremlin and of the minds of all the men in all the ruling offices of the world. He says they are people who imagine vain things. Note these words: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us" (Psa. 2:1-3).

There it is—they counsel together, but they ignore God and His anointed One, and as a result all their counseling shall come to nought. Read the whole Psalm (2) and see what God has said about these things. However, that does not mean we should not pray that some kind of a peace may result from these conferences and that we may be able to continue our missionary work in all parts of the earth.

Teaching Missions to Children

Mrs. Helen Beach, member of the First Brethren Church of Martinsburg, Pa., wrote in the bulletin of her church:

"Adoption is often a long and tedious process, but it was not so when the Primary - Junior Department chose Carol Ann Miller, 4-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Miller (Brazil), for their own little missionary girl.

"'Missionary Sunday' may be a vague term to boys and girls, but when they can see pictures of a little girl with bangs, a doll, and a baby sister, kinship is established and the coins they drop in the basket the first Sunday of each month take on a new meaning."

Then Mrs. Beach told how the children gave their money which was used to buy things to send to Carol Ann, which things were shown to the children before they were sent. She continued thus:

"Letters from the Millers to the boys and girls help them to know more about Carol Ann and the country where she lives, so that they can pray more intelligently for her and her parents.

"It would be hard to say who derives the most blessing from the plan—the givers or the recipients."

Perhaps this item will give other teachers and parents some ideas on how they can teach missions to the very youngest children. Christianity is a missionary movement, and it must remain so, or else it will die. Therefore, one of the great aims of Christian parents ought to be to instruct their children in the art of giving to missions.

Parents Do Know Best

Ruth Millett, a newspaper columnist whose articles appear in many daily papers in this country, recently wrote that most parents need to realize that they do know more than their children know.

Here are some of her statements that ought to be read by all parents. "What parents need today is a little more old-fashioned assurance that they really do 'know best.'"

"In their hearts they are pretty sure that they do 'know best.' But there is that nagging doubt that maybe they are being too old-fashioned, that perhaps they are making their children 'different,' that they may be building up deep-rooted resentment within their children. And often the doubt wins out over their sound judgment.

"Children and teen-agers take full advantage of this uncertainty among parents and push it all that it is worth.

"We parents wouldn't be in that kind of spot if we were just a little more confident that mother and dad know best."

God thinks that parents know best and that their children ought to obey them. He said: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph. 6:1-3).

Parents, be sure your requests and demands are proper and of the Lord, then stand by them and do not constantly give in to the children, unless you want them to grow up without respect for their parents or their elders.

Browsing Among The Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

SO YOU WANT TO SPEAK, by Mark W. Lee. Zondervan Publishing House. c1951. Cloth. 109 pp. \$1.50.

This is not a textbook on "public speaking," but just what the writer claims it to be, hints and helps for those who wish to be good speakers. The book is written in popular style and particularly intended for those who are lay speakers throughout the churches. The theme of the book centers around two big ideas: have something to say, and say it well.

The book is replete with simple and practical hints on how to accumulate and file material, how to use your voice to the best advantage, the problem of memorizing, etc. You will find especially good his advice to abandon worn-out expressions and to get new ones which are more original and picturesque. Preachers and laymen alike will find many suggestions in this book which should greatly aid their ministry.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES, by M. R. DeHaan. 182 pp. Cloth. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. c1951. \$2.00.

These messages were originally given over the radio in the ministry of the well-known "Radio Bible Class." In his usual straightforward manner Dr. DeHaan discusses the events relative to the consummation of this age and the return of our Lord. In these days of so many prophecymongers it is well to have such a work by a scholarly and spiritual student of the Word. He discusses such themes as the revival of the Roman Empire, Armageddon, Russia and her place in end times. On the whole the book is a simple, clear, and sane discussion of these great truths.—Blaine Snyder.



Yet There Is Room

By Rev. Edward Clark, Chambersburg, Pa.

"Come," "bring," "compel." These are words used by our Lord Jesus Christ in the parable of the great supper. They are likewise used in that progressive and directive order in the relating of this parable to his listeners in Luke 14:1-24.

But tragically enough the response to God's gracious invitation to this greatest of all banquets is yet being turned down by millions as in the past ages.

There Is Room for All

Yet there is room! How we that have partaken of this satisfying spiritual feast and are living in fellowship with God the Father, feeding upon the Word of God daily, realizing and enjoying the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, should ponder these four words—"yet there is room."

As we consider various churches, our own included, they are not crowded. Our worship services and our prayer meetings lack those who should be in attendance. Churches are closed for the summer months; yes, some are open for morning service only on the Lord's Day.

On the other hand we find that theaters are filled to overflowing, with no room, or standing room only, baseball parks are filled to capacity, and football games are played to capacity crowds.

Sensual pleasures cannot be compared with spiritual values. Are we as laymen, laywomen, pastors, teachers, evangelists, making the invitation plain? "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man [unsaved], the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Cor. 2:9). The unsaved people won't respond if the saved man is feeding on worldly things prepared by the prince of the world—Satan.

It seems to me our love for Him is lacking that fervor or that intensity to enjoy these things that God hath prepared for those who have accepted the invitation. A good meal always has an equally good dessert and things prepared to go along with the meal. Our appetites as believers

should be satisfied at the King's table and we should not be picking or nibbling elsewhere.

A Banquet for All Classes

Come, bring, compel—there is ample room at the King's table—room for the lonely, room for the poor, room for the unwanted, room for the unlovely, room for the unloved, room for the weary, room for the lost sinner without hope, room for the saved sinner disillusioned and dissatisfied. The table is spread for all; no one is excluded from the Gospel invitation—there is room for all, there is enough for all. "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isa. 55:1).

It is a prepared feast, every necessary provision has been made and no reserved tickets are necessary, no influence is necessary, to gain admittance. The only requisite necessary is to respond as a sinner to the invitation, "Come."

Sinners Need This Banquet

Yet there is room—come, bring, compel or constrain them to respond to the invitation. Thousands are dying even now of physical hunger in other countries where little is being done to offset this condition. To die in a world of plenty such as we live in is pathetic. Some time ago I attended a family reunion where food was in abundance, tables

literally bowed down under their loads. Yet people are hungering physically, here and elsewhere. This is pathetic. But more pathetic, yes, tragic, people by the millions in our land are living a perishing existence, going into eternity, never partaking of that spiritual food—Jesus Christ (John 6:53-54)—that would give them eternal life in place of eternal death. Are we as individuals giving the Gospel invitation out constantly, are we praying, are we loving, are we giving that those who have not heeded the invitation might do so? Yet there is room. Some day it will be eternally too late to respond to God's gracious, great Gospel invitation.

These words—"come," "bring," "compel"—are progressive in their directive meaning and import.

We Must Be Urgent

The gracious invitation of Christ is still extended to all according to Matthew 11:28—"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

God is still on the giving hand. He is still desirous of saving sinners, still inviting them to the banquet, yet there is room!

God's grace is still extended to the sinner. Still the sinner reacts today just as in the parable, in a common way, not caring to partake of spiritual life and experience God's saving grace. God's grace, I suppose, in the sinner's behalf could be termed as common grace toward them in allowing them to continue on in their sin and rejection. God's common grace operates only because God is a *God of grace*.

Not willing that any should perish, yet there is room!

Are we bringing them in by giving to our missionary program? Are we compelling them to come in by our Christian living? Are we implanting in sinners a desire to partake of what we have already partaken in our Christ? Or are we a reproach? Yet there is room! Soon this won't be true.

Come, bring, compel them to come in, for there is room!



S. S. RALLIES WELL RECEIVED IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST

Your National Sunday School Board is attempting to bring Sunday school emphasis right down to the level of the local church. Hence we have been stressing Sunday school rallies at least on a district level. Now reports come from the recent Sunday school rallies held in the East and Southeast Districts. The rallies were conducted by Rev. James G. Dixon, secretary-treasurer of the board, with Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, also a member of the board, assisting in the Southeast District. Gleaning just a few things from the report of Brother Dixon, he says:

"The rallies were very well received in both districts. In the East District our itinerary took us to the Meyersdale, Listie, and Cone-maugh churches, with others coming in for the sessions. Every one of these churches contacted indicated their wholehearted support for the Sunday School Board. The rallies in the Southeast were the most successful I have yet conducted. Every pastor of the Southeast District gave excellent support. Not one pastor

failed to support the rallies with his personal presence. The first 2-day rally took us to Johnson City, Tenn., with the Limestone and Kingsport churches cooperating. These young churches indicated their wholehearted support of the Sunday School Board by pledging to come through with their 50c per member, and to subsidize the rallies in addition to this by offerings taken in the rallies. Brother Lingenfelter accompanied me on this rally.

"We held a 1-night rally and teachers' conference in Buena Vista, Va., where the Sunday school is bursting out the walls of the church and a building program is being initiated to enable them to departmentalize their school. In the Roanoke area the rallies were held in the Clear-



brook Brethren Church, of which Rev. William Howard is the pastor. Interest was high, and the teachers, pastors, and workers manifested a sincere desire to activate a greater program of evangelism through the Sunday school.

"One pastor summed it up like this: 'I know something needs to be done in our Bible school, but I don't know what, nor how to do it. What we need is a full-time Sunday school man who can come down and give us a hand with our problems—one who can devote his entire time to the field of the Bible school. We need to evangelize continually through our Bible schools.'

"The Southeast District churches are working hard to become the first district of churches to fully support the National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church with their 50c per member. If the other districts would manifest the splendid spirit of this young district, your Sunday School Board would be able to put its full-time man in the field immediately.—James G. Dixon.

CHURCHES BEGINNING TO CATCH A SUNDAY SCHOOL VISION

Reports have been coming to your Sunday school editor of the upswing in a number of our churches across the nation. Two churches on the west coast have been sending good news. The church at South Pasadena, of which Rev. Thomas Hammers is the pastor, has been conducting a "Rocket Contest" to increase attendance in the Sunday school. For a bit of advertising they secured from the local Oldsmobile dealer one of the "red rockets" that had been used to advertise the automobiles, and the Sunday school fastened it to the outside of their building—and built a contest around it. Sound interesting? Best of all, the Sunday school has caught a new enthusiasm, and attendance figures are mounting every week. Have you a novel idea for spreading enthusiasm? Why not let us have it for the use of others? If you would like the details on this South Pasadena contest, write your Sunday school editor.

Cherry Valley Brethren Church, of Beaumont, Calif., of which Rev. Gene Farrell is the pastor, is including the "six-point plan" in their program of Sunday school planning. The work is getting under way, and

they believe this will help them reach the unreached of their community.

As we walked into the church at Rittman, Ohio, the other day we discovered "old records" of every description hanging all around the walls. On these were painted in yellow or white large-sized numbers—"8," "9," "13," "29." They were the attendance records of individual classes. When a class reaches or passes its record, it is privileged to break the record publicly, and is given a new one. It is a "record-breaking" contest which is creating some real interest. We will let you know the final outcome.

In a recent session in Fremont, Ohio, your Sunday school editor promised the people that if they would make a record of 250 persons present on the next Sunday he would buy the pastor a new bow tie, which the pastor would have to wear. Sunday morning saw a record crowd present—261 persons! You should have seen the pastor, Rev. Lester Pifer, struggle with one of those new bow ties. He never would have finished the job had not a "spare" been ready, one of the clip-on ties, com-

HOW SHALL I HELP MY SUNDAY SCHOOL?

"Enthusiasm is the greatest business asset in the world." Enthusiasm is being awake. It is faith in action, and it achieves the impossible. How can I best help my Sunday school? Set the germ of enthusiasm afloat in your school, your church, and your district. Carry enthusiasm in your attitude and manner. It spreads like contagion and influences everyone you meet. How often I have had this question asked: "Mr. Etling, what can I do for our Sunday school? It is dead." Remember, we are Christians, and Christians believe in the resurrection—why not have a resurrection in your school? Don't talk about your school being dead—it will only help to keep it dead. Would you have your school wide awake and alive? Then talk about your school everywhere you go—and talk about it as being alive. Make your slogan, "My Sunday school must go and grow, and I will do my part to help to make it so!"

monly known as "cheaters." Congratulations to these churches that have been breaking former records.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

Everett, Pa.

The Everett (Pa.) Grace Brethren Church was started through the prayers and interest of a group of laymen and pastors in the East Fellowship. At first Bible classes were held in the community, and then an evangelistic meeting was held in the summer of 1951, with Prof. Robert Culver as the evangelist. These meetings were held in the veterans' building, the only place available at the time. This building had formerly been used by a church.

In September 1951 Bro. Homer Lingenfelter was appointed by the pastors and laymen of the district to carry on this work in Everett. We continued in the veterans' building until November 4, when the building was sold and we were compelled to vacate. Then the Lord answered our prayers and made possible the purchase of the building we now use. It was the home of a Presbyterian church which had been closed for a number of years (see picture).

This building is in an excellent location on Main Street, right in the center of Everett, a city of 5,000 residents, and is owned by the congregation. A gift of \$2,000 of the purchase price was given by the Bedford-Blair Brethren Laymen, and \$600 was given for the same purpose by the East District Mission Board. The building cost the congregation \$13,000, and the remainder of the financing of the purchase price is being cared for by the local congregation. The inside of the building has been painted and new pews have been installed.

In addition to the great amount of work that was done by the laymen in establishing this testimony, special mention must be given to Rev. Lowell Hoyt and Rev. Sheldon Snyder, who were used of God in getting this church started. Much credit also must be given to the children of God here in Everett who wanted a Brethren church in this town.

On Thanksgiving Day the congregation was organized with 17 charter members. There were 100 people present on this occasion to hear the message by Rev. W. A. Ogden, of

Johnstown. Following the acceptance of the charter membership roll officers were elected and the regular services of the church were arranged. The following brethren have brought us messages concerning the work of the denomination beyond our local community: Rev. Robert Williams, Dr. Floyd Taber, Rev. Ralph Colburn, and Rev. Solon Hoyt.

The attendance at the regular services is growing gradually, with an average now of about 60 in each of the three services—the Bible school and the morning and evening worship services. The offerings now average about \$80 per week.

On Easter Sunday morning there were 85 people present in the Bible school and the morning worship service, with 69 present in the evening. Best of all, there were eight



The Church at Everett, Pa.

first-time decisions to receive the Saviour during the day.

The Lord has led and blessed in this work and we give Him all the praise and glory. Furthermore, the members are faithful to their responsibilities and they are growing in grace and in a knowledge of the Word of God. Brethren, pray much for this new church.—*Homer Lingenfelter, pastor.*

Martinsburg, Pa.

The First Brethren Church at Martinsburg, Pa., was privileged to have as their guest speaker for their spring Bible conference, the week before Easter, Bro. Conard Sandy.

Brother Sandy was used of the Lord in an unusual way to lead the flock, as well as the undershepherd, into the green pastures of the Word. The Bible-centered messages on characters associated with our Lord in His passion week made for a greater appreciation of the work of redemption on Calvary and a greater joy in a resurrected Lord.

Also it was our privilege to enjoy the fellowship of Mrs. Sandy and Miss Dorothy Robinson the first

week end. Miss Robinson spoke at the BYF hour and we will never cease to praise the Lord for the introduction she gave us to Baja California.

The Sunday school attendance here reached a record attendance on Easter Sunday with 210 people present. Last quarter's average was 166, which is the highest average on record in the church.—*Gerald W. Teeter, pastor.*

Altoona, Pa.

A 2-week evangelistic meeting was held March 16-30 in the First Brethren Church of Altoona, Pa., with the pastor, Rev. Mark E. Malles, as the evangelist. James Pittman, of the First Church of the Brethren, did an exceptionally fine job as song leader. Under his direction special music was enjoyed each night.

In each service a fine, soul-stirring message was brought from God's Word, clearly showing His plan of salvation to the unsaved who were present, and impressing all Christians of their responsibility to live true Christian lives in every respect. A number of Christians re-consecrated their lives to the Lord, and there were four first-time confessions of Christ as Saviour.

Though the number making confessions was not large, we truly feel that the meetings were very successful. We are praying and believe that this is only the beginning and look to the Lord for a real revival in the weeks ahead. The first indication of this is the fact that in the first prayer meeting following the close of the meetings we had 64 in attendance, a record for our church.

On Easter Sunday there were two more decisions in the morning service and two decisions in the opening part of the communion service in the evening.—*Wallace Mitchell, recording secretary.*

Dayton, Ohio

Bro. Kenneth Ashman, of Wooster, Ohio, was invited by the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, to hold special evangelistic services March 23 to April 6, inclusive.

Brother Ashman's plain, true-to-the-Bible messages won the hearts of God's children from the opening service. The Word of God sent forth, backed by the Holy Spirit, bore fruit. During the meeting there were 52 people who made decisions, of whom 23 were to accept

One Thing I Know

By Rev. Jesse Hall, Canton, Ohio

(This is the second of the "One Things" of the Bible that Pastor Hall used in 1½-minute messages on radiation station WHBC, Canton.)

"One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25).

Men pride themselves on the extent of their wisdom and knowledge. Daniel the prophet wrote of a day when men "shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Dan. 12:4). We are living in an era when education is often declared able to do anything. "Education . . . isn't it wonderful?" But education hasn't lifted men out of their sins. Rather it has plunged them deeper into the cesspool of iniquity. For educated sinners are capable of doing evil "with both hands" (Mic. 7:3). A philosophy that says, "If only they can know . . . then men will do what is right," is a grave error, for the testimony of the Scriptures is that "no one ever did the best he knew."

It is not a head 'crammed with knowledge, but rather a heart filled with a conviction wrought by the Holy Spirit of God that the work of Christ in behalf of sinners is the one thing that changes the course and turns the footsteps of men from going down to the pit, and places them on the highway of holiness that leads to heaven and God (Job 33:24; Isa. 35:8, 10). What this old world needs more than anything else today is a man or woman with a personal experiential knowledge of the Gospel of Christ that has delivered the soul and life from the power and darkness of sin. Can you say, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see"?

IFGA GOES TO LOS ANGELES

The 23rd National Convention of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America will be held May 17-22 at the South Los Angeles Community Church, 11526 Athens Way, Los Angeles. Rev. David Schmidt is pastor of the host church, and Rev. H. G. Braunlin, of Hawthorne, N. J., is president of IFCA. Speakers, in addition to Rev. Braunlin, include Dr. William R. McCarrrell, Dr. John Walvoord, Rev. Joseph Hanscom, Rev. William Ashbrook, and Rev. J. Ellwood Evans.

Christ as Lord and Saviour for the first time.

The services were further helped by a local young man, Mr. Fred Whatley, who was engaged as song leader. He and his wife, as a team, did much to prepare the congregation for the message. His work meant much to the success of the meetings.

Preservice prayer each evening, under the supervision of Bro. Walter Hoyt, was well attended. Night after night people met for prayer, asking God to bless in the salvation of souls, and God did that very thing.

The attendance throughout the meeting was good.

Many did personal work and there were quite a number of people present who never had attended First Brethren before.

All in all, the meeting did the church much good and we thank the Wooster Brethren Church for the loan of her pastor, Brother Ashman. —Wm. A. Steffler, pastor.

It can truthfully be said that God answered prayer in Dayton First Church. Victories for Christ were won because of the united prayer support of many people. The Dayton Brethren were faithful in personal intercession and in the nightly preservice prayer gatherings. The evangelist's home church and radio family joined in seeking the favor of the Lord. It logically followed that God would honor the preaching of the Word with an acceptable harvest.

The ministry of music was a great asset to these meetings. Bro. Fred Whatley, assisted by Al Steffler at the piano and Mrs. Mary Ellen Goehring at the organ, prepared the congregations for the evening messages. The special music was quite inspirational.

Brother Steffler had made all necessary preparations for the meeting. We found in the Steffler family circle "a home away from home." The hospitality and the generosity of the Dayton Brethren was more than could be expected.

Our prayer is that the fruits manifest shall be permanent. May God's

richest blessings be upon this pastor and people as they launch out into greater spheres of service for Christ. —Kenneth Ashman, evangelist.

Sampleville, Ohio

We would like to take this opportunity to thank and praise God for the fine attendance on Easter Sunday at our church, of which Rev. C. A. Flowers is pastor. We had 105 people present in Sunday school and 91 for the church hour. One lady was received into the membership of the church and four children were dedicated to the Lord. We had 55 people at our Good Friday evening service.

The average attendance at the midweek prayer service is 30. We feel that the Lord is blessing in this church which is less than 3 years old.

At the present time the church is engaged in special meetings with Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Immelt, of Columbus, Ohio, in charge. We ask an interest in the prayers of the saints that the Sampleville Brethren Church will continue to grow and that souls will come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. —Orville R. Flora, S. S. supt.

SUPERINTENDENT SET STRAIGHT

The Sunday school superintendent was called to a certain class to deal with a little boy who wanted to accept Christ. By mistake he approached the wrong one, a 10-year-old Negro lad.

"No, sir, not me," replied the youngster. "I've saved forever! I took Jesus in my heart 2 weeks ago, and He's still there. He ain't gonna never leave me, neither." —The Sunday School.

CE CONVENTIONS LISTED

The Citizenship Convention of the International Society of Christian Endeavor is planned for Washington, D. C., June 13-15, 1952. President Truman has promised to speak at the convention if state duties will permit.

The Pacific Area Conference of the World Union is scheduled for July 26-30, 1952, at Honolulu, T. H.

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How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Romans 10:14



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard
Editor, Foreign Mission Number

"Preach the Word"

This is the main business of the church of Jesus Christ, and must be the driving purpose in any Biblical foreign mission program. Whatever else is done is to contribute to this central purpose, and the many other activities of the mission field *do* contribute. We honor every worthwhile activity. "*Be instant*" means "It is urgent." If even one soul should die without Christ it would intensify the urgency, but 1952 statistics tell us there are at least 1,200,000,000 souls headed for a Christless eternity. They have never once heard of Christ!

It's Sufficient

There are other "gospels" but there is only one Gospel, and Jesus Christ is its center and circumference. It alone tells of the Christ who saves to the uttermost, makes wretched savages, diseased pagans, and defeated nationals of any country to be joyous souls praising God for the wonderful Saviour.

It's Possible

Yes, it is possible for the lost millions to hear of Christ in this generation, in spite of the Iron Curtain, or any other kind of barrier. There are enough mission boards and foreign missionary societies to accomplish this. Candidates by the thousands are presenting themselves to these mission boards. It can be done, IF sufficient gifts from the Lord's people make possible the sending of the many candidates who are waiting and wanting to go.

It Isn't Probable

No, it isn't probable that a church which has been sleepy, sluggish, quite listless in relation to the foreign mission program will become wildly awake in one generation. Right now, with all our present foreign mission activity in the Christian world, the church is losing out at a ratio of 19 to 1. Twenty people are born into the world for every one born into the kingdom of God. But it isn't hopeless—God can accomplish the miracle of awakening in the church in this generation. There are many evidences that such an awakening is in the making. A world revival is not in progress, but in many lands of the world great revival fires are burning—both in the civilized and in the pagan world. **PRAY FOR AN AWAKENING!**

Anxiously Waiting

We anxiously await results—not of primaries or elections, but of the totals in relation to the annual foreign mission offering. The offering season continues through May 31. Offerings and reports must be in the Winona Lake office by June 15 to be counted as a part of this present Easter offering. We wait prayerfully and confidently, continuing to believe that when God sends forth laborers He will supply the funds to care for their needs. Those missionary candidates fully approved by our Foreign Missionary Society are now in the midst of purchasing, assembling, and boxing their outfit materials. All else equal, they will leave the United States between August 15 and October 15. Pray for them and, if you should feel any leading from the Lord, help any or all of them with their outfit needs.

Will Others Be Sent to the Fields?

Your general secretary can't answer that, neither can any member of the foreign board. You, as individual members of the Brethren Church, have the answer to that question. We want the answer to be "Yes." Fine young people, 18 or 20 of them, now preparing, want the answer to be "Yes," since they will be ready to go to the various fields within the next 10 to 20 months. The fields need them! Oh, how they need them! The Saviour's marching orders are "Go."

Your offerings during this Easter season will answer the question, and your answer will not be questioned. The general secretary, the foreign board, and each individual candidate will accept your answer. A substantially increased foreign mission offering will be a "yes" answer. An offering the same as last year, or with only a slight increase, will be a "no" answer. An offering similar to that which we have received in recent years, plus some reserves which are rapidly dwindling, will care for our present program and those who are now buying outfits, but it can care for no added burden. **WE BELIEVE THE BRETHREN CHURCH SHOULD KNOW THESE FACTS.**

Mrs. J. Paul Miller Shows Some Improvement

Brother and Sister Miller and two little girls returned to the States on April 11. A most severe nervous exhaustion attacked Mrs. Miller when they had been in Brazil only 3 or 4 days, and sleep and appetite vanished. The finest of medical attention in Belem, Brazil, could

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not cope with the situation, hence the emergency trip home. Brother and Sister Miller are both set, heart and mind, to return to Brazil and spend their lives there. They are asking all of you to join with them in prayer that recovery may be speedy and complete so that they may return.

A Few Weeks in California

The general secretary and Mrs. Barnard will continue in church visitation in California until about June 1. The Brethren churches in California are cooperating in 3- or 4-day missionary conferences, and Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, from our Africa field, is helping in these conferences.

Before returning to Winona the general secretary plans to spend at least a week with the Haags and Howards in the Baja California work. We are thrilled with the progress being made, but will wait until after the week's visit to report.

Names of Donors Not To Be Published

In harmony with the other agencies of our Fellowship, and because of the request of individuals and a number of congregations, names of donors to the Foreign Missionary Society will not be published in the Brethren Missionary Herald. It is absolutely necessary, however, that full names and addresses of all donors be sent to our office at Winona Lake. There is no other basis on which membership certificates can be mailed or ballots mailed.

FINAL SUCCESS

I used to ask God if He would come and help me; then I asked God if I might come and help Him; then I ended by asking God to do His work through me.—*Hudson Taylor.*

A GIFT FOR YOU

WHAT? A book entitled "Some African Links," written by Miss Mary Emmert, who spent many years serving the Lord in our mission in French Equatorial Africa.

"It takes more than robins to make a spring, and seeing three missionaries did not make me a candidate for the foreign field. In fact, I fought the idea stubbornly for several years after their departure for Africa in 1918. Eventually, however, I yielded my will to the Lord, at least to the extent that I was willing to be made willing to go where He led."



Miss Emmert

FOR WHOM? Each family represented in membership in the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church during the year 1951-52.

A member of the Foreign Missionary Society is one who gives \$5.00 or more in one gift annually. A life member is one who gives \$100 or more in one gift. Membership is not granted for gifts designated for mission work outside the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

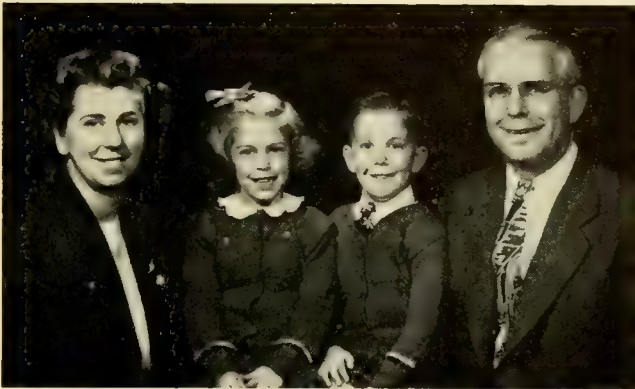
WHEN? These books will be distributed from the foreign mission office following the receipt and tabulation of this year's Easter offering reports—probably in July.

Retrospection - - - Anticipation

By Rev. and Mrs. Lynn D. Schrock, Rio Cuarto, Argentina

At the time of this writing we are spending our last night in the U. S. A. for at least 5 years, if God so permits. We just called Waterloo, Iowa, to greet the loved ones there for the last time until our return.

The occasion makes us reflect on the past year, and such reflection fills our hearts with gratitude to the Lord



Rev. and Mrs. Lynn D. Schrock and twins, Rebecca and Norman.

and His people for their many kindnesses to us during our furlough time. We've come to know many of you personally and have renewed friendships with others. Almost without exception we have found a genuine interest in the Lord's work in Argentina. That has encouraged us, for it is to that portion of the Lord's vineyard that we have dedicated our service. Our hearts have been encouraged, too, to see God's work prospering in our own beloved land. May God greatly bless all of you who are on the firing line for Christ in these United States.

Of course, as we think of sailing tomorrow, we naturally think of what lies before us. And without any hesitation we say that we look to the future with anticipation. We anticipate the renewal of friendships in Argentina. Both our fellow missionaries and the Argentine believers have become very dear to us—we hope to see them soon. But even more we anticipate getting back in the Lord's work in Argentina. Oh, the joy and thrill of preaching the simple, yet wonderful Gospel story to those who have never heard!

Our retrospection permits us to have anticipation, due to the knowledge that the future is in the hands of our faithful and loving Lord. We go with our hands in His, and we go coveting your prayers for us!—*Lynn D. Schrock.*

Desires granted—this we cannot always say as Christians. Sometimes our desires prove to be contrary to His will for us. We're happy to be able to say that the Lord did give us the desires of our hearts for this our first furlough.

It is always the hope of a missionary, I believe, to return to the homeland and find an increasing interest in the field he represents. This desire was fulfilled for us. When we think of what it was when we went to the

field as compared to the increasing interest there is now, it is a real encouragement.

There were three things we had hoped would be possible on our furlough. One was to have a car so that we could do our deputation work together as a family. Another was to be able to do our deputation work in the west. The last was to be able to live in the third-floor apartment of the Missionary Residence during our stay in Winona Lake. The Lord graciously granted us these desires.

It has been a joy to visit churches that were new to us, and to become better acquainted with those who pray for us and for the field. This personal touch is always a great advantage to all concerned. Of course, a real joy was ours in being at our home church again and with our loved ones, who naturally have a more personal interest in us. To know that your home church is faithfully backing you up in prayer is one of the greatest encouragements a missionary can have. We

cannot help but say, "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

But in spite of these desires being granted, we thank the Lord that He never permitted the desire to return to Argentina to leave us. This warms our hearts. We know we return to the enemy's territory, but we trust that our furlough has proved to strengthen us in the inner man. We return to the place where God has led us to serve Him. We return better equipped materially. Our prayer is that it may just be a means to an end—that is, that we can have a more effective ministry for the proclamation of the Gospel to those in darkness.

The inner joy and peace that God has given us as we return is a real encouragement. Do pray that, as we enter our second term, we may be instruments used to reach more souls in a greater way.—*Lois Schrock*.

(Editor's Note—The Schrock family sailed from New York on March 23 and have now arrived in Argentina to begin their second term of service.)

WHO WILL TELL THEM?

By Rev. P. Fred Fogle, France

I saw an elderly couple, without doubt in their 70's, one of them pulling and the other pushing a good-sized cart up the road. It might have contained all their earthly goods, or scrap metal to sell, or wood to burn in the home fire. It is a hard life they live. They have not much to live for and certainly nothing to die for. They are typical of many in this land today. **WHO WILL TELL THEM?**

I saw a group of school children passing in front of the house where we live, being escorted by a Catholic sister. **WHO WILL TELL THEM?**

I saw also a group of children playing in the narrow street near their home, not at all knowing the most important thing that there is to know, but then, **WHO WILL TELL THEM?**

I saw a young lady and her little daughter enter a non-heated Catholic church, which had been built in the 11th century, and she knelt at an altar seeking peace for her soul. The church is cold—first, because it has no heat and, second, because it cannot offer the warmth of soul that comes to the one knowing Christ as personal Saviour. There are many who enter such churches from time to time, but **WHO WILL TELL THEM?**

I saw an elderly gentleman on a train. He had time on his hands. When he answered in the affirmative to the question, "Would you like something to read?" he was handed the French New Testament opened to the Gospel of John. After a few minutes he handed it back and said, "I don't believe in God; if there was a God He would not have allowed such a war as we had a few years ago." It is said that one in every three in this land is like that man—they do not believe in God, and yet, **WHO WILL TELL THEM?**

I saw another, a Jewish man. He seemed somewhat more interested than the other. He was handed the same New Testament opened to the Book of Hebrews. After reading a few chapters, he handed it back without much comment and went to another compartment on the train. Jewish people are in France also. **WHO WILL TELL THEM?**



Who will tell those who travel these streets daily?

I have seen a number of French villages and towns, and over each one looms the tower of the Catholic church and hence the shadow of spiritual darkness. The majority of these villages have little or no witness to the saving grace and love of Christ. Many people live in each of these communities. **WHO WILL TELL THEM?**

These are not mere visions, nor dreams, nor imaginations—they are realities. They are actual experiences that I have had since coming here last November. Everywhere I look I see people—people who do not know by experience God's great salvation through Jesus Christ. The thought comes constantly to my mind—**WHO WILL TELL THEM?** Yes, who will tell them the message that Jesus will save them from sin and hell? Who will tell them about heaven? Who will tell them of Christ's death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead?

The angel at the tomb told the women to "go quickly and tell." Today we should apply these words to our task of getting the Gospel around the world. But then, **WHO WILL TELL THEM?** Will YOU tell them? Young people of the Brethren Church, will you come to France and tell them? Others who are not young in years, but who are of much service to the Lord, will you have a part in telling them in France by real sacrifice and by praying for your workers in France and for all others in France who love the Lord and who are now or will be in the future giving the Gospel?

Baja California--Land of Drought--IV

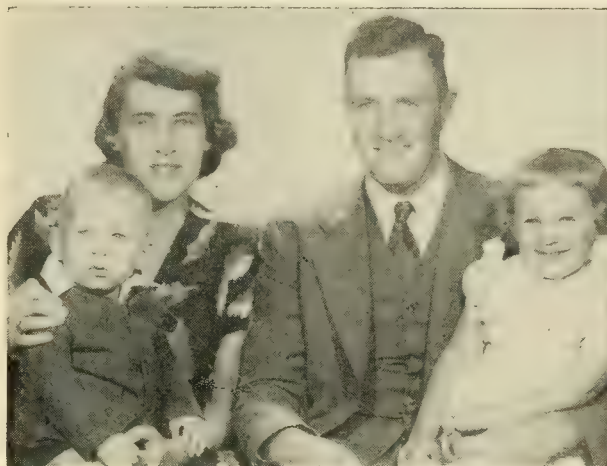
By Walter E. Haag

Descending another steep, narrow, one-way road we found ourselves on a wide graded road which carried considerable traffic of trucks hauling copper ore to the smelters. A few miles brought us to the gulf and, as we traveled south toward Santa Rosalia, we encountered a group of about 40 burros loaded with wood and on their way to town. Passing several poor houses and the smelters, we soon entered the city and proceeded to Hotel El Luque, where a friend whom we had never met awaited our arrival.

Our friend, Mr. R. C. Halliday, was a man of some 60 years, a Canadian who in his youth had come to know the Lord. He had worked for the American Bible Society in Guatemala and Central America for about 30 years, going from house to house and village to village selling Bibles. We found him to be deeply spiritual, very evangelistic, and with great zeal that made him fearless in his testimony for the Lord. His ability to understand the thinking and ways of the people was unique. Meeting the heads of government and business executives in a free, easy manner, he helped us immeasurably in the next 2 weeks. With him we explored for housing, tried to understand the laws of the land, and met men in official positions in government and in business in Santa Rosalia and the surrounding area. His desire to serve the Lord in a Spanish-speaking area again had brought him from his home in Canada to Baja California on his own savings. There he met Miss Dorothy Robinson, one of our own Brethren, who was also doing Christian work in Tijuana. She put Brother Barnard in contact with Mr. Halliday, whom we first met by letter and then in Santa Rosalia.

Brother Halliday had our rooms engaged at the hotel. They were second-floor rooms, so we had the benefit of what cooling breezes might blow. During the month of

a military camp, with row after row of wooden barrack-type buildings divided into about eight family apartments. This was all built up by the French mining company which owned the mines until a few years ago when Mexico law changed so that it had to be at least 51 per-



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haag, Sharon, and Douglas.

cent Mexican owned. Except for governmental buildings and the company administrative buildings and hospital, most of the city is located in a narrow canyon that opens into the gulf at the port, which maintains the life of the city, for little agriculture is carried on due to the lack of rainfall. This is truly a large city to be maintained in a land of drought, but because of the large copper deposits and the smelters located on the coast it has survived and supports a population of about 8,000. With only a few exceptions, the water is carried to the homes from central tanks by waterboys both morning and evening. This method perhaps helps the people to be more conservative of the water and also eliminates the need of a sewage system, for the waste water is thrown out in the street in front of the houses. This helps to settle the dust, but creates odors that aren't too pleasant. The main streets are paved with cobblestones and are sprinkled morning and evening by the city's trucks to settle the dust. Surrounding the main part of the city, which was constructed and owned by the mining company, are private dwellings which, for the most part, are quite poor. Though the living standard isn't very high, almost all have the necessities of life. Most persons are employed by the company in the mines, smelters, shops, shipping, or on the interesting little narrow-gauge French railroad whose engines puff and blow noisily.

Being a fairly large city, the schools of Santa Rosalia are good and offer the equivalent of a high-school education. The Mexican education system is unique for an area such as Baja California with its scattered and sparse population. The small villages have schools for the lower grades and only the towns for the higher grades,



Hotel El Luque, Santa Rosalia.

July, when we were there, the days were hot and sticky. Even at night one perspired quite freely, although sleeping on the large cool canvas cots that are used for beds. We cleaned up a bit and Brother Halliday initiated us to Santa Rosalia eating establishments, and the first meal was quite good.

The city of Santa Rosalia is somewhat on the order of

but children interested in education more than their village can offer are given board and room in the town at government expense so they can continue their studies.

The large all-steel Catholic church, located right off the main plaza, is the church of most of the people. It and chapels in the surrounding area are cared for by two Italian priests, one of whom we met on our way south. Several nuns help in the work too, especially in classes of catechism. There are only a handful of Prot-

estant believers. For our first Sunday there, Brother Halliday had arranged for us to have the service for a small group that met in the tiny home of one of the believers. It was a blessed time of fellowship, although we didn't understand quite all that was said, especially in the time of testimony. Their longing for a regular pastor was expressed many times in conversation and in their prayers. It would be a difficult task, however, to unite the group because of their different backgrounds, but it was easily seen that they knew the Lord.

From Barrenness to Fruitfulness

By Mrs. Robert Williams

If you were to walk with me through one of our native African villages, you would see, among many other things, a large ugly hole at the side of or somewhere near the back of almost every native hut. If it happens to be in the dry season, you will see peanut hulls, bean pods, dried manioc or sweet potato peelings, and many other similar things in the hole. This includes all the sweepings from the owner's house and yard for the past several months. You will be tempted to ask, "Why such an unsightly hole as this beside the house?"

Why the hole? The African, when he wants to build himself a mud house, first gathers the poles, sticks, tie-string (made from tree bark), and grass needed for the house he expects to build. After he has the poles and sticks in place and the grass on the roof, he goes around to the side of his house or somewhere close by and starts digging. The women and children, who have gone to a stream or water-hole nearby, arrive with water, and the mud-making begins. Someone, using his feet, mixes the water and soil to the right consistency of mud. Large balls of mud soon pile up beside the hole which is being made. With these the owner plasters the walls of his new house inside and out.

It is too much trouble to eliminate the hole that has been made by digging out mud for the new house, so through the months that follow all the trash and sweepings are thrown there. Then, when the first rain falls, the owner hastens to sow his first seeds there. In no time at all he has a healthy little garden of peanuts, squash, corn, manioc, banana plants, pineapple, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, and so on, all mixed up together in the one hole. And almost before the missionary has time to think about getting a garden started, the African is eating food from his little garden made in a hole.

The native African in his natural state is very much

like that ugly hole beside his hut—unlovely, unsightly, undesirable, full of the husks of his own false religions, knowing nothing better and wanting nothing better. But upon some of those ugly holes the rain fell, the seed was sown, and fruit came forth in abundance. So it is with many of the natives themselves—the light of the Gospel has fallen upon their darkened hearts, and where there was darkness before now there is light. The seed of God's Word was planted in their hearts and now there



The home of Brother and Sister Williams, Batangafo, Africa.

is an abundant harvest of the fruit of the Spirit. It is wonderful to see the miracle of regeneration in them. We know it has taken place—we see it in their happy faces and in their transformed lives.

Thus we are saddened the more for those who have not seen the light and so still sit in darkness and without hope; and too, we are burdened for the many who have seen the light, whose hearts are softened and receptive, but who bear no fruit because there is no one to stay with them to sow the seed of God's Word, and so where there ought to be an abundance of fruit there are only briars and thistles.

Oh, won't you help us tell them about God's love as found in Christ Jesus, that they might have life! Won't you come and help us teach those upon whom salvation has fallen, that they might bear much fruit for God's eternal glory! Countless multitudes are waiting for you to come!

The secret of fruit-bearing is abiding.
The secret of abiding is obedience.
The secret of obedience is love.—R. W. Porteous.

EASTER OFFERING REPORTS

Your Easter offering and report should arrive in the foreign mission office, Winona Lake, Ind., by June 1, 1952. It will not be counted as a part of the offering of this fiscal year if it arrives later than June 15, 1952.

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The Strange Case of Henrietta and Horatio

By Miss Ruth Snyder, Bozoum, Africa

A. L. L—— has gone out of my life. Who A. L. L—— was, I never knew, and probably I never shall know. All I know about him is that once he owned a Greek lexicon. It is to be sincerely hoped that he used that lexicon in reading the New Testament, and that as he read he laid hold on eternal life. Otherwise A. L. L—— will be completely forgotten, for I have erased his name out of the lexicon I bought at the second-hand book store.

But what does A. L. L—— have to do with Henrietta and Horatio? They, too, were slated for oblivion with A. L. L——, but let me go back a little.

One day I decided to clean my bookshelves thoroughly. All the books were dusted and looked into. Quite a number of said books had been purchased at a second-hand store. The housecleaning—or bookcleaning—seemed to demand the removal of all traces of the former owners. One by one their names disappeared. A. L. L—— may also have been a man (or woman) who appreciated the best things of this world. He (or she) had used the best of ink to write his (or her) name in the lexicon. After working nearly through the page with the ink remover, the name was taken from the book, but, alas, it had stuck in my memory!

Thinking of A. L. L——'s stubborn resistance to oblivion set me to wondering who he was, where he had lived, and why his Greek lexicon had finally found its way to a second-hand book store. As I thought upon him (by now, of course, I had decided he was a man), I continued with my bookcleaning. A copy of a famous "Life of Christ" was now in my hand. Henrietta J—— had once owned the book. She yielded more information about herself, for she had also recorded her address. Now what had Henrietta found in this book? Was it an interesting discussion of a famous life that attracted her, or was she so in love with the living Christ that she delighted in reading about Him?

Having met with such resistance in obliterating A. L. L——, I hesitated about Henrietta. Could it be that I had removed the last mortal trace of A. L. L——? Could I do the same to Henrietta? Finally sentiment won. Henrietta's name is still in my book.

Horatio B—— once studied the history of the manuscripts of the New Testament. Or could it be that Horatio was a man who liked to have books with impressive titles on his shelves? One thing about Horatio, he was a careful man, for he had all his books numbered. Once again feelings overcame me and Horatio's name remains in my book.

Somehow Henrietta and Horatio would not lie down calmly. I kept wondering about them. Questions of their personal lives came to mind. Then I wondered how they would feel if they could know that the books they once handled (perhaps even loved) were now on the shelves of a missionary's modest library. Did they have an interest in foreign missions? Could it be that their only contribution to missions consisted in dying so their books could become the property of some missionary?

Now, my friend, to ask questions about Henrietta and Horatio is futile, but there is one person whose life you had better investigate. That person is yourself. Hen-



Miss Ruth Snyder and two friends.

rietta and Horatio wrote their names in their books. I hope they were also written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Is your name written in the Book kept in heaven, as well as in the books you own on earth?

If tomorrow your loved ones should be disposing of your earthly possessions as the loved ones of Henrietta and Horatio probably did, what sort of record would you have left behind? Do your friends wonder as much about your interest in foreign missions as I wondered about Henrietta and Horatio? Do not let them wonder any longer. There is no better time than today to start taking an interest in this great work.

A. L. L—— wrote his name in his books with the best of ink. Henrietta wrote an important address in hers. Horatio carefully numbered his. Alas, how soon these things become unimportant. What are you doing to write the name of the Master in the hearts of the black and yellow and red and white editions of humanity? They need to be cleaned and to have the Owner's name written on them just as I did with my books. All traces of the former owner's name must be removed. No sentiment must permit the least suggestion of him to remain.

The world is lost and fearful, and remember, you will soon pass from its scenes. Perhaps no trace of Henrietta and Horatio remain except their names in some old books. What traces will you leave on a lost world? Write your name in immortal letters with your prayers and gifts and zeal for the spreading of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who otherwise will be forgotten.

General Conference in Rio Cuarto

By Mrs. Hill Maconaghy, Rio Cuarto, Argentina

Another general conference of the Brethren Church in Argentina is now history and we thought you folks at home might enjoy hearing something about it. As is the custom, conference was held during the first 3 days of Carnival. Many businesses are closed at this time for vacation, thus making it possible for more folks to attend. There were about 125 who came in from the various congregations, and some from towns and cities where we have no work. Altogether about 20 towns and cities were represented. Every available cot and space in the mission property were occupied and some of the visiting Brethren were accommodated in the homes of members of the Rio Cuarto congregation.



Mrs. Maconaghy

The week preceding conference was a time of much activity on the premises of the Rio Cuarto church—cleaning and polishing, raising two large tents in the patio for the conference dining room and men's dormitory, putting up the partitions in the spacious enclosed patio of the house to provide sleeping quarters for the women and girls in addition to the other rooms used for the same purpose. Besides Don Pedro, who is employed by the mission, and the pastor, a number of the men and boys of the congregation came after work to help, and so with much willing cooperation everything was in order when the numerous guests began to arrive on Saturday. By Saturday night most of the folks had arrived and were settled, all ready for the conference which was to begin on Sunday morning.

The theme of this year's conference was "Every Believer an Efficacious Witness of the Gospel." The conference text was "That ye bear much fruit." The first session each morning was a period of prayer and praise. On Sunday morning two messages were given, developing different phases of the theme—the first being "The Holy Spirit in the Primitive Church," by Bro. James Marshall, and the second, "The Holy Spirit in the Church Today," by Bro. Hill Maconaghy. One message was brought on each of the other two mornings—"Prayer," by Bro. Luis Siccardi, and "The Believer and the Fruit That Christ Expects," by Bro. Jack Churchill. The remainder of the time in the mornings was given over to meetings of the delegates, in which various items of business were discussed and some decisions made. The writer of this article can't give any first-hand information as to the morning meetings since she was occupied in the kitchen helping the cook, but from the comments of others the messages were a real blessing. Simultaneously with the morning meetings children's classes were held by some of the girls in the dining room tent, thus keeping the little folks busy and permitting their parents to enjoy the meetings.

It was encouraging to see the church filled for Sunday school with an attendance of 236. Sunday night, too, saw the church crowded and a clear, interesting Gospel message was brought by a doctor of the Plymouth Brethren Assembly who had come with a friend who is a pro-

fessor, as the special speakers at our conference.

The women and girls met on Monday afternoon for their special meeting and it was a time of blessing as the representatives of the various groups gave their testimonies as to what the women's work means to them. A very spiritual and helpful message was brought by our national worker, Miss Nelida Nunez, entitled "Walking Worthy of the Vocation Wherewith Ye Are Called." Since this was probably the last conference that Miss Johanna Nielsen would attend in Argentina, the women desired to express their love and appreciation for her work among them during the years. This was an especially appropriate time in which to do it, since Miss Nielsen was used of the Lord to organize the women's work in our church in Argentina. The little seed sown years ago has brought forth much fruit, as was evidenced by the splendid group present at this meeting. After some words of appreciation by Sister Laura Wagner, Miss Nielsen was presented with several gifts as a practical token of the love and esteem in which she is held.

Some of the believers had suggested that a delegation visit the cemetery where Brother Sickel is buried and take a floral tribute. But when the time came practically everyone desired to go, so by using the Bible coach, the Cabrera bus, and all the cars of the pastors it was possible to take the entire group. A beautiful floral offering of white gladiolas and carnations was presented by the delegates and an oral tribute was given by Bro. Manuel Martin. The tear-filled eyes of all revealed something of the love that these folks had and still have for Brother Sickel, although he is absent from them.

The young people had their meeting on Tuesday afternoon, following which they were all invited to the spacious and hospitable home of the Diedrich family. There 84 young people, many of them members of our congregations, enjoyed a couple of hours of wholesome recreation. This was followed by a picnic supper, after which they all returned in time for the evening meeting.

At this last meeting of the conference the first part was given over to the interests of the Bible Institute. The students were seated on the platform and testimonies as to what the institute meant to them were given by two of the graduates. The special number in song, "The Holy City," was sung by Lucia Molina, one of the undergraduates. She has a beautiful voice and it was evident that folks were moved by her singing. The message of the evening was again brought by the doctor, and in response to the invitation, two girls came forward to dedicate their lives to the Lord and expressed their desire to attend the institute. One fine young man, who has been attending the services here for nearly a year, accepted the Lord. Altogether there were three first-time decisions and two for dedication of life.

The attendance at this meeting was one of the largest there has been—it was 300 by actual count. We praise the Lord for the number who heard the Gospel during these days and for the decisions made. As the folks made their departure the following day, there were many expressions of gratitude to the Lord for His enabling them to attend and for the blessings received, not the least of which is Christian fellowship.

MY FIRST BUSH TRIP

By Miss Mary Cripe, Bekoro, Africa

Ever since I first came in contact with missionaries I can remember hearing them talk about "bush trips." Until I came to Africa I had only a faint idea what a bush trip might be. After being here about a year and a half I really found out what it was all about. Now I'll take you with me so you'll know too.

One morning Jake and Freda Kliever and I left Bekoro for Dodange, one of our chapels in the midst of the Laka people. We were to hold a week's Bible school there for the Christian workers and their wives. As we drove along I was full of anticipation.

We passed many fields of guinea corn, crossed a river on a barge, and passed many villages walled with grass mats before we finally reached Dodange. There a little round mud hut met our eyes. It was just like all the rest of the houses in the village except it was slightly larger and had several small windows, which are seldom seen in a native hut. This rest house was built by the church at Dodange to take care of missionary visitors.

We had hardly stopped the car when the preacher, Andre, and his wife, Marie, came over to greet us. Marie took over the preparation of the house by sending some women after water, and she started sweeping the floor. Soon it was ready for us to move into, and all the women stood around watching us unpack and learning how a white woman sets up housekeeping. In no time at all we had cots and mosquito nets up, the boxes of food in one corner, and the trunks in another place.

The people let us want for nothing—some woman brought us fresh water every day, and lots of visitors kept us from getting lonely. One never knew when some unknown company might be around. One day I threw a pan of water out the window and just barely missed hitting a passer-by who happened to be walking around the house.

The next thing on the program was to get all the students and their wives enrolled. As most of these men are prospective Bible school students, it is necessary that their wives be instructed in the things of the Lord as well as their husbands.

Mrs. Kliever and I divided the students. She took the women in the mornings and I took the men. In the afternoon the order was just reversed. I taught the Book of I Peter to the men and Joshua to the women. I always tried to answer all questions to the best of my ability, to make sure they understood. But, as I guess all teachers have found out, examinations reveal a good many things. I was somewhat surprised to find some of the brighter students answer "false" to the question as to whether they should love their brethren. I had thought this was one of those questions that no one could possibly miss. Later, on questioning them, I received this amazing explanation: "Mademoiselle has been telling us that we should love our wives. So when we saw that question we knew Mademoiselle was trying to make us fall, and say we should love our brethren instead of our wives." How I laughed over this!

Dodange is the section of Lakaland which was so severely hit by a famine last year. So far as is known, no one died, but they were awfully hungry and many were so thin. On the day for testimony meeting they could hardly say anything else except something like the following: "Praise the Lord for keeping us through this trying time. I never thought I'd live to see my white brothers' faces again, but the Lord kept me. I know that it was because of our sins that the Lord sent



Mary Cripe at Dodange with two "black gems."

this famine to us and He made us think much about our ways." This has been a real time of sifting and testing for the Christians. They need your prayers.

How the women need to be taught the things of the Word! They are still so full of superstition. One of the women came to Mrs. Kliever after one of the classes and showed her that she had taken all the charms off her baby and was trusting the Lord to take care of her. This is a big step forward, especially since she knows the urging she will have from the village women to put them on again. Many of them testified as to the blessing they had received from the classes and expressed their desire to walk closer to the Lord and to train their children better.

At last the week was over—everything was all packed in the pickup, good-bys were said, hands shaken many times, and then we headed for Bekoro. I had my first bush trip and enjoyed it very much. I look forward to going again some time to spread His Word to the people who live in "the bush."

ITEMS TO BE PRAYED FOR IN MAY

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—

Pray for:

1. The J. Paul Miller family, and especially for Mrs. Miller, whose serious illness made it necessary for the family to return to California from Brazil. Also continue to pray for the health of all our missionaries.

2. The foreign mission offering, that there may be a substantial increase to care for our expanded program and the many who are preparing to go to the fields where they are so badly needed.

3. Traveling missionaries. Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson left New York by boat for Africa on April 30. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams expect to sail for Africa on May 13. Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy are planning to sail from Argentina on May 10 for their furlough.

4. The general secretary as he carries out his busy schedule of speaking engagements in the southern California area.

5. The missionaries under appointment, as they finish their school work this month and make preparations to leave for language study in France during the late summer.

6. The Klievers, as they move to the Bekoro station in Africa to resume their work in that section. They have been carrying on at Bozoum in the absence of Dr. and Mrs. Jobson.

7. The Altig and Edward Miller families in Brazil and for the believers there, that the work may continue to grow.

8. The national believers in Argentina and especially for the young men and women who have dedicated their lives for Christian service, that they may be trained and find places where they may be fruitful in the Lord's work.

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL—

1. Pray for a harvest of souls during evangelistic services with Phil Ward, May 27 to June 8, at Modesto, Calif.

2. Pray that the Lord will lead in the Sunday school contest at Chico, Calif., by bringing in new members for our Sunday school and new souls for the Lord.

3. Praise the Lord for saving a man in Albany, Oreg., who is giving the lumber for a new parsonage. Pray for wisdom in the planning and building of the new parsonage.

4. Praise God for His blessings on the Alexandria, Va., church by showing an increase in the attendance and interest of all services. Pray for the many new prospects attending the services, that they might come to know Christ and to join in the Alexandria work.

5. Pray for the building program at Artesia, Calif., that funds will be available for a first unit.

6. Praise God for the gifts of His people to home missions, which added up to the largest amount ever given for this phase of our Brethren work.



THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD COMPANY—

1. Pray that every word written for the Herald and the Sunday school literature will be written first of all for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and then for the good of every reader.

2. Pray for the members of the staff as they do their work daily that they will be faithful stewards of the Lord of the church.

THE SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA—

1. Pray for the "birthday month" offerings for the higher education of our missionaries' children.

2. Pray for our work in Argentina, the missionaries on the field, those returning from furlough, and those who are new in the work.

3. Pray for the national officers as the SMM programs are being planned.

THE BRETHREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray for the youth director as he works among the west coast churches and camps.

2. Pray for the young people graduating from school this spring who are seeking the Lord's will for their lives.

3. Pray that our boys clubs may really get behind their missionary project and finish it up this year.

4. Pray that the definite financial needs of the Youth Council may be met.

FROM OUR FIELDS—

1. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Fogle, of France, ask for prayer for the Lord's help in learning the French language and for wisdom in beginning the Brethren work there. Pray also for the William Samarin and Don Miller families likewise studying the language in France on their way to Africa.

2. Mary Cripe and Marybeth Munn at Bekoro (Africa) ask prayer that the Lord will bless the new medicine they are giving to the lepers so that many may be cleansed and healed to His glory. Pray for the lost, and pray that the Christians might stand true to the Lord.

3. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Haag, working in Baja California, praise the Lord for the opportunity of serving a good-sized Sunday school, prayer meeting, and week-day Bible classes. They ask for prayer that the Lord will make them wise and sufficient for their work in Tijuana.

4. Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Goodman, Sr., of India, praise the Lord for a new volunteer worker in Madras and for many new converts in their child evangelism classes. They ask prayer especially for one convert, a boy called R. Isaac, also for funds to meet the heavy expense of printing the "Life of Christ" evangelism books now coming off the press.

TESTIMONY FROM ELYRIA, OHIO

Mrs. W. Shook, of Elyria, Ohio, wrote to the Herald office: "Enclosed \$2.00. Please continue my subscription another year. In this city there is no Brethren work and I do miss the fellowship of the Brethren, so naturally I eagerly look for each copy of the Herald and read it from cover to cover; it's a wonderful magazine."

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Rev. Melvin Palmer has moved to 920 E. 135th St., Hawthorne, Calif. (change Annual, p. 75).

Rev. Gerald Polman has moved to 731 Elm Terrace, York, Pa. (change Annual, p. 69).

Rev. Forest F. Lance has moved to 130 Lexington St., Findlay, Ohio (change Annual, p. 68).

The Camden, Ohio, church called Rev. Robert Betz to serve the congregation for another year.

The Peru, Ind., church's Sunday school is growing, with 248 people present on Easter Sunday and 187 present the following Sunday.

Rev. Victor Rogers has resigned his pastorate of the North English, Iowa, church.

Rev. S. Herbert Bess, of Winona Lake, has been preaching at the Sharpville, Ind., church during the illness of the pastor, Bro. Scott Weaver, who is now recuperating and able to attend some of his classes at the Seminary.

Bro. Richard Jackson, Jr., preached at the New Troy, Mich., church on April 20.

Jesse Deloe, Jr., a senior in the Warsaw, Ind., high school, won the honor of "outstanding senator" at the Indiana Student Congress. This entitles him to be one of the three representatives from Indiana at the National Student Congress to convene in Boston, Mass., on June 24. Jesse is known to the young people of the denomination as the president of the National Brethren Boys Clubs.

Bro. Lester Smitley, of Winona Lake, preached at the Clay City, Ind., church on April 20.

The Glendale, Calif., church received three members by baptism on Easter Sunday. Dr. Roy L. Brown

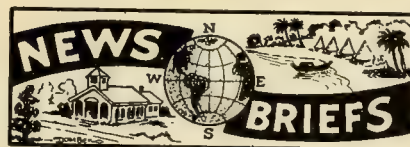
(the chart man) will conduct a Bible conference at this church May 7-11.

The Allentown, Pa., church began evangelistic services April 28 with Rev. William A. Steffler, of Dayton, Ohio, as the evangelist.

Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr., spoke to 65 young people at the Purdue University branch of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at Lafayette, Ind., on April 18.

The Seven Fountains, Va., church, of which Rev. Clarence Lackey is pastor, is holding special meetings April 27-May 11. Dr. Charles H. Ashman is the evangelist.

At the Beaumont, Calif., church eight people were baptized on March 30 and were later received into the membership of the church. The average attendances for March were 125 in Bible school, 86 in morning service, and 79 in evening service. Each one of these is a gain over the same month of 1951.



Mr. Charles Turner, faithful member of the Akron, Ohio, church, died on Easter Sunday at the age of 49 years. He was the father of Rev. Charles Turner, pastor of the Flora, Ind., church, and Mrs. Richard Grant, whose husband graduates from the seminary this May. Dr. Homer A. Kent preached for Brother Turner at Flora while he was home for his father's funeral.

The Long Beach, Calif., Second Church set a new record with 760 people present in Sunday school and 857 present in the duplicate services on Easter Sunday morning. There were four decisions for salvation and nine babies were dedicated to the Lord.

The Jenners, Pa., church had 153 people in Bible school on Easter Sunday, and 101 in the morning worship hour. There were 107 children in the first Happy Hour under the leadership of Evangelist Robert A. Ashman.

Mr. Ralph Williams, a faithful member of the Long Beach, Calif., Second Church since 1937, died on April 10. He had been in failing health for several years. He is sur-

vived by his wife, Beulah, and two children, Marcellie and Max.

Rev. D. F. Eikenberry, living with his son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Russell Williams, at Yakima, Wash., is seriously ill.

Rev. Ray Martindale, superintendent of the Brethren Navaho Mission, is recuperating slowly from a serious illness.

The Canton, Ohio, church will hold a spring Bible conference May 4-11. Rev. Conard Sandy will be the speaker.

A unanimous call has been extended to Rev. Clyde K. Landrum by the Uniontown, Pa., church to serve as pastor for a second 3-year period.

Rev. Gordon Bracker was the evangelist for special meetings at the Grafton, W. Va., church, of which Rev. Stanley Hauser is the pastor, April 22-May 4.

On Easter Sunday 12 people accepted the Lord as Saviour in public confession and 5 were baptized at the Kittanning, Pa., church.

The Los Angeles, Calif., First Church received 10 members into its fellowship on April 13. There were 355 people in Sunday school that day, with 148 in an early preaching service and 401 in the regular morning worship period, with 168 in the evening service.

At the Mansfield, Ohio, church 421 people attended the morning worship service on Easter Sunday, at which time four people confessed Christ as Saviour. There were 89 men present at the last regular men's meeting, one of whom accepted the Saviour, and one man confessed Christ 2 weeks before in the men's meeting.

Rev. Foster Tresise, has been called to serve the Fillmore, Calif., church for another year.

The Dayton, Ohio, First Church received six members into its fellowship on April 20.

The Roanoke, Va., Clearbrook church elected Claude Harrison, Otey Harrison, Mrs. Inez Simmons, and Mrs. W. E. Howard to the office of deacon in the local congregation. On Easter Sunday five people were baptized, the first to receive the rite in the new baptistry of the church.

The attendance records at Hagerstown, Md., on Easter Sunday were: Bible school, 431; morning worship, 319; evening service, 157; and 128 in prayer meeting that week.

Who Found Moses in the Bulrushes?

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake, Ind.

At the time of Moses' infancy, the Bible tells us that "the daughter of Pharaoh" found him in an ark of bulrushes by the river's bank. The account further says that Pharaoh's daughter "had compassion on him," and forthwith proceeded to care for him in a remarkable way. She even went so far as to adopt him as her own son (Ex. 2:5-10). This certainly seems to be providential in view of the fact that she recognized him to be a Hebrew babe and in spite of it began to shower favors upon him.

There was an endeavor at this time to liquidate male infants in Egypt because of the rapid increase of the Hebrews in that land. The Epistle to the Hebrews, in speaking of Moses' experiences in Egypt and his relationship to Pharaoh's daughter, indicates that the breaking of this relationship meant real sacrifice for him. Under the control of Pharaoh's daughter he could have enjoyed "the pleasures of sin" and revelled in "the treasures of Egypt" (Heb. 11:24-26).

What It Meant to Moses

Putting these passages together, it is apparent that Moses was brought into definite royal favor. As a "son" of Pharaoh's daughter, it meant that he would become educated in all the ways of the Egyptians in a time of that people's glory. He would enjoy the riches and favors of royalty. Surely the future looked bright for Moses from the worldly viewpoint. The sterling character of Moses and his loyalty to God clearly shine forth as we see him willing to forego all these advantages in order to follow God.

Josephus, the Jewish historian, tells us that when Moses was a child in jest a diadem was placed upon his head. Moses took it off and threw it upon the ground. Whether true or not, it is suggestive of what he actually did upon coming to age, for then he "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter" (Heb. 11:24), thus disqualifying him for any claims upon royalty in the days to come. It appears that there was a likely pos-

sibility of his ascending the throne of Egypt had he remained in the good graces of the royal princess.

Who Was the Royal Princess?

Who was the woman who became so definitely attached to Moses and afforded him so many advantages? The tendency among students of archeology is to settle upon the daughter of Thothmes I, whose name was Hatshepsut, as the Pharaoh's daughter of the Biblical story. No one seems to fit the time and qualifications quite so well as this remarkable woman. To us many of the names of the Egyptian women seem harsh and noneuphonious. For instance, there is Queen Nofretete, wife of Amenophis IV, famous for her classic beauty, and Queen Ankhnesenamun, wife of the celebrated Tutankhamen. Now we have Hatshepsut. Maybe they called her "Hattie" for short!

She was the favorite daughter of Thothmes I of the glorious 18th dynasty. Upon the death of her father she ruled as queen in Egypt through her marriage to her half-brother, Thothmes II. But the latter was of precarious health and weak will, and during his life Hatshepsut exerted the dominating influence. Upon his death a son of Thothmes II by a secondary wife, named also Thoth-

mes, was appointed to the kingship. But at the time he was just a lad, which left Queen Hatshepsut practically the exclusive ruler of the land. She did not hesitate to take advantage of her position. She did all she could to advance the glory of Egypt.

Though officially no more than a royal widow, and instead of surrendering her regency as soon as Thothmes III reached his majority, she usurped the titles of the sovereign of Egypt. She now called herself "the (female) Horus, the Queen of Upper and Lower Egypt, the daughter of Re." Of the long series of royal titles and epithets which Egyptian kings were accustomed to employ, there was only one which she refrained from adopting: this was the designation "Mighty Bull," which was obviously hardly appropriate for a woman, even if she were a queen! Reliefs, statues, and sphinxes represent Hatshepsut in the regular garb of a king.

Some of Her Accomplishments

She is even seen wearing the ceremonial regal beard upon her chin! On her head is depicted one of the royal crowns or the folded headcloth characteristic of kingly rank. An idea of her beauty may be gathered from a statue of her



Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

which has been preserved and is now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. She evidently was possessed of queenly grace and intelligence.

Remarkable were the accomplishments of her reign of semi-usurpation. Egypt came to economic prosperity during her regime. Extensive building operations were carried on in the capital at Thebes as well as in other places in the land. Magnificent temples were erected by her and others were more fully adorned. One can visit the great temple at Karnak today and see her accomplishments in connection with the great temple of Amen. Two great obelisks were erected by her, each being 97 feet in height.

These colossal monoliths of red granite were hewn from the Assuan quarries and transported on the Nile to Thebes, where one of them still stands, 97½ feet high, containing approximately 180 cubic yards of granite and weighing something like 700,000 pounds. Imagine the labor required in preparing these obelisks and setting them in place, to say nothing of their expense!

Her Crowning Building Achievement

Queen Hatshepsut's greatest building achievement doubtless is the beautiful temple she built opposite Thebes on the western side of the Nile. She named it "Splendid Are the Splendors of Amen." It is now called "Deir el-Bahri" (the northern monastery). It was dedicated first to Amen of Thebes, then to Hathor, the goddess so often appearing in the theophany of a cow, and to the jackal-headed god Anubis. These dedications suggest the sort of polytheistic worship from which Moses separated himself when he renounced his royal connections.

The temple itself testifies to the greatness of Hatshepsut's vision. It manifests the most careful planning. It is located at the base of the cliffs which separate the Nile Valley from the desert and beyond which is the famous Valley of the Kings, where Egypt's royalty was buried. The temple rises from the valley in a series of terraces, and the rearmost rooms are hewn into the cliffs behind. The temple area was replete with decorative sphinxes, colonnades, courts, pillars, and adorned with reliefs setting forth great events in the life of the queen.

Some of these things have been

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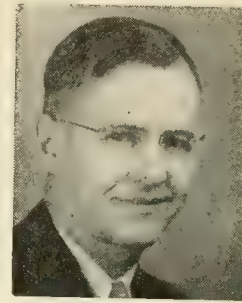
By Rev. Jesse Hall, Canton, Ohio

(This is the third of the "One Things" of the Bible, 1½-minute talks given by Pastor Hall over radio station WHBC, Canton, Ohio.)

"And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42).

In a world that is overflowing with its "bad parts," with those things that blight and blast and blacken the lives that are touched by them, it is refreshing to know that there is a "good part" that blesses, and oh, how needful it is today!

We once read of a young lady from a certain city who, after visiting with a friend in the country, wrote: "I was visiting in the home of a good friend and right after breakfast every morning we gathered in the library. My friend's father then read to us out of the Bible and we all knelt down and he prayed aloud. It seemed a strange and beautiful thing to me. I inquired of my friend,



Rev. Jesse Hall

and she told me that in her neighborhood many old people did this thing, and that her father inherited the habit from his father. Of course, such a thing is not done nowadays, but I liked it." There you have it, the great need of hearts today is communion with Jesus Christ!

Do you have a family altar in your home? Are you daily enjoying this "one thing needful"? Young people as well as the older folks have found it precious. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint" (Isa. 40:31). Start the family altar today!

destroyed, but much of the temple is still standing. For centuries much of it had been covered by the drifting sands from the desert. Much effort has been put forth to restore this majestic temple to something of its original appearance. The accompanying photograph, taken by the writer, will give the reader some idea of the character of Hatshepsut's work. Truly she was a great builder.

Such jealousy was aroused over her achievements that, following her death, when Thothmes III gained undisputed control of the kingdom, he resolved that wherever names or representations of Hatshepsut occurred on temple walls or where-soever, they were to be replaced by those of himself or Thothmes I or Thothmes II. Thus a great deal that she accomplished has been obliterated.

Hatshepsut's Commercial Empire

Hatshepsut is also remembered for her endeavors to build up the commercial strength of her empire. There is a record to the effect that

in the ninth year of her reign she sent an expedition of five great sailing vessels to Punt, on the Somali coast. They contacted this land, marveled at its riches, and returned home with many of its wonderful products. The expedition resulted in a permanent trade relationship with this far-off land. This was but typical of the efforts of this queen to strengthen her kingdom.

Thus the land of Egypt is full of references and relics relating to this great woman. A consideration of her influence, wealth, religious beliefs, and accomplishments enables one more clearly to see the significance of the many passages relating to "the daughter of Pharaoh." If Hatshepsut was the woman referred to in these passages, Moses surely did give up much, as the world counts things, to follow the Lord. It appears that he could have had anything Egypt had to offer, even the throne itself. But these things he set aside because he had his eyes fixed upon "the recompense of the reward" (Heb. 11:26).

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

Gamblers Need the New Birth

A report has been made public that since the campaign against crime conducted by the Kefauver committee many Florida criminals and gamblers have either gone "underground" in their activities or have fled to the Dominican Republic, where Dictator Trujillo has opened four "swanky" casinos. A plane named Lady Luck leaves Miami for that land every Saturday and returns each Monday. The report further states that gambling in the Dominican Republic has increased 400 percent since the Kefauver committee began its work of investigating crime in our country.

Investigation of criminals is not enough; they need the new birth. For them reformation will not bring about the desired results, it must be regeneration or else the work will fall short of accomplishment. A man will not act right until his heart has been made right, for what a man is and does proceeds from his heart.

Nations Are Now in Distress

The Lord Jesus was often asked for signs. Upon one occasion He said to His disciples: "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars, and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:25-26).

These words will help one understand why the editor of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) News-Sentinel (April 18, 1952) wrote these words:

"How's this for sheer governmental nonsense? We cooperate with Soviet Russia in dismantling Berlin industries, most of the equipment going to Russia, where it is destined to bolster the Red threat against our freedom and that of the rest of the world.

"Then we spend 400 million dollars since 1949, to rebuild these Berlin industries to what they were before we gave the Russians the 'go' sign to tear them down and cart them behind the Iron Curtain.

"Besides that we gave the Russians a lot of Marshall Plan money to help set them up in business as they are today.

"It certainly is ironical that money raised by our free American economy should first be spent to build up Russia and tear down Germany, and then be spent to build up Germany with the idea that she may help to tear down Russia. Can't we make up our minds?"

Indeed, the nations of this old world are in a state of distress and perplexity and in need of the Prince of Peace who alone can bring about order and peace.

The Killer Is Still at Large

In order to make an appeal for the fund to fight cancer, editors are speaking of this disease—cancer—as the "world's cruelest killer." We are made happy at what is being done to curb this dread killer of so many people, but at the same time we would like to remind the reader that cancer is not our worst killer.

The Apostle James spoke of the worst killer in these words: "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (Jas. 1:14-15). The Apostle Paul spoke of sin as the great killer in these words: "The sting of death is sin" (I Cor. 15:56).

Let each one of us do all within our power to combat cancer, but let those of us who are children of God do even more to turn men and women from their sin to the Lord Jesus

Christ for salvation and eternal life, and thus take them away from a dread killer that is still unbound.

Priest Blesses Tobacco Seed

According to the United Press, sacks of Burley seed tobacco "were blessed" by the Rev. Paul Brinker during a special service held at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church at Marysville, Ky. Farmers of the community around the church "carried the sacks down the aisles to the priest, who blessed each sack."

This was such a travesty on the idea of what the purpose of the church is that even the secular press took notice of it. Beloved, such actions as this is one of the reasons why the church is held in such disfavor by many people in the world. Furthermore, this reveals to us how much more earnest we must become in getting the Gospel to all men, everywhere, while there is yet opportunity to work, for "the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

Cost of Drink of Water

A drink of water cost Miss Blanche Naugher \$49, plus her pocketbook. Miss Naugher, a bus ticket agent at Knoxville, Tenn., stepped from her ticket office to get a drink of water. When she returned she discovered that her purse and money had been stolen, thus she estimated the cost of that drink at more than \$49.

One can drink of eternal water at no cost at all to himself. The prophet of old cried: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isa. 55:1).

The Lord Jesus echoed the same truth in these words: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37-38). To the woman of Samaria He promised: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).



Waynesboro, Pa.

Evangelistic meetings in Waynesboro, Pa., were conducted by Rev. Robert A. Ashman March 16 to April 6. Attendance and interest was good. Average attendance was 133. Brother Ashman did a splendid job of leading the congregational singing as well as preaching the Word.

Good interest was shown on the part of the boys and girls in the Happy Hour conducted by Evangelist Ashman. Average attendance was 66. There were 26 decisions for Christ in the Happy Hour.

There were eight persons who made public confession of faith in Christ in the evangelistic services, and several who rededicated their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. The pastor is conducting an instruction class for those who recently made public confession of faith. Following the period of instruction, plans for a baptismal service will be made.
—Dennis I. Holliday, pastor.

Long Beach, Calif., First Church

Sunday, April 6, is a day long to be remembered by those present to hear Dr. Orville Jobson, who spoke in three great services to large and appreciative audiences.

The afternoon service was a missionary rally with 19 churches of the district represented. Dr. Mayes presented a number of pastors who assisted in the preliminary service. The choir sang "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," and the Saddler twins whistled "It Is No Secret What God Can Do."

Mrs. Minnie Kennedy spoke briefly, bringing greetings from Africa.

With great fervency of spirit, Dr. Jobson poured out the story of Brethren missions in French equatorial Africa, as it began first in the heart of Bro. James Gribble and his obedience to the Lord's Great Commission; the need of Africa, the consecration and devotion to Him of those who have gone for His sake, the blessings upon the work, the supply of every need, the fruit of the



The first men to hold the office of deacon in the Melrose Gardens Church, left to right facing Pastor Russell Weber, are: Eugene Miller, Jeremiah Kauffman, and A. Rollin Sandy.

Three little words—"He is risen!" How we do praise the Lord for a living Saviour. He has been very good to us here at the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church of Harrisburg.

We have just finished a week—April 7-13—of precious Bible study. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., was our teacher.

On Easter Sunday we received into the fellowship of this congregation 10 new members—2 by letter and 8 by reaffirmation of faith. There were 132 people in the Sunday school, 145 in the morning worship service, and 157 in the evening service on this day. Also three men were ordained to the office of deacon in the local church, having been elected previously to the office by the congregation. (See pictures.)

The Easter offering for foreign missions amounted to \$697, with one person becoming a life member of



The ordination prayer. Left to right: Pastor Russell Weber, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, who is leading in the prayer, and Bro. Nathan Meyer.

the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.—Allen Zook, reporter.

labor with Him, and the yet greater work to be done with other fields to occupy, and the challenge of an enlarged program for the educational and medical work to be undertaken by the new candidates now ready to go to the field.

In the evening films were shown of the stations, the missionaries at work, and the natives, which in-

creased our knowledge and hearts' concern.

Three large banners in front of the auditorium, made by Mr. Joe Sargent and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Benner, bore the following messages: "Nine Brethren Missionaries Have Laid Down Their Lives in Our Fields. What Have You Done for Foreign Missions?" "God Holds

Brethren Responsible for Five Great Mission Fields—Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, France. 56 Young Lives Have Applied for These Fields. Will We Send Them?" "10,000 a Year Receive Christ in Brethren Fields. More Missionaries Will Mean More Souls."

While Dr. Jobson occupied the pulpit at the evening service, Dr. Mayes, president of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, gave a missionary message in the First Church of Los Angeles. —*Gladys Lantz, reporter.*

Fremont, Ohio

From March 18 to 30 we were privileged to have with us Rev. Harold Etling to serve as our evangelist in the spring campaign. Throughout the meeting we enjoyed the blessing of God in excellent attendance, real interest on the part of the members and friends, excellent straightforward messages from the Word of God, and a revived interest in Sunday school work. We praise God for the goodly number of decisions both on the part of the unsaved and those who came for rededication of life.

During the meeting and since we have continued to see the Sunday school and church attendance soar to new heights, breaking all previous records. Since the meeting we have had decisions for Christ and even greater attendances, which is evi-

dence that the evangelistic campaign did us much good and did not cease with the departing of the evangelist. Again we praise Him, "that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Eph. 3:20).

The Easter Sunday school attendance was 310. The morning service attendance was 379, with a total of 410 different people in the morning services. This is the largest attendance in the history of the church. Two decisions were seen in the morning service, one of which had been prayed for for nearly 5 years.—*Lester E. Pifer, pastor.*

Portland, Oreg.

The Portland church is among our youngest churches. It has been in the present location only a short period, having opened services in the basement last October. The auditorium is not completed, awaiting the providing of additional funds to do so. The inability to meet in the auditorium was definitely a handicap to the revival meetings, although the basement is neat and attractive. Pray that the Lord will soon provide the funds for the completion of the edifice.

This church is wisely located at the border of an excellent residential district with no other church close. The neighborhood is populated with mostly young married

couples with growing families. The immediate field is full of opportunities for testimony and soul winning and the proclamation of the whole Gospel.

I found a group of faithful and fervent Brethren willing to sacrifice and serve in order to establish the Brethren Church testimony in Portland. Pastor and people are united in the "unity of the Spirit." They have gathered in a large number of boys and girls, the Sunday school having grown from 50 to around 150 in 6 months. It has outgrown the basement. The great need is for the auditorium and teachers.

During this short meeting, pastor, evangelist, and members did much calling. This was a calling meeting. Brother Harris is one of the "callingest pastors" I've ever worked with. The neighborhood surely knows there's a Brethren church there. This being the first series of meetings in the present location, much pioneer work and preparatory personal visitation had to be done. The church is getting its roots into the soil of the community, winning for itself confidence, and as soon as that auditorium is ready, watch Portland grow! Pray for Portland.—*Dr. C. H. Ashman, evangelist.*

This was the first series of revival meetings to be held in our new location and the first since I have been pastor. These factors made this an important event because it served to formally introduce the ministry and message of our church to the new community.

Many expressed sincere appreciation for the meetings and the messages of Dr. Charles Ashman. We know that the hand of the Lord was upon him as he ministered to us. He worked continuously with the pastor and people to reach this area with the Gospel message. Many new friends were made for the church and others were made acquainted with the Scriptural stand of the Brethren Church.

There was a total of 55 decisions made, of which 19 were for salvation. Four of these were adults. The average attendance at the preaching services was 58. There were 234 calls made. A record Sunday school attendance of 171 was reached the last Sunday.

Incidentally, there were 185 in Sunday school and 129 at the morning service on Easter Sunday. Praise the Lord!—*Vernon J. Harris, pastor.*

PLANS FOR MIDDLE-SENIOR BANQUET

Pastor Lloyd Fesmire, of the Village Church, Western Springs, Ill., has been secured to be the speaker at the Middler-Senior Banquet of Grace Theological Seminary, Friday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. The banquet will be held at the Eskimo Inn, Winona Lake, Ind.

Mr. Fesmire has been for 6 years, in addition to his pastoral duties, the radio narrator and director of the widely known Sunday evening broadcast over station WENR, Chicago, entitled "Songs in the Night." He received his education at the University of Pennsylvania, Wheaton College, and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Tickets for the banquet are \$2.00 each and may be obtained from Mr. R. Wayne Snider, Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind. No reservations can be accepted after May 10.



Pastor Fesmire



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Brethren Conferences Planned This Summer

<i>Conference</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
Atlantic	May 12-14	Alexandria, Va.
California	July 19-26	Long Beach, Calif.
Central	July 21-24	Dayton, Ohio
East	July 21-24	Listie, Pa.
Iowa	June 27-28	Waterloo, Iowa
Midwest	June 20-22	Portis, Kans.
Northern Ohio	July 22-25	Akron, Ohio
Northwest	July 2-6	Harrah, Wash.
Southeast	July 7-9	Covington, Va.
National	August 18-24	Winona Lake, Ind.

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The *Alexandria, Va.*, church extended a unanimous call to its pastor, Rev. Kenneth Teague, to continue another year as pastor. The attendance records showed that there were 199 people present in the Bible school, 187 in the morning worship, and 76 in the evening service on Easter Sunday. The Sunday before the attendances, in the same order, were 175, 144, and 74.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blough, of Indianapolis, Ind., became the parents of David Gene on April 18.

The *Southeast District WMC Rally* will be held at the Clearbrook, Va., church (near Roanoke) May 16.

The *Kittanning, Pa.*, church, pastored by Rev. Gordon Bracker, will hold an evangelistic campaign May 12-26 under the leadership of Dr. Charles H. Ashman.

A *Brethren Men's Retreat* has been planned for May 16-17 (6 p.m. to 6 p.m.) at Camp Chibiabos, near Doylestown, Ohio. Cost is \$3.00 per man and registrations close on May 11. Dr. Floyd Taber, missionary on furlough from Africa, will be the special speaker.

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The *Clayton, Ohio*, church secretary wrote: "Our first Easter Sunday with our new pastor, Rev. Clair Brickel, and family, was a very joyous one. The annual sunrise union

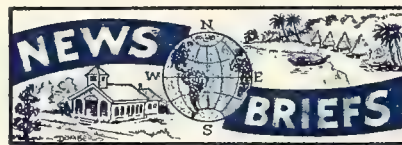
service with the local Evangelical United Brethren Church was held in our church and was one of the largest-attended services we have had together." All the services on that day were well attended.

The *Lake Odessa, Mich.*, church held a week-end Bible conference April 18-20. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of Winona Lake, was the speaker.

At the *Cedar Valley* (Waterloo, Iowa) Youth Fellowship on April 26 Rev. L. L. Grubb was the speaker and Rev. John Neely was in charge of the music.

The grandmother of Rev. Kenneth Teague, of Alexandria, Va., died at Buena Vista, Va., the first week of April.

The Boys Brigade—18 boys and 3 men—of the *Cheyenne, Wyo.*, church had a week-end jaunt to Hynds Lodge April 17-19. One boy accepted the Saviour during the jaunt and three boys received Christ on March 30 at the church.



The new address of Rev. Russell Weber is 807 Wilhelm Rd., Paxtang, Harrisburg, Pa. (change Annual, p. 71).

Charles Koontz, son of Rev. and Mrs. Herman Koontz, Winona Lake, Ind., and Ruth Marie Landrum, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Sewell Landrum, Clayhole, Ky., graduate from Bryan University on June 4.

Rev. Ralph Colburn was the special speaker at the Taos, N. Mex., community sunrise service on Easter and Rev. Sam Horney had a part in the program.

The *Bellflower, Calif.*, church has called its pastor, Rev. George Richardson, to serve another year—his seventh. On April 6 three persons were baptized and received into the membership of the congregation. On Easter Sunday 270 people were present in the Sunday school, the highest attendance in the church's history.

Mrs. Emma Hospelhorn, of the Washington, D. C., church, read her Bible through in 1948 and in 1951.

Rev. Walter Lepp, of Hagerstown, Md., and Rev. William Schaffer, of Spokane, Wash., attended the con-

ference of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplains at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D. C., April 14-17. Both men hold the rank of captain in the Civil Air Patrol, which provided their transportation to and from the conference.

Rev. John Neely, of Conemaugh, Pa., and Rev. Charles Bergerson, of Wadsworth, Ohio, were the song leader and organist, respectively, of a mass meeting sponsored by the Christ for Greater Johnstown Committee and the Christian Laymen's Movement of Altoona, held in the Johnstown War Memorial April 30.

Rev. Carl E. Sisson, pastor at Bell, Calif., underwent surgery for thyroid at a Hollywood hospital and is reported to be recovering very satisfactorily.

At the *San Bernardino, Calif.*, church on Easter Sunday 152 people attended the Bible school, 150 attended the morning service and 56 the evening service. The spring communion service was attended by 55 people. The first two figures are record highs for this church. On Easter Sunday two people accepted Christ, six were baptized, and four united with the church by letter.

The *Dayton, Ohio*, First Church received 17 people into the membership of the congregation on April 20.

Rev. Herman W. Koontz was given a unanimous call to serve the Winona Lake, Ind., church for another year—his fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. John Staup, of the Leesburg, Ind., church, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on April 23.

At the *Glendale, Calif.*, church four people were baptized and received into the membership of the church on April 20.

Two decisions for Christ, one being a first-time decision, were received at the *Martinsburg, W. Va.*, church on April 6.

Bro. Scott Weaver, who is the student pastor of the Sharpsville, Ind., church, was able to be present at the services of the church on April 27 after his long illness. He expects to be preaching soon again.

The *Everett, Pa.*, church had 41 people in the midweek service on April 23. The laymen of the East Fellowship, who were instrumental in getting this church started, met there on April 24 and were much encouraged with the progress of the work.

Nothing Is Too Hard for Our God

By Rev. Lyle Marvin, San Bernardino, Calif.

"Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee" (Jer. 32:17).

In Genesis 18 the Lord asked Abraham: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Abraham and Sarah, 100 and 90 years old respectively, had just been promised a son and heir, but both doubted the Lord because of their age. God, knowing their hearts, asked this question: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

In our precious promise for today we find that Jeremiah has the answer: "And there is nothing too hard for" the Lord!" Isaiah likewise tells of this same wonderful Lord. In chapter 40 we read that He has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, He has weighed the mountains in His scales, and the hills in His balances. All the nations before Him are as a drop of the bucket, counted as nothing; yea, to Him they are less than nothing. Again in Daniel 4 we read that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men and does according to His own will among the inhabitants of the earth, none can stay His hand or say to Him: "What doest thou?"

Christian, why then not set out and walk with God? Do you not see that He eclipses everything and everyone with Himself? Jeremiah knew it, and in the face of adversity reminded himself of it. God told him to buy a piece of ground in a besieged city, and it seemed irrational even to himself, but it was God's bidding, so he did it. It was done in the face of the seeming impossibility that that land would ever be needed. So then to bolster his faith he, in his prayer, reminded himself that with God nothing is impossible—nothing is too hard for Him.

C. H. Spurgeon was riding home after a trying day. It had been a day heavy with work. Things had

seemed to go wrong. Many of us have had days just like that. Spurgeon found himself weary of body and heart, and sorely depressed, when out of the clear came a lightning flash: "My grace is sufficient for thee!" The thought gripped him, and permeated his soul. Aloud he said: "Well, I should think *it is*, Lord." With that he had to smile at the absurdity of unbelief. "My grace is sufficient for thee" because nothing is too hard for Him whose grace it is.

It is as if a wee fish in the Mississippi, being very thirsty, was troubled about drinking the river dry. The river tells the little fish: "Drink away, my stream is sufficient for



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thee!" Or like a little mouse in the granaries of Egypt after 7 years of plenty, fearing it might die of famine, would hear from Joseph: "Cheer up, little mouse; go ahead and eat your fill; my granaries are sufficient for thee!" Again imagine a man atop a high mountain saying to himself: "I fear I shall exhaust all the oxygen of the atmosphere." But the earth would say: "Breathe away, O man, my atmosphere is sufficient for thee!"

Oh, children of God, be great believers! Little faith will bring your souls to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your souls. We find in Matthew 9:29 that according to your faith it shall be done unto you. Our faith in God is our measure of His power, so to speak. One man

comes to Him with a quart cup and prays God to fill it with divine fullness. Then God must explain to men and angels that filling this cup was according to man's faith and not according to His own will. Another comes along for her divine blessings of His grace. She holds out her thimble. Of course the little thimble is filled, but the explanation must go with it: "According to your thimble be it unto you!"

How few Christians know the exceeding riches of their heavenly Father's grace! No need to be straining at the oars with clenched teeth. The folly of using your pitiful human strength when all the promises of God are for the taking. Rely upon *Him* in the upstream fight! Let go and let God! Nothing is too hard for Him. The reasonable thing then for you, Christian, is to set out and obey Him.

Rev. A. B. Simpson has put these same truths in these words:

Oft comes a wondrous message,
When my hopes are growing dim;
I can hear it through the darkness,
Like some sweet and far-off hymn:
"Nothing is too hard for Jesus;
No man can work like Him."

When my frame is worn with sickness,
And with tears my eyelids swim,
I can hear the promise ringing,
Like some sweet and heavenly hymn:
"Nothing is too hard for Jesus;
No man can work like Him."

When my way is closed in darkness,
And my foes are fierce and grim,
Still it sings above the conflict,
Like some glad, victorious hymn:
"Nothing is too hard for Jesus;
No man can work like Him."

Let us claim the mighty promise;
Let us light the torches dim;
Let us shout the mighty chorus;
Let us swell the glorious hymn:
"Nothing is too hard for Jesus;
No man can work like Him."

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"For Such a Time as This" (ESTHER 4:14)

By Rev. Russell H. Weber, Harrisburg, Pa.

"For such a time as this." These words were spoken when the Jews were being sorely oppressed; there seemed to be no escape for them. Haman designed their destruction very cunningly, and there was probably only one who could intervene for them at this time; this one was a woman, Esther, who was the queen of King Ahasuerus. Esther had been chosen from among the beautiful virgins to be the queen. The hand of God was undoubtedly seen in the experience that befell dispersed Israel.

The entire story of the Book of Esther gives recognition to the courage and character of a mother in Israel. We have no record of the life of Esther apart from what is revealed in the book ascribed to her name. We can only guess that she bare children by the very fact that she was a Jewess, and every Jewish maiden aspired to motherhood. She was, however, a mother in Israel by virtue of her faithfulness to her people, and to the God of her people.

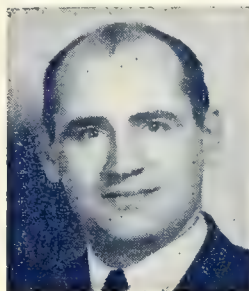
In this age, we need women—mothers—of the character and courage of Esther. Our homes, our cities, our nation, and, indeed, the entire world must find the answer to its problems in the faithfulness of women who are God-fearing mothers—mothers who are faithful in rearing their children according to the precepts of the Word of God. When God made the woman, He made her to be a helpmeet for the man, but her place is of no small import. To her is given the great task of building the lives of her children according to the standard of righteousness, which is an essential factor if we are to see the tide of evil stemmed in our day. "For such a time as this"—

Godly Women Are Needed

Solomon was speaking authoritatively in Proverbs 21:9 when he wrote: "It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house." He must have had such among his many wives. However, in the last chapter of Proverbs there is a better word. "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above

rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (Prov. 31:10-12).

A woman who will do her husband good is one that follows the pattern established by God Himself, for "the head of the woman is the man" (I Cor. 11:3). The Apostle Paul gives us this word: "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence" (I Tim. 2:12). These passages do not mean, however, that a woman is to be the slave of her hus-



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band; rather she is to recognize the order which was established in creation.

Esther recognized her place, as is seen in Esther 5:2, 8:3, and other verses. In some quarters women have the idea that unless they are able to get out into some public activity they have no influence, but the place of the woman has always been in the home; if she fails here, her public service is of little account. Is it any wonder, then, that Solomon says of a woman who walks in the fear of God, "her price is far above rubies"? "For such a time as this"—

Women of Christian Character Are Needed

A woman of Christian character is never found in an oriental harem, nor in a nunnery; this type of life was never sanctioned nor planned by God. The woman of Christian character is again described in Proverbs 31: "She riseth early," "her candle goeth not out by night," "she layeth her hands to the spindle,"

"she stretcheth out her hand to the poor," etc. We see the order much in reverse today: the "lady" riseth from her bed about noon, or some time thereafter, she then spends an excessive amount of time rebuilding a badly conditioned face. After taking "Fifi" for a stroll, she is ready for her husband to take her out to dinner, and then on to the bright spots, to return home again in the early hours of the morning. Such activity does not require, nor does it produce, Christian character.

The story of Esther beautifully sets forth the life of a woman whose heart was in none of these things. "The king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight" (Esther 2:17). The influence of a woman who trusts the Lord, and who walks according to the Word of God, towers far above all others. We need more women like Hannah, Sarah, Eunice—women who face life with real faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, women who bear the name of Christ to a generation that is perishing. Esther was not afraid, nor ashamed, to be numbered with her people; she had the character of all whose God is the Lord. "For such a time as this" God has His women who will measure up to His standards, and such—

Women Are Not Without Reward

There is no question but that King Ahasuerus was known among men in the thing that came about in his kingdom. Esther shared in the reward of her people, and in the glory of her husband. We turn your attention again to the words of Solomon, who tells of the reward of "a virtuous woman." "Her husband is known in the gates" (Prov. 31:23). The woman may be too busy to get into the public eye, but she shares the reward of the success of her husband; the Lord knows that in many cases the husband would not attain any prominence were it not for the untiring and unselfish efforts of his wife. The reward of a godly woman and mother is in the honor of her family. "Her children rise up,

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Bell, Calif.

We began our services on Easter Sunday with a sunrise service attended by 21 people. This was our first attempt to hold our own sunrise service. Ten of the young people remained for breakfast at the church. There were 133 people in Sunday school, compared with an average of 91 for the recent several weeks. There were 56 people present in the evening for an Easter play.

Our talent contest is going good and the consistent calling on the part of the members is bearing fruit. Recently we received four people into the membership of the congregation, two coming by baptism and two by letter. Our new Junior Sisterhood is getting off to a good start, with nine girls attending each of the first two meetings, and four coming out for an afternoon of work.

This church has had the highest average attendance at the Christian Endeavor Division Sings during the year and because of this was awarded a gold cup.

As I write this we are looking forward to a youth conference April 20-27 under the leadership of Rev. Ralph Colburn. Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, our missionary on furlough from Africa, will be the speaker at the Mother-Daughter Banquet May 5. The members and friends had a surprise shower of food on the pastor and family on the Wednesday evening before Easter.—*Carl Sisson, pastor.*

Osceola, Ind.

The Sunday school of the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind., has averaged 232 people in attendance for the past month. The attendance on Easter Sunday was 280. Our foreign mission offering has passed the \$1,200 mark, with a goal for the year of \$2,000. Already we have set a goal for the offering for the Brethren Missionary Herald Company of \$300; last year's offering being \$50.

We had four decisions for Christ on April 6 and two on April 20.

"YOU ARE A MOTHER"

By Geneva Showerman, Whittier, Calif.

Temptation came the other day
Some hurtful, cutting thing to say
About another.
The words stopped short! I seemed to hear
A warning word ring loud and clear—
"You are a Mother!"

"Two little eyes are watching you!
The unkind things you say and do
Will be detected.
Perhaps the very words you said
You'll hear from little lips instead
When least expected.

"Seek counsel at the Saviour's feet.
When things go wrong—be kind, be sweet,
And be forgiving.
If thus you live—how glad you'll be!
Reflected in your child you'll see
The way you're living!"

There were 11 people baptized on April 27.

The Men's Fellowship of our church has undertaken the project of giving a new Bible to each person who joins the membership of the church.

The congregation has voted to investigate the possibility of beginning a Brethren testimony in Elkhart, starting with a Sunday afternoon Bible school. Already plans have been made to use a building owned by the Plymouth Brethren, work to begin about June 1, and morning worship services to be instituted as soon as the growth justifies it. Join us in prayer for this new undertaking.—*Ward Miller, pastor.*

Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)

The Bethany Church has licensed Bro. Homer Lutz as an elder for a period of 1 year and he will serve the church until a full-time pastor has been secured to succeed Bro. Rodney Wysong.

On Easter Sunday the congregation had a groundbreaking service looking forward to an addition to the present building. In spite of rain

there was a fine attendance for the service, the first spade of dirt being turned by Sister Kathrine Jackson, the oldest member and one of the organizers of this work, along with her husband. Brother Jackson will supervise the construction work. The pastor spoke, using Mark 9:2-5 as the basis of his remarks.

The children of the congregation gave an Easter play in the evening.—*Homer Lutz, pastor.*

Tracy, Calif.

The Lord has again answered prayer for us here at Tracy. On Easter Sunday we had 117 people in our Sunday school, which is a record attendance for us. We had one person accept the Saviour, and six children were dedicated to the Lord.

We are now looking forward to the coming of the Wallace Chime Ringers of Hollywood, who will present for us a musical program on Friday evening, April 25. Also Bro. Ralph Colburn will be with us for an evangelistic series of meetings especially for youth, May 9-11. On Thursday night, July 3, the Bob Jones Musical Ensemble will give us a service.—*William Clough, pastor.*

Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

—By Conard Sandy—

The Word Is Still Effective

The psalmist of old sang: "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple" (Psa. 119:130). The truthfulness of this statement came to light recently again on this wise:

A group of Gideons had just presented 50 Bibles to a hotel in Decatur, Ala., when an attractive young woman approached Mr. A. J. Borders, who made the presentation, and said: "I want to tell you what a Gideon Bible did for me."

She told how she had rented a room in a hotel in Detroit, Mich., some years ago, with the intent of taking her own life there. As she entered the room she saw a copy of a Gideon Bible on the dresser, and she was prompted by childhood memories to take up the Bible and read some verses she had been taught. She kept on reading until she felt a change coming over her. Instead of committing suicide she became a Christian, for indeed "the entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple."

This is another evidence, dear reader, why we should be faithful in this age of uncertainty and perplexity in getting the Word of God into the hands of all men before it is forever too late for their souls' welfare.

Less Educated Buy TV Sets

A survey made in England revealed that the less educated people were usually the purchasers of television sets. Among other things the report stated:

"The greater the income or the higher the standard of education, the less time people spend watching TV.

"That's not all; given two families with differing levels of education, but roughly the same amount of money coming in, the odds are that it will be the family whose educational standard is the lower which will acquire a TV set first."

The survey did not say just why this was so, but perhaps we can speculate a bit that it is because of the class of programs shown on the average television station. Most of

these programs are a waste of time; or even worse, for people who have missions to accomplish in life and real work to do.

One cannot spend much time looking at the average display by way of video and still have time for definite study and meditation. These are days when every moment must be made to count, both for this life and the life to come. Therefore, we dare not waste time in trivial and foolish things.

Lessons From Youth to Parents

Parents are too lenient with their children, is the conclusion reached by the young people themselves.

Dr. P. W. Alexander, dean of East Tennessee College, asked 700 college freshmen to express anonymously their opinions of what is wrong with their parents. He reported their replies in an address before the National Conference of Girls Clubs of America.

The first weakness that they mentioned was that their parents were too lenient. Others are:

Youngsters want a more stable home life with freedom from tensions between parents and less formal social life.

They want to talk things over with their parents, and do not want to be ignored by them when they raise important questions.

Also they desire "more religious

training in the home, more home chores, and smaller allowances."

It is "high time" that careless parents turn to God's rules for the home. When this is done tensions will be removed and all the requirements specified by the youth will be met. Then the child will get the attention he ought to have, for wives will be subject "to their own husbands in everything," and husbands will love their "wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." These parents will recognize that they are one flesh before the Lord and will not permit tensions to exist between them.

Furthermore, when this takes place children will learn to obey their "parents in the Lord, for this is right" (see Eph. 5:22-6:4).

The Cure for Insecurity

Edward McFaul, of the public relations department of General Motors, claimed in a speech delivered in Fort Wayne, Ind., April 23, that there is a "feeling of insecurity" present in many minds. He went on to assert that this state of mind is responsible for most common ills today.

One of our great tragedies, according to Mr. McFaul, is that many people do not know why they have this feeling of insecurity. He believes that this condition results from three causes:

1. Fear created by alarmist newspaper headlines and by frightening radio newscasts.
2. Lack of religious faith.
3. Inability to find intelligent relaxation.

Friend, there is a cure for this feeling of insecurity, a cure that is effective in every case where it is received in simple faith. The cure is the Lord Jesus Christ received as Saviour and Lord of the life.

The Apostle Paul summed up this truth in these words he penned to the young man who was pastoring the church in the great and wicked city of Ephesus: "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Tim. 1:7). That is, these are

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BUILDING A HOME

By Ida May Kelly, Whittier, Calif.

You're building, friend, a home so lovely,
You're building it with thought and care;
But have you placed a room within it—
A room that strangers there may share?

Jesus was born within a manger
With patient cattle standing 'round,
Because in all King David's city
Nowhere a room for Christ was found.

We're told to entertain the strangers;
Be not afraid our homes to share;
By doing thus some kept God's angels—
Yes, entertained them unaware.

So when you're building strong your castle
And putting in the things so rare,
Be sure there is a room, though humble—
A room with strangers you may share.

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given to those who by faith have received them embodied in the person of the Redeemer.

What Is Man?

Clifford B. Ward, newspaper columnist, writing in the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, declared: "The one single issue that divides all mankind into two different camps is the issue of what man is—a creature either of God or of the state. . . . It is the age-old fight between those who look up toward God or down toward the mud, out of the slime of which men are regarded to have evolved without a soul."

One cannot believe that man was created by God and at the same time believe that he evolved from some creature squirming in the slime. David answered this question in these ageless words:

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of

thy hands" (Psa. 8:4-6). Either this is true, or else we know nothing of our origin.

Mr. Ward summarizes his article: "To the 'woozy-minded' persons who think that they can be on both sides, let warning be given. There can be no pact between good and evil, no compromise between God and Satan, no acceptance of both the principle of man, the creature, and man, the accident."

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and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Prov. 31:28). Surely this is better reward than public fame.

This generation needs women—mothers—who will fill the role of a Christian. This generation needs women—mothers—who know the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ, who will love their husbands and their children, and who will strive to preserve among women the beauty of motherhood. May God give us many such women "for such a time as this."

One Is Your Master

By Rev. Jesse Hall, Canton, Ohio

(This is the fourth of the "One Things" of the Bible that Pastor Hall used in 1½-minute messages on radio station WHBC, Canton.)

"Be ye not called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren" (Matt. 23:8).

William Henley wrote in his poem, "Invictus," these words:

"Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.
In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud;
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.
Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishment the
scroll;
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul."

How boastful, how arrogant, how self-sufficient men are! Yet with all this self-assertion and self-determination such words as the above do not bring peace, or joy, or satisfaction. Because men outside of Christ are slaves to sin and Satan. To the child of God the Word speaks: "One is your Master, even Christ."

The one thing needful for our hearts today is the renewed consciousness of the mastership of Christ. If we are to meet the challenge of the hour, if we are to be victorious over sin, then He must have the preeminence in our lives (Col. 1:18). Make this the day of the consecration of yourself to Him as Lord, for He said: "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am" (John 13:13).

BOOKSELLERS MEET IN CHICAGO

The third annual convention of the Christian Booksellers' Association will be held at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Ill., August 19-21, 1952. There will be exhibits and discussion groups pertaining to the display, sale, and distribution of Christian literature.



“Occupy” IN THE HOME

By Althea S. Miller

If it be true that “the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world,” I hang my head in shame. The world is in unspeakable spiritual, moral, and physical chaos, and I am one who has had the privilege of rocking a cradle. That motherhood has failed somewhere along the line is a tragic fact of common knowledge. More specifically, Christian motherhood has failed when it need not have done so. All the treasures of heaven’s wisdom are at the mothers’ disposal, but the storehouse has hardly been touched.

Humanity feels it can handle every situation without divine direction. There seems to be all too much old nature dominating even Christian parenthood. I’ve seen parents sacrifice their child’s spiritual welfare for the fleeting honor of worldly recognition or accomplishment. I have known parents who have diligently cared for every physical need of their children, only to fail them miserably in selecting the school for their higher education. They chose the college on the basis of proximity to home, cost in dollars and cents, and social possibilities. If any thought was given to the child’s spiritual needs it was pushed aside with Satan’s well-aimed dart: “Nothing can happen to *my* child at that college because he is strong. And perhaps the college isn’t as bad as it has been painted. Besides, *my* child will surely remember what I’ve taught him.” How soon parents forget their own impressionable teen years!

The biggest, most important job in all the world is parenthood, yet for this job men and women are the least prepared. When Christian people awake to the truth that parenthood is God’s plan for marriage they will teach and prepare their youth for this responsibility. Character training does not begin in the child’s infancy. It goes back to parents and grandparents, which is a very sobering fact. It is so true that “none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself” (Rom. 14:7). Parents who have learned well how to discipline self are most apt to be able to teach and inspire their children in the same direction. Good example is one’s greatest fort against the wiles of the Devil.

If we have failed to occupy in the home, what specifically have our failures been? Throughout the Scriptures, shining with the brilliance of an exquisitely cut diamond are godly women from whom today’s women

may profitably learn. Even a superficial reading of the Bible shows the influence of women for good or bad upon their children. Read the history of Israel’s kings and you will find the names of their mothers close to the terse statement that the king was either a good or evil ruler. Different women of the Bible were noted for different qualities of character which they used for the honor of Jehovah. Deborah and Miriam were known for their leadership; Dorcas for her “helps”—she was a seamstress; Martha for her service; Mary for her devotion; Hannah for her unselfish faithfulness to God in the giving of her son, Samuel, even in his tender years. For undaunted courage Jehosheba, wife of the high priest, Jehoiada, is not excelled. I mention her because I am convinced that it takes courage today to rear a family, and few men and women have that kind of courage. Jehosheba’s courage is all the more remarkable because of the wickedness all around her.

God had His hand upon her and she responded to His leading. She rose above the sordidness of her background showing a fine discernment of real values and a love for Jehovah by her marriage to a God-fearing man. She showed faith in God and unusual courage in facing the awful wrath of the wicked Athaliah when she sheltered the young son of a king, which family Athaliah was attempting to destroy. By her faithfulness she was used of God to foil Satan’s plan to purge David’s line (II Ki. 11:2-3). It takes courage to build a home according to God’s standards, but the rewards are sweet. Have you lacked *courage*? Jehosheba’s God still lives. “Only be thou strong and very courageous” (Josh. 1:6).

Failure to command obedience is an outstanding omission on the part of parents in this day. Obedience is the fundamental precept of all life. Too many parents wait until their children are too old before they command (not demand) obedience. The Bible does not agree with modern psychology’s unbalanced views on self-expression on the part of children. It enjoins, “Children, obey your parents” (Eph. 6:1); and parents, “He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes” (Prov. 13:24). Commanding obedience is an exhausting work but it is required of parents. No child is able to judge values properly, that’s why God

gave him parents! "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Prov. 22:15). Tyranny of parents is not God's way, but rather the very force of example as the children see their parents obey the Lord God in ALL things! Would you occupy for Christ in your home? Then teach obedience.

Marriage and the building of a home are for adults—for mature people. A major contributing force to the breakdown of the home is the failure of adults to grow up. That goes for many a professed Christian adult, too. Marriage needs more than physical maturity to reach its highest attainment. Marriage and parenthood call for mature thinking and constant spiritual growth. "When I was a child, I spake as a child . . . but when I became a man, I put away childish things" (I Cor. 13:11). A home cannot be built on the childhood memories of husband or wife. Do you want to occupy for Christ in YOUR home? Then *grow up!*

Another failure is lack of love in the home, and here a chorus of protest arises. "But I do love my husband, my wife. I never try to stand in his, or her way; never dispute any decisions; never, never . . ." Wait! That is *not* love. It is rather indulgence which leads to soft thinking and sloppy living. "I do love my children; I don't make them work hard. I sacrifice and give all my life for them so they'll not have it as hard as I did. I do not force my spiritual convictions on them. I believe in making them think for themselves. I never, never . . ." Wait! That is *not* love. It is indulgence which leads to selfish, demanding children whose "wishbones" develop better than their backbones. Negative thinking and living never make for strong personalities.

Love is a positive force in the heart and the home. True love, that is. Human nature is so constituted that it grinds to powder under its heel the kind of love, so-called, which commands no respect or expects no accomplishment. Love purchased at the price of negative

living and by making a "mop" of oneself turns to bitterness of soul even as it is possessed. The kind of love which will make the Christian home a little bit of heaven here in this vale of tears is God's love shed abroad in our hearts, thus bearing a radiant, positive testimony to each member of the home. And God's love is strong, pure, constant. It expects response from the recipient even as it gives wealth incalculable to the needy heart. Love "seeketh not her own . . . rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth" (I Cor. 13:5-8). Would you occupy for Christ in your home? Then let His love rule in your heart; His love will transform YOUR home.



God has a place of service and a plan for living for each child of His. Many a believer goes through life defeated because he has refused God's place for him in service. Many a professed believer has ignored the Father's plan for him and because of this has lived a second-rate life. It is an *awful* thing to take matters pertaining to one's life into one's own hand, ignoring God's choice.

The directive will of God is His best for His sons. It is usually a rugged path, for it is designed to make the individual a good soldier of Jesus Christ. The Christian life lived to the full—lived for His glory—is not a primrose path where all is peace and rest. It is rather a warfare, wrestling "not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12).

The believer is admonished to "put on the whole armour of God" (Eph. 6:11) as he walks in God's directive will. The Word further commands the Christian who loves his Lord with all his heart to "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Eph. 6:10).

When a rebellious heart turns from God's best and takes matters of life into its own hands God often permits His child to go his way. But His father-heart is grieved because He knows the human way is not best for His child either now or with the passing of time.

Why does the child of God reject the best God can do for and with him and choose a second-rate substitute? Because the flesh always seeks the easy way out, and God's direction is always toward the highest and noblest. This path calls for ruthless self-discipline. The flesh chooses the soft, easy pattern. The flesh always conquers, the heart ever rebels at the sterner stuff, when the believer neglects the Book.

Fatten your soul and garrison your life with the Word of God. It alone will fortify your heart against the wiles of the Devil who would rob you of God's best. Of Israel it is said: "And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul" (Psa. 106:15). God grant this shall never be said or written of any WMC member.

"What on earth do you want?" Let your want be above *all* things God's directive will for your life. It is infinitely better!



Thank offering due June 30. Gather it in and give as unto Him.

May is last month for giving to foreign missions. How can they (the heathen) hear unless they (the missionaries) be sent? Our WMC goal is \$2,000. Give! Christ may come before you can give again.

THE WAY BACK

By Helen Beach, Martinsburg, Pa.

Mary Jameson was jolted back to reality and a sudden awareness of her fat, florid traveling companion, as the latter asked jovially, "Are you comin' or goin'?"

That's a good question, thought Mary, looking for the first time at the massive woman who had settled her bulk in the other half of the train seat at the last station.

Aloud she replied, "I'm on my way home to Cedar Falls." *And it's a lot farther than the hundred miles of telephone poles and small towns flying past my window.*

"You a workin' girl?" her companion manifested further interest.

"I'm a secretary in Ashdale," Mary replied and turned back to the window to discourage further conversation.

She needed a little more time to collect herself before seeing Mom. Funny how she used to think Mom wasn't good enough. Today she knew it was the other way around. But when you were a long-legged kid in hand-me-down clothes, poverty wasn't only inconvenient, it somehow became a disgrace. The half-hidden snickers of thoughtless schoolmates only added impetus to the already formed resolution to *be someone*. Mom always reminded them when things got rough that they had the Lord. Well, that had been enough for Sue, her older sister, but not for Mary.

Mom had cried the day Mary left for Ashdale, but Mary had remained unyielding. Hadn't she worked hard clerking in the town's one store and hoarded every cent to get a decent outfit and train fare? Glancing down at her neatly tailored navy suit, she shuddered even now to remember her painful awakening to the woeful inadequacy of that outfit she had so proudly worn to start her city venture.

"Guess your ma's right proud of you," said the friendly voice at her left.

"Yes," Mary answered slowly, "I believe she is." *But how can she be?*

Oh, it was true she had worked hard, driven by that consuming ambition of hers. Clerking was all she was equipped for, so that was her daytime chore. Nights she had gone to business school. It had been tough that first year.

And then she had landed her first secretarial job. She had so much to learn besides typing and shorthand. Doggedly she watched the others, and Mary was a good imitator. She learned that the key to good grooming lay in simplicity of clothes and hair styles. No more frills. To be coolly aloof and snatch every opportunity for number one, soon proved the fastest way to the top. And she had gotten there. Boss's secretary for a year now. She might be a returning prodigal, but not because of a diet of husks.

It had taken Eric Borden to show her that her complete little life was not enough. Eric was tall and definitely the answer to a maiden's prayer. The girls in the outer offices heaved appreciative sighs and envied Mary her proximity to the boss, since that was where Eric made his reports.

From the beginning he was a threat to Mary's philosophy of life. True, he was very successful. Star salesman, in fact. But Eric was not aloof. Equipped

with a grin a yard wide and a kind word for everyone, he was as friendly as a collie.

He was not so meticulous as Mary, either. His ties were often a bit crooked and his curly hair had a somewhat rumpled look that seemed endearing to the maternal instincts of Bruce and Company's secretarial force. He was the most *alive* person Mary had met in Ashdale.

But the day she got the real jolt she was alone in the office when Eric breezed in with a cheery morning greeting.

"Boss out?"

At her nod, he perched on the edge of her desk and handed her a small leaflet from his pocket. "A little something for you to read."

Mary stared at the tract in her hand in utter disbelief. "You must be a Christian!" she blurted out.

"And you?" he asked.

Mary blushed. "I used to think I was."

The boss chose that moment to return and Mary put the tract hastily away, but not before she saw the look of real concern in Eric's face.

Later in the day he managed to see her alone long enough to wangle a date for that evening, not that it took much persuasion, she admitted to herself.

From then on they saw lots of each other. She went along to his church just to please him, because she knew already he was for her. But the friendliness of the people and the warmth of the Gospel began to melt the layer of ice around her heart.

The more she thought about the Lord the more she felt guilty about Mom. Of course she always sent checks and a brief note on special days. But she had never once been home, invited Mom to visit her or even kept up any regular correspondence. She had been too ashamed of her background.

That Eric was near to declaring his love for her she knew. How could you want something so much and yet try so hard to postpone it? How could a man like Eric want a mean little snob like her? Was there any hope of becoming the girl Eric seemed to think she was? Those were the questions that put her on the train today.

Suddenly she couldn't wait to see Mom. Mom would have the answers, she was sure.

As if in answer to her thoughts the conductor called out her station. "Hope you have a real nice visit," wished her seatmate as Mary crawled out past her rotund knees.

"Thank you," and with apologies for her difficult exit, Mary hurried off the train into the bright sunshine and fresh air. *Why, it even smells like home.*

She almost ran the two blocks toward home. It looked just the same, though infinitely dearer. Through the gate, up the walk. But when she burst eagerly in at the front door and called, only a grim silence greeted her. The eager smile oozed slowly away.

Walking from room to room she noticed a thin layer of dust on all the furniture. Mom was a particular housekeeper. Could she be sick? Mary ran upstairs, but Mom's room was empty as were all the rest.

It was not till she came back downstairs that she saw

the letter on the old secretary. With a sense of foreboding she saw that her name was on the outside. Opening it with shaking fingers, she read:

My Dearest Mary,

I hope you will never have to read this letter. I'd so much rather tell you the longing of my heart for your life. But in case the dear Lord doesn't bring you back till I've gone Home . . .

Mary could see no more for tears. She was too late. Her head went down on the desk as a great storm of weeping overtook her. She cried for Mom, for Eric, and for the girl she might have been.

After the first tumult of her grief had subsided, she wandered about the rooms touching this and that, and remembering.

Then suddenly she was in the old rocker, reading Mom's Bible. Several hours went by. Dropping to her knees, she poured out her soul in confession to the Lord, committing the future to Him. As for Eric, he must know the whole story and then perhaps . . .

It was the turning of the doorknob that made her rise and then she was in a pair of once familiar arms and a very dear voice was saying, "Mary, my Mary! I told Sue the Lord wanted me to come home today."

"Oh, Mom, I thought—" Mary couldn't go on. She just hugged Mom tighter than she ever had before.

When the tears stopped running, she said, "Mom, do you mind if I make a call to Ashdale? There's someone I'd like to invite for the week end."

MISSIONARY LETTER

March 27, 1952.

Dear WMC Friends,

Greetings once again from Bouca!

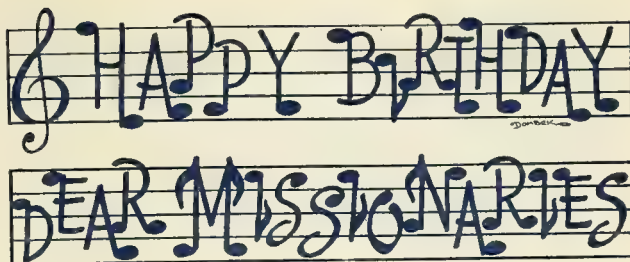
How happy we are to be here at our station once more! Maybe you wouldn't be so happy as we are in the midst of the dry season. It's very, very hot and everything is dirty, dusty, dry, brown, and burnt, but it looks good to us because it's home, and we have been looking forward to this for 3½ months.

Once again it was necessary to journey to West Africa to the Presbyterian Hospital for an operation. Of course, it's hard for us to understand just "why" the Lord has permitted so much sickness and suffering, but we're confident that we are in His hand and that *this* is His will for us. We know He doeth all things well and is working all things together for good. This is one of the "all things."

We're very fortunate in having such a hospital in Africa to which to go for medical treatment. It really is one of the finest. We had everything one could ask for—a Christian surgeon (one of the best), Christian nurses (Miss Tyson did a splendid job), modern equipment, a wonderful atmosphere, and finally a speedy return to Bouca. The Lord has been good to us. He has answered prayer, given strength, and enabled us to return again, for which we praise Him.

To the many of you who have remembered us during this time especially, we say, "Thank you." We have appreciated so much your cards and hankies, letters of greeting, and words of encouragement. We also enjoy

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Africa—

Rev. Robert W. Hill.....July 4
Mrs. Floyd W. Taber.....July 8
Miss Florence Bickel.....July 10
Dr. Orville D. Jobson.....July 11
Rev. Robert S. Williams.....July 15
Mrs. Orville D. Jobson.....July 21

Argentina—

Rev. Ricardo E. Wagner.....July 16
Mrs. Solon Hoyt.....July 29

Missionaries' Children—

Douglas Haag.....July 9, 1949
(Baja California)
Michael Stephen Marshall.....July 12, 1951
(Argentina)
Miss Jean Altig.....July 20
(School in U. S.).
Carol Ann Miller.....July 31, 1947
(Brazil)

THE MOTHER'S PRAYER

Lord, give me this soul!

I have waked for it when I should have slept,
I have yearned over it, and I have wept,
Till in my own the thought of it held sway
All through the night and day.

Lord, give me this soul!

If I might only lift its broken strands,
To lay them gently in Thy loving hands—
If I might know it had found peace in Thee,
What rest, what peace to me!

Thou wilt give me this soul!

Else why the joy, the grief, the doubt, the pain,
The thought perpetual, the one refrain,
The ceaseless longing that upon Thy breast
The tempest-tossed soul may rest?

Dear Lord, give me this soul!

—Author unknown.

GRACE SEMINARY OFFERING

A card from Mrs. Chester McCall informs us that the Grace Seminary offering amounts to \$2,154.04. Praise the Lord!

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Today's Tragedy and Your Children

Who Should Teach, What Should Be Taught, and When Should Sex Facts Be Taught?

By Leila Polman, San Gabriel, Calif.

It is because Christian parents do not know the dangers that may and do come to their children that they neglect to teach the fundamental things of life to them in the home.

We hear of Communism and its deadly teachings of free love and banishment of the home. The teaching of Freud, psychology at its highest (?) and most modern approach to sex, is really one of the most vicious allies of unbridled lust which any generation of young people has ever been given. Jude 8 tells of "these filthy dreamers" who "defile the flesh." This surely applies to the academic filth which is allowed to flourish in so many of our American schools.

The trend in our schools of higher education is to scoff at "the faith once for all delivered unto the saints," which atheistic teachers say is "superstition of religion." On the testimony of the students it is found that the product of atheism is immorality. These anti-Bible teachings, denying the very existence of God, and laughing at any laws of God to govern life, causes sin and corruption (Psa. 14:1).

But these things could not possibly touch your children—is this your thought? Perhaps they are very small now—and these terrible things seem very remote to a baby in arms. Time passes very quickly, and very soon these tiny ones will be in high school and college where they will surely come in contact with these very teachings. This being true it is very necessary that our children be given a background of love, truth, and life.

Our children learn about love from their contact with love in the home. How the family demonstrates love one for the other is the only way a child knows what love is. All the great principles of life have their first impressions upon the life of a child in the home. Life itself either becomes one of God's great miracles and wonderful gifts, or it becomes something to laugh or crudely joke about, or whisper about in secret corners.

Youth needs a confidant. Nature tells us the mother and father are the ideal confidants. It is surprising that so many parents expect and even ask the school to teach their children the intimate things of life. Perhaps these facts of life would be taught by non-Christian, even inexperienced, teachers. How can they teach your child "what God hath planned"? They can only give plain fact, with none of the beauty, intimate, modest, and even sacred treatment with which this subject should be given to your children.

Oh, that our children should be known as clean-thinking, clean-mouthed, clean-living youth. The parents who do not, through false modesty or perhaps honest ignorance, approach the subject of sex in a natural way, fail to fortify their child against the temptations, false teachings, and life itself—as it is today in all its complexities.

Both father and mother have a wonderful opportunity of making a close bond between themselves and their children. Doesn't Dad's masculine point of view make him a natural teacher for the son? Strange that dads

know so well the peril of modern life and still hesitate to warn their sons. A silent father makes his son think that he is ashamed to speak about the function which the Creator did not think it beneath Him to create in such a marvelous manner.

All this has been the *why* and *who* of sex education in the Christian family. Now, *when* is this to be done? A safe rule to follow is, "Answer every question your child asks." Some children begin to ask questions as early as 4 years, others not until the age of 6 or 7. It has been suggested that if your child has not sought your confidence at the age of 8, it is wise to inquire of them, for by this time the child may have received his information from an unsavory source.

To sit down with a small child and explain all the details of procreation and birth has always seemed foolish and very unnecessary. The subject becomes distorted to their minds. Although this was considered very proper only a few years ago, it is no longer advised by authorities on child training.

There are two extreme attitudes—first, "too much too early;" second, "too little too late." The first mistake is unwise, the second may be fatal. It is harder to unteach an untruth than to teach truth.

Every mother has been asked, "Mother, where was I when there wasn't any me?" An answer simply and naturally given—immediately—will satisfy. "Curiosity satisfied" is the answer to most problems. If your child knows you have the answer to his questions, you may be reasonably sure he will say, "My mother will tell me." When children discuss this subject (and they do), there should be an understanding that these confidences are between parent and child. This will add to the child's feeling of security and of self-confidence.

As the opportunity presents itself, more and more of the story of life is told to the child. As a small child reads a primer, so in sex education one should talk largely about things little children understand—seeds, flowers, birds, pets, and finally the story of life itself.

And *how* shall this story be told? This is a subject too important and lengthy to be included here. There are some very fine books published which all Christian parents should have. A "Manual of Sex Education," by Clayton F. Derstine, a Zondervan publication, is for parents. "Yourself and Your House Wonderful," by H. A. Guerber, published by Universal Book and Bible House, is a fine book for devotional reading for the mother and child together. Also young children will enjoy reading this book over and over. Your own local librarian will be glad to assist you in finding books on this subject that will be suitable for the age level of your child.

DEVOTIONAL TOPICS FOR JUNE

Bible Study—"The Member That Ruins Membership."
Mission Study—"The Present Challenge."

"IN HIS VINEYARD"

SISTERHOOD OF MARY and MARTHA

"FOR WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD..." I Cor. 3:9a



SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR JUNE

SING TIME—Plan well and include "Mary and Martha Sisterhood."

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE—II Timothy 3:1-17.

SHARPENING YOUR TOOLS—"The Spade Speaks."

TESTIMONY TIME.

AFRICAN VINEYARD—"Stranger Than Fiction."

Senior—"Blessings and Testings."

Junior—"Short Reunion."

OTHER VINEYARDS—Argentina.

THEME CHORUS—"Missionary Prayer."

CIRCLE PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING—See "The Grapevine."

INTRODUCING YOUR OFFICERS

Treasurer Betty Armstrong

Greetings in His matchless name. What sweet fellowship we as Christian girls are privileged to receive in this small service for Him, and how greatly He has blessed us in it.

Are you observing your quiet time each day? This should be one of the highlights in our day, for the Lord has given us a marvelous Book that we might "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." It is in this quiet time that we learn and that we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. Oh, that our lives and words might be always in ceaseless praise for Him who shed His precious blood for us! May our prayer be as in II Corinthians 5:9—"Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him."

This is my first year in the National Sisterhood work. As treasurer I would like to suggest that in sending in your money you designate the work in which you wish your money to be used. I also covet your prayers that this work will be done in accordance with His will.

Betty Armstrong.



The following list of girls are the first ones to report that they have completed the SMM personal goal of learning the Book of Philippians. They all testify to the rich blessings that have been theirs in learning this book.

Carolyn Oberholtzer, Clay City, Ind.

Wilma Nolt, Homerville, Ohio.

Carolynn Andrews, Los Angeles, Calif.

THE GRAPEVINE

DIAMOND OR EMERALD, which will you earn this year? These next few months check your goals carefully to be certain that you meet the requirements. The diamond is given to those who meet *first-place* requirements, and the emerald to those who make *second* place. No one receives both awards. Your aim should be to earn a diamond each year.

MARY GOAL #9: "Attend all church services regularly." To meet this goal the SMM girl must attend Sunday school, morning worship, young people's, evening service, and prayer meeting regularly (this doesn't mean that she *never* misses a meeting, but is faithful in attendance).

APPOINT your nominating committee this month. Election of Sisterhood officers should take place in July and installation in August.

DISTRICT REPORTS AND DISPLAYS. Really, it is not too early to start thinking about these. This year at conference let's be 100 percent and have a *good written* report from each district and a display from each. Should none of the district officers be able to attend National Conference (August 18-24), make sure that someone is responsible to present them at the Sisterhood sessions.

IMPORTANT DATE—July 31. On that date your offerings for our national project (SMM Chapel) and the general fund offering must be sent to the treasurer. Bandages are to be sent to the bandage secretary by that date also. It is also important to remember that the bandages *must* be 2 inches wide, 7 yards long, rolled hard, and sewed at the ends. The selvages can be bunched together and rolled in at the end of the bandages to be used as cotton.

SUGGESTED BOOKS FOR GIRLS—By Mrs. Conard Sandy

SAND AND STARS, by Ruth Stull. 189 pp. Cloth. Fleming H. Revell Company. 1951. \$2.50.

Here is an interesting story told in a most interesting manner. As the missionaries, Ross and Ruth Stull and their small baby, travel the jungle trail of Peru, one is amazed at their courage, their stamina, and their patience. The Campa Indians, among whom they labored, are inhabitants of the Amazon Valley and are a very ignorant and superstitious people. Their heathen minds and hearts are bound by sin.

This book tells of the sorrows, the heartaches, and the discouragements of the missionaries as they toil among these people. But there are many joys in the lives of the missionaries also, and these are set forth in this book. Girls, you ought to read this book. The women in the Women's Missionary Council are reading it this year and perhaps you can borrow their copy at your church so you can read it.

ARGENTINA

By Ruth E. Reddick

How would you like to celebrate Christmas during the summertime? If you lived in Argentina that is just what you would have to do. December is a summer month and July a winter month in that section of the world. There are other different things about Argentina and, as a visitor there, you would probably remark, along with others, "Isn't this an odd custom?" and "What a strange practice!" One of the chief enjoyments of one who travels is to note the things that are "different" from those in his own country and environment.

As you know, Argentina is one of the countries of the continent of South America. It is larger than the United States east of the Mississippi River. Over 13,000,000 people live in this great land. Argentina is the richest, most powerful, and most aggressive of any country in Latin America from the material standpoint. It is divided into 14 provinces and 10 territories. One of the finest cities in the world is located in Argentina—Buenos Aires, the third largest city in the Western Hemisphere.

Argentina is "different" in many ways, but not different in the need of her people for a Saviour—for Christ, the only Saviour from sin. This country has religion, but needs Christ. The average person thinks of Argentina as a Roman Catholic country, but the people are no more totally Roman Catholic than those of North America are totally Protestant. It has been said, "There are enough religiously indifferent people in South America to give Protestant missionaries an ample field for a century."

It is surprising to know that there are more Roman Catholic churches in so-called Protestant Philadelphia than in the supposedly Roman Catholic city of Buenos Aires. The Church of Rome is more powerful politically, socially, and economically than religiously. Someone has said of the Roman Church, "She dominates her subjects from a mighty throne of commerce, political intrigue, and social bigotry." For 400 years the Church of Rome has held complete control over the religious life of Latin America. It was not until about 100 years ago that the evangelical faith was planted in Latin American soil.

The missionary activity of the Brethren Church in Argentina is carried on in the Province of Cordoba. Actually our work is located in the southern part of the Province in an area about 200 miles wide and 300 miles long. Our missionaries first entered Argentina in 1909, establishing the first testimony in the city of Rio Cuarto, which is still the headquarters of our work.

At the present time our missionary force numbers 17, with 4 national workers. This staff of workers is entirely inadequate for the great challenge which faces us in this field—a field in which there are over 100 towns, villages, and cities. Each one of our missionaries is individually responsible for 35,000 people if they are to hear the Gospel. This does not include the vast areas that lie next door to our present field of activity.

What are we doing about this great need? We are sending missionaries forth as fast as we are able to do so. Pray with us for the work in Argentina, for the missionaries, for the national believers, and for funds that many more missionaries may be sent while "it is day."

I have memorized the Book of Philippians and would like to have the following award: ☐ a Sisterhood sweater; ☐ \$7.50 worth of supplies from the Herald Company; ☐ \$7.50 toward Camp Bethany next year.

Signed

Address

I have heard repeat the Book of Philippians and she knows it well enough to say it at one time. (Not learned verse by verse, or chapter by chapter, but the entire book learned.)

Signed (pastor)

Signed (patroness)

If you have memorized Philippians please have this blank filled in and send it to Helen Small, Winona Lake, Ind.

STRANGER THAN FICTION

Seniors—

X. Blessings and Testings—Chapters 23-24.

A. Chapter 23—"Experiences in France and America."

1. Homeward Bound (pp. 176-177).
2. Reunion (178).
3. Together in France (179-183).
4. Another Doctor for Africa (183-184).

B. Chapter 24—"Yaloke Again."

1. Home Again! (185-187).
2. War in Africa (187-190).
3. The Doctor's Secretary (191-192).
4. Car for the Doctor (192-194).

Juniors—Short Reunion.

1926! The time had arrived for Dr. Gribble to return to America. With much joy she looked forward to this, for she would again see Marguerite. Over 4 years had passed since she had left her with the Weeds in Sunnyside, Wash., so that she could get her education. Dr. Gribble only planned to stay 3 months in America, and then she was going to France to study medicine. But Marguerite was to go with her. Read pages 178 to 183, which tell about the meeting of Dr. Gribble and Marguerite and their trip to France. Tell the story in your own words as you relate the following:

1. About the meeting of Dr. Gribble and Marguerite (p. 178).
2. About their going to France (pp. 178-179).
3. How they tried to keep warm (pp. 179-180).
4. How Marguerite was not put to shame (pp. 180-181).
5. How they lived and what they did in Paris (pp. 181-182).
6. About their parting and how God helped Dr. Gribble (p. 183).

THE SPADE SPEAKS

By Rev. Ralph Colburn

This is the time of year when the mention of a spade reminds us of digging up the yard for the spring garden—of backaches, and fishing worms, and such. But the spade has a far more glorious story to tell than that of worms and gardens and seeds.

One of the more recent sciences is that of archeology. It is the study of ancient civilizations and cultures based on the relics and remnants of that culture found in their unearthed cities, tombs, and homes. Since most of these ancient cities have been buried under the sands of time, the spade has become closely linked with the study of archeology. Actually, the spade does only the rough, preliminary work. When the ruins of an ancient city or home actually begin to be uncovered, smaller tools and bare hands are used, and even the dirt is sifted carefully to discover small bits of pottery, jewelry, or anything else that might be a clue to their culture, or a link in some discovery.

No science has done more to confirm the historic accuracy and inherent dependability of the Bible than the science of archeology. Archeology is not just a Biblical science; it is used by the world to establish and confirm history, and to tell the story of civilization before history began to be written. But since the Bible is to a large extent a book of history, archeology has entered into the Biblical realm to a great degree.

Many of the historical records of the Bible once came into a great deal of ridicule from the skeptics. They said that Moses could not have written the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible) because there was no alphabetical writing in Moses' day. But archeology has not only unfolded the hieroglyphic and cuneiform writings of the ancient Egyptians and Babylonians, which predated Moses by centuries, but has discovered that Phoenician and Hebraic alphabets were in existence and use by the time Moses lived.

The skeptics said that the story of the flood must be a myth, but archeology has discovered that every ancient civilization has a flood story in its history. Many of these correspond remarkably with the Biblical account. Of course, the scoffers try to tell us that the Bible account was made up from an earlier Babylonian record. But that doesn't "hold water," because the Bible account is the purer, simpler account from which there may have been many perversions. But our own experience tells us that stories grow as they travel, and become more and more "colored" by imagination. So the flood stories of ancient civilizations have become perverted by retelling, whereas the original account has been preserved by God in His Word.

The skeptics scoffed at the Bible story of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, but archeologists have confirmed that story remarkably in their excavations near the Dead Sea. They have established not only the possibility but the probability of a God-directed eruption that completely wiped out those cities in a rain of "fire and brimstone" and could easily have destroyed Lot's wife, as the Genesis account relates.

The skeptics poked fun at the Bible's frequent mention of the Hittites, a people who seemed to leave no

historical record whatever. Therefore, in the minds of the skeptics, the Bible writers had "manufactured" these people for the purpose of making their history sound better. Only in recent years have the archeologists unearthed many relics of this civilization, in areas where the Bible has always placed them. Their language has not yet been completely deciphered, and much remains to be learned of them, but everything discovered to date confirms what the Bible says concerning them.

Great books have been written about archeology and the Bible, and their records are fascinating. It is not only the Old Testament which is confirmed and strengthened by their discoveries, but the New Testament as well. It is the archeologists who have unearthed many manuscripts and fragments of manuscripts that contained parts of, or quotations from, the New Testament. So many of these have been unearthed in recent years that thousands of them have not yet been read. But in those known, the entire New Testament could be reproduced. The remarkable thing is that in all these thousands of copies and fragments, there are very few variances of the text. Careful scholars have concluded that there are no variances which would bring any important Bible doctrine or story into question.

Every once in a while a secular magazine publishes an article which seems to question the accuracy or authenticity of the Bible, or parts of it. A popular picture magazine did that recently. But in their article, they rejected the findings of many scholars who had spent far more time on the problems than they had, and they magnified a few minor points in such a way as to cast doubt on the entire New Testament. It made interesting, but aggravating, reading to the Christian. But don't swallow everything you read like that without considering the evidence on the other side of the question.

The spade of the archeologist keeps turning up evidence that confirms the Bible. There are problems that we do not yet completely understand, points that are not yet entirely confirmed in the historical records. But the evidence is continuing to pour in, and so far no real evidence has been unearthed that in any way contradicts the Bible, but everything confirms and strengthens it. We believe that this pattern will continue, if the Lord tarries, till every point is cleared, and the Word of God is completely vindicated, even in the eyes of ungodly men. You can trust your Bible: believe it to be safe, and obey it to be blessed!

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray that the Lord will continue to sustain each missionary, physically, materially, and spiritually.
2. Pray especially this month for the Argentina work and for the new workers on that field.
3. Pray for the National SMM work as plans for the SMM programs for next year are begun.
4. Pray for a real strengthening in SMM in its missionary vision and service.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Aleppo, Pa.—They have rolled their bandages; are planning to make stuffed toys out of oilcloth for the missionary children; are hoping to meet their share in the district project of a record player for Africa.

Johnstown, Pa., Sr.—They scrubbed the church nursery as a local project. They are planning to start a library soon.

Martinsburg, Pa.—Each girl made a rag doll to be sent to Kentucky. They gave a play for the national project.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—The Jr. and Sr. girls combined with the WMC in a meeting to acquaint the WMC with SMM projects and work.

Dayton, Ohio, First Church, Jr.—Each month they do hand work, making gifts and remembrances.

Yakima, Wash., Jr.—They have completed a card gift box project and are now knitting squares for an afghan.

Akron, Ohio—The girls visited the Old Folks Home and sang for them and gave them some artificial flowers that they had made for the meeting.

Radford, Va.—They distributed clothing to several small girls for their local project.

Camden, Ohio, Comb.—They are planning to make green-and-white skirts and blouses for an SMM dress.

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—They are increasing in number all the time and growing in SMM work.

Waterloo, Iowa—They have a new SMM room for junior and senior groups. They had a handkerchief shower on Mrs. Rose Foster and on Mrs. Lynn Schrock. They recently made little aprons and gave them to the women of their church. In return they received a penny for each inch around the ladies' waists. They used the money to decorate the SMM room.

Alexandria, Va., Jr.—They have had a number of projects: furnished the nursery with a new floor rug; made a quilted bed comforter for their pastor; started a library; sent a flannelgraph story to Clayhole, Ky.; are now buying 100 glasses for the church kitchen.

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio—They had a surprise baby shower on their assistant patroness. They have worked on many of their goals.

Meyersdale, Pa., Jr.—They made Scripture verse holders and completed their bandage rolling.

Washington, D. C.—They were privileged to join in singing in the Billy Graham Choir.

Vicksburg, Pa.—The girls roll bandages at most of their meetings (rolling until all the girls arrive and then after the business meeting). They sent Easter boxes to their students at college—four are from the SMM group.

Hollins, Va.—Five new girls have been enlisted for the SMM. Their local project is fixing up their Sunday-school room.

Middlebranch, Ohio—The Sr. girls have a paper drive every 3 months to make money to be used to fix up little things in the church.

Homerville, Ohio—The Jr. SMM is divided into two teams, the Mary and the Martha, in a contest of memorizing Scripture verses.

Mundy's Corner, Pa.—The Jr. girls are making pot

the interesting news items which you include. It's good to hear about your church, your activities, your family, etc. We feel as though we know many of you now and, the Lord willing, hope to meet you when on furlough.

Our time spent in West Africa has made us appreciate so much our own people and work here in Oubangui-Chari. There's quite a difference! As yet we're still more or less primitive here, while near the coast a more modern civilization has struck. So many material things are now available to the natives that they have little time for the things of the Lord. Of course, we see the same trend coming our way, but as yet they are receptive to the Word. Pray for our work here and give as our Lord enables you that more missionaries might be sent NOW.

We're happy to be back in the work again. These are the months for village visitation and conference work. We know the Word of God is powerful. Pray that it may find lodgment in many "black" hearts this season.

May the Lord bless and use each of you.

In Him,

Mrs. Roy Snyder.

A TESTIMONY FROM BRAZIL

(Translated)

Why I am a believer—I am a believer because I believe and have much faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am happy and very satisfied to be a believer. It has done very well for me, thanks to God.

I believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour, after I accepted Jesus Christ, I have Him in my heart.

Dormerinda Saraiva Cordoso.



THE TOOL CHEST

What to make: Practical Paks.

Materials needed: Small box (shoe box is excellent), small miscellaneous items.

What to do: Fill these boxes with miscellaneous items that will not break or spoil and send to our missionaries or students. Here are some suggestions of inexpensive things to send: bobby pins, combs, needles, safety and straight pins, nail files, thread, soap, tube shampoo, tooth paste or powder, packages of Jello or pudding, spices, package soups, tea, cocoa, etc. Remember that our foreign missionaries do not have dime stores or grocery stores that they can go to to pick up such small but useful items. They would really appreciate such paks.

holders and tea towels for our missionaries. They also are working on scrapbooks for the children's wards in the hospitals.

Ankenytown, Ohio—They had 47 ladies present for a Mother-Daughter banquet that they held in their church basement. The SMM girls gave a missionary play after the devotional program.

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EXTEND THIS INVITATION

TO ATTEND

The Commencement Services

MAY 18 THROUGH 23, 1952

Winona Lake, Indiana

Grace Seminary 1952 Graduation Services



WILLIAM SMITH
Class Preacher



JOHN M. AEBY
Baccalaureate Speaker

THE CLASS SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 9:45 A. M.

At the Winona Lake Brethren Church
(Chapel of Grace Theological Seminary)

Clair Brickel, Class President, Presiding
Martin Garber, Director of Music

Piano Prelude.....Mrs. Harriet Hoyt
*Processional
*Call to Worship—Doxology
*Invocation.....Richard Grant
Hymn—"Marvelous Grace"—No. 119
Responsive Reading, Psalm 27.....J. C. McKillen
Hymn—"It Is Well With My Soul"—No. 386
Scripture Lesson.....John Teeter
Prayer.....Maynard Tittle
Hymn—"The Light of the World Is Jesus"—No. 167
Announcements.....Rev. Herman W. Koontz
Presentation of Offerings
Trio.....Vivian McBride,
Mary Ann Habegger, Gail Jones
The Class Sermon.....William Smith
(President of the Student Body)
*Hymn—"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"—No. 264
*Benediction.....Glenn Smouse
Postlude
*Congregation Standing

THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 7:30 P. M.

Auditorium of Grace Theological Seminary

Director of Music—Donald Ogden

Prelude.....Mrs. Beatrice Horne
Processional (the congregation standing)
Invocation.....Rev. Solon W. Hoyt
Hymn—"The Solid Rock"—No. 121
Scripture Reading.....Foye B. Miller
Announcements.....Paul R. Bauman
(Executive Vice President)
Hymn—"Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned"—No. 320
Prayer.....Rev. Arthur D. Cashman
The Seminary Quartet.....Roy Clark, Gene Witzky,
Dean Risser, Russell Irwin
Baccalaureate Sermon.....Rev. John M. Aeby
(Pastor, First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.)
Hymn—"My Anchor Holds"—No. 186
Prayer and Benediction.....Rev. John J. Burns
Postlude

THE GRADUATION SERVICE

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 7:30 P. M.

Auditorium of Grace Theological Seminary

Director of Music—Donald Ogden

Prelude and Processional.....Mrs. Maxine McIntyre
Academic Procession (the congregation standing)
Invocation.....Rev. Stewart Bain
Hymn—"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues"—No. 8
Scripture Reading.....Rev. Ronald Robinson
Annual Seminary Announcements.....Rev. William A. Ogden
(President of the Seminary Board)
Hymn—"Fairest Lord Jesus"—No. 305
Prayer.....Rev. Malcolm R. Cronk
The Seminary Quartet
Graduation Address.....Rev. Lewis Sperry Chafer, D.D., Litt.D., Th.D.
(President, Dallas Theological Seminary)

Presentation of the Class Gift.....Clair Brickel
Response.....Prof. Homer A. Kent, A.B., B.D.
Recognition of
Honors.....Prof. Ralph W. Gilbert, A.B., A.M., B.D.
Presentation of
Candidates.....Dean Herman A. Hoyt, Th.M., Th.D.
Conferring of Diplomas and Degrees....Executive Vice
President Paul R. Bauman, B.D., D.D., assisted by
Registrar Homer A. Kent, Th.M., Th.D., and Instructor
John C. Whitcomb, B.D.
Hymn—"All for Jesus"—No. 257
Prayer and Benediction.....Rev. Ord Gehman, B.D.
Postlude

DIRECTORY OF THE 1952 SEMINARY GRADUATING CLASS

To acquaint our readers with the students who make up the largest graduating class in Grace Seminary history, May 1952, the following directory has been prepared. Churches or individuals desiring to contact any of these students may reach them by mail or phone in care of Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.

RICHARD E. GRANT—Member, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio. Accepted Christ 1936. Married 1949. One son, aged 1½ years. Education: Student, Akron Bible Institute; A.B., University of Akron; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate in May 1952 with B.D. degree. Practical experience: 2 years pastor of Grace Brethren Church, Massillon, Ohio. Future plans: *Continue as pastor of Grace Brethren Church, Massillon, Ohio.*

Life verse: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).

RICHARD JACKSON, JR.—Member, First Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Accepted Christ 1935. Married 1941. One son, aged 7 years; two daughters, aged 4 and 1. Education: Student, Manchester College, collegiate division of Grace Theological Seminary; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate in May 1952 with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Bible teacher and preacher. Future plans: *Called as pastor of New Troy Brethren Church.* Life verse: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13).

JOHN S. TEETER—Member, Pike Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa. Accepted Christ 1937. Married 1951. Education: B.A. degree, Bryan University; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate May 1952 with B.D. degree (cum laude). Practical experience: Gospel team work; missionary training in Tennessee, summer of 1949; pastoral work in Accident, Md., summer of 1951. Future plans: *Plans to go to Brazil the first of the year.* Life verse: "But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand" (Rom. 15:21).

RALPH S. BURNS—Member, Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Accepted Christ 1928. Married 1945. One son aged 1 year. Education: student, Bible Institute of Pennsylvania; collegiate division of Grace Theological Seminary, 2 years; Grace Theological Seminary, 4 years; will graduate May 1952 with Christian Education diploma. Practical experience: Sunday school teacher; student pastor, 2 years, Pleasant Valley Community Church. Future plans: *Available for a call to a Brethren pastorate.* Life verse: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

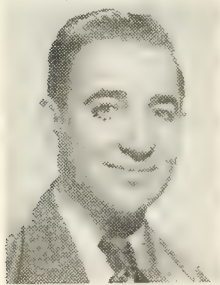
LOUIS SPROWLS—Member, Enon Baptist Church, West Finley, Pa. Accepted Christ 1942. Married 1949. One son, aged 4 months; one daughter, aged 1½ years. Education: Student Pennsylvania State College, Washington and Jefferson College, West Virginia Bible College, Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate May 1952 with Th.B. degree (cum laude). Future plans: *Serve the Lord in a pastorate (preferably rural).* Life verse: "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts" (I Thess. 2:4).

JOHN R. DILLING—Member, Calvary Bible Church, Altoona, Pa. Accepted Christ 1939. Married 1949. One daughter, aged 23 months; one son, aged 11 months. Education: Student, Juniata College 3 years; B.S. degree, Wheaton College; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate May 1952 with B.D. degree. Practical experience: personal work. Future plans: *Expects to serve the Lord as a pastor or teacher.* Life verses: "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you" (I Sam. 12:23-24).

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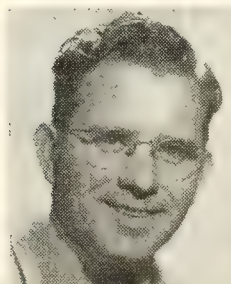
MARTIN M. GARBER—Member, LaLoma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif. Accepted Christ 1940. Married 1946. Education: Student, Westmont College, 2 years; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate May 1952 with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: choir director, Sunday school teacher. Future plans: *Missionary under appointment to Africa*. Life verses: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).



ELAINE CHRISTY—Member, Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. Accepted Christ 1932. Education: A.B. degree, Bryan University; Grace Theological Seminary, 2 years. Will graduate May 1952 with Christian Education diploma. Practical experience: Sunday school teacher, SMM, BYF, child evangelism, Bible school in Taos, N. Mex., one summer; public school teacher, 2 years. Future plans: *Expects to teach, preferably in Christian school*. Life verse: "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).



S. HERBERT BESS—Member, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Accepted Christ in early childhood. Married 1944. One son aged 6, one daughter aged 4. Education: Th.B. degree, Bible Institute of Los Angeles; student, Los Angeles City College, Long Beach City College; A.B. and M.A. degrees, University of California; Grace Theological Seminary, 2 years; will graduate May 1952 with B.D. degree. Practical experience: pastor, 5 years; instructor, seminary collegiate division, 1 year. Future plans: *Will continue in teaching ministry*. Life verse: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Gal. 6:14).

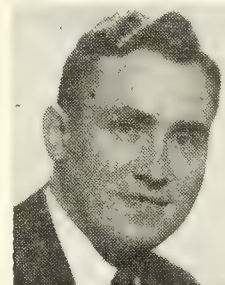


JOHN WILLARD HARPER—Member, Plymouth Brethren, Wheaton, Ill. Accepted Christ 1928. Married 1945. Two sons, aged 4½ and 20 months; two daughters, 5½ and 3. Education: B.A. degree, Bryan University; Grace Theological Seminary, 4 years. Will graduate in May 1952 with B.D. degree. Future plans: *Probably mission field or some form of teaching*.

ROBERT E. MCINTYRE—Member, Calvary (Independent) Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. Accepted Christ 1938. Married 1949. One son, aged 1 year. Education: Student, Calvin College; B.A., Bob Jones University; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate May 1952 with B.D. degree. Practical experience: pastor, Bronson Congregational Church, 1951. Future plans: *Expects to serve the Lord in a pastorate*. Life verse: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isa. 41:10).



MAYNARD G. TITTLE—Member, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Penn's Creek, Pa. Accepted Christ 1938. Married 1947. Education: B.A. degree, Franklin and Marshall College; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate May 1952 with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Sunday school teacher and superintendent, gospel team work. Future plans: *Serve in a pastorate as the Lord may lead*.



LOIS KENNEDY—Member, Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. Accepted Christ 1937. Married 1950. Education: Grace Theological Seminary, collegiate division; Grace Theological Seminary, 2 years. Will graduate May 1952 with Christian Education diploma. Practical experience: Sunday school teacher. Future plans: *Approved missionary to French Equatorial Africa*. Life verse: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).



LESTER W. KENNEDY—Member, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Accepted Christ in early childhood. Married 1950. Education: A.B. degree, Taylor University; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate May 1952 with B.D. degree (magna cum laude). Practical experience: young people's work, student pastor. Future plans: *Approved missionary to French Equatorial Africa*. Life verse: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).



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WALTER SMETANA—Member, First Baptist Church, Warsaw, Ind. Accepted Christ in 1945. Married 1951. Education: Student, New York University, Indiana University; A.B. degree, Bob Jones University; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate May 1952 with B.D. degree. Practical work: Evangelistic work; pastor of Wayside Chapel (Baptist), Warsaw, Ind., 1951-52. Future plans: *Further schooling, pastorate, and the foreign*

mission field in the next 2 years. Life verse: "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (I Cor. 1:30).

MARY ANN HABEGGER—Member, First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind. Accepted Christ when 8 years of age. Education: Student, Bluffton College, 1 year; R.N. degree, Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing; student, Temple Missionary Training School, Fort Wayne; Grace Theological Seminary, 2 years. Will graduate in May 1952 with B.R.E. degree. Practical experience: Child evangelism work, nurse at McDonald Hospital, Warsaw, Ind., throughout seminary course. Future plans: *Approved medical missionary to French Equatorial Africa.* Life verses: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).

J. CLARENCE McKILLEN—Member, Grace Brethren Church, Garvey, Calif. Accepted Christ 1911. Married 1925. One son, aged 23 (now in glory, from Korea, since 1947). Education: Student, Ohio State University, 1 year; University of Southern California School of Government; Bible Institute of Los Angeles, 2½ years; graduate, Scout Executive School, Boy Scouts of America; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate May 1952 with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Years of service as Sunday school superintendent, deacon, trustee, church treasurer. Started Grace Brethren Church, Garvey, Calif., in 1944 and pastored there 1944-49. Teacher, Adult Bible Class, Winona Lake Brethren Church, 1949-51; student pastor, Covington, Ohio, 1951-52. Future plans: *Available for pastoral work where the Lord leads.* Life verses: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33); "In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Jer. 23:6).

GAIL L. JONES—Member, Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa. Accepted Christ 1941. Education: R.N. degree, School of Nurses Training, Women's Homeopathic Hospital; Grace Theological Seminary, 2 years. Will graduate in May 1952 with B.C.E. degree. Practical experience: Bible school, Sunday school teacher, choir, SMM, BYF, gospel team. Future plans: *Approved medical missionary to French Equatorial Africa.*

Life verse: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psa. 32:8).

WILLIAM WAYNE SMITH—Member, First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C. Accepted Christ in early childhood. Education: Student, Bob Jones College, American University; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will Graduate May 1952 with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Preaching for 7 years in evangelistic meetings, supply work. Future plans: *Full-time evangelistic work.* Life verse: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

J. PAUL MILLER—Member, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. Accepted Christ 1927. Married 1942. Two daughters, aged 8 and 5 years. Education: Student, Wheaton College; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years, completed work toward Theological Diploma January 1952. Practical experience: Sunday school and Christian Endeavor work, seminary gospel team, personal work. Future plans: *Approved Brethren missionary to Brazil.*

VIVIAN McBRIDE—Member, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio. Accepted Christ in early childhood. Education: B.S., Bryan University; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate May 1952 with M.R.E. degree. Practical experience: Bryan Gospel Singers, 3 years; gospel teams; child evangelism. Future plans: *Christian service as the Lord leads.* Life verses: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).

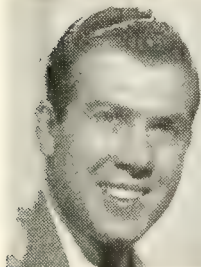
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EVAN M. ADAMS—Member, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio. Accepted Christ 1940. Married 1947. Two sons, aged 3 and 1½. Education: A.B. degree, University of Southern California; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years; will graduate May 1952 with B.D. degree (magna cum laude). Practical experience: pulpit supply work, superintendency of college department in Sunday school; teaching adult Bible class. Future plans: *pastorate or home mission work; perhaps mission field in future.* Life verse: "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death" (Phil. 1:20).



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LESTER O. SMITLEY—Member, Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. Accepted Christ 1941. Married 1950. One infant daughter. Education: A.B. degree, Bob Jones University; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate May 1952 with B.D. degree. Practical experience: assistant pastor, 1 year; evangelistic work, 2 years. Future plans: *Service as the Lord leads.*



HOWARD VULGAMORE—Member, First Brethren Church, Sterling, Ohio. Accepted Christ 1947. Married 1949. Education: Student, Northwestern Midshipman School; B.S. degree, Rio Grande College; Grace Theological Seminary, 3½ years. Will graduate May 1952 with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Gospel team work. Future plans: *Called as assistant pastor and day school teacher at First Brethren Church of Los Angeles.*



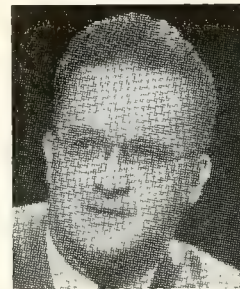
CLAIR E. BRICKEL—Member, First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio. Accepted Christ 1932. Married 1942. Two daughters aged 4 and 1½, one son aged 2½. Education: student, Akron Bible Institute; A.B. degree, Bryan University; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years; will graduate May 1952 with B.D. degree. Practical experience: preaching, gospel team work, personal work. Future plans: *Continue as pastor of Clayton Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio.* Life verse: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).



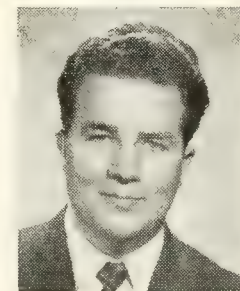
GLENN E. SMOUSE—Member, Calvary Baptist Church, Altoona, Pa. Accepted Christ 1939. Married 1946. Education: Student, Manchester College, Grace Theological Seminary collegiate division; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate May 1952 with Th.B. degree (summa cum laude). Practical experience: student pastor, 2 years; 1 year weekly radio broadcast; evangelistic song leading. Future plans: *Continue in pastorate of Bible Baptist Church of North Manchester, Ind.*



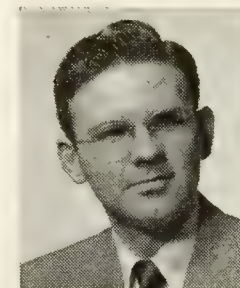
JOHN T. DRURY—Member of the Bible Protestant Church, Inwood, Long Island, New York. Accepted Christ 1942. Married 1942. Education: Moody Bible Institute, Northern Baptist Seminary, Manchester College, Waynesburg College, Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will receive B.D. degree May 1952. Practical experience: Present pastor of Enon, Beulah, and Ten Mile Baptist Churches (Pennsylvania).



ROBERT D. CULVER—Member, Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash. Accepted Christ 1927. Married 1937. Two sons, aged 13 and 11 years; one daughter, aged 6 years. Education: Student, Ashland College, Central Washington College of Education; graduated Heidelberg College with A.B. degree; Grace Theological Seminary, B.D. and Th.M. degrees. Work for Th.D. degree completed in 1952. Practical experience: Pastor, Harrah, Wash.; Ankenytown, Ohio; Fremont, Ohio. Professor, Grace Theological Seminary; professor at Trinity Seminary, Chicago, Ill. Future plans: *Expects to continue teaching at Trinity Seminary.*



RALPH W. GILBERT—Member, First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C. Accepted Christ 1934. Married 1949. One daughter, aged 15 months. Education: Student, George Washington University; B.A. degree, Bob Jones College; M.A. degree, Bob Jones University; B.D. degree, Grace Theological Seminary. Will receive Th.M. degree May 1952. Practical experience: Gospel team work; instructor since 1949. Future plans: *Continue as instructor in collegiate division of Grace Theological Seminary.* Life verse: "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time" (Col. 4:5).



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BENJAMIN A. HAMILTON—Member, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. Accepted Christ 1938. Married 1943. Education: A.B. degree, Whittier College; B.D. degree, Grace Theological Seminary. Will receive Th.M. degree May 1952. Practical experience: Sunday school teaching, student preaching, CE work, missionary in French Equatorial Africa, 1946-1950. Life verses: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen" (II Pet. 3:18); "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him" (I Thess. 5:9-10).

HOMER A. KENT, JR.—Member, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Accepted Christ 1934. Education: Student, American University; graduated Bob Jones College with A.B. degree; Grace Theological Seminary, B.D. degree. Work for Th.M. degree completed in 1951. Will receive Th.M. degree in May 1952. Practical experience: Instructor and assistant professor, Grace Theological Seminary. Future plans: *Expects to continue teaching in Grace Theological Seminary.* Life verses: "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again" (II Cor. 5:14-15).

MABEL C. HAMILTON—Member, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. Accepted Christ in early childhood. Married 1943. Education: Student, Bible Institute of Los Angeles; A.B. degree, Ashland College; Diploma, L'Alliance Francaise, Paris, France; Grace Theological Seminary. Will receive M.R.E. degree May 1952. Practical experience: 12 years of missionary service in French Equatorial Africa. Future plans: *Librarian and instructor in French at Grace Theological Seminary for the coming school year.* Life verses: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

JAMES L. BOYER—Member, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Accepted Christ in early childhood. Married 1931. Two sons, aged 16 and 8; one daughter, aged 12. Education: A.B. degree, Ashland College; student, Ashland Theological Seminary; B.D. degree, Bonebrake Theological Seminary; S.T.M., Oberlin School of Theology. Work for Th.D. completed in 1952. Practical experience: Pastor, 16 years. Future plans: *Expects to continue teaching at Grace Theological Seminary, collegiate division.* Life verse: "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (II Cor. 3:18).



Here is pretty good evidence to prove that the children of ministers are, as a group, not the "worst kids on earth." The seminary is not superstitious in the least with respect to this group of 13 who come from the homes of ministers and missionaries in America and Africa. They are (left to right, first row): Marietta Hayden Muntz, Donald E. Ogden, Jesse D. Humbert, W. Russell Ogden, John W. Mayes, Lawrence A. Lawlor; (left to right, back row): Richard Muntz, R. Paul Miller, Jr., Charles R. Taber, Lester W. Kennedy, Paul R. Gingrich, Kenneth E. Sheldon, Joel S. Kettenring.

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LYNN D. SCHROCK—Member, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa. Accepted Christ 1928. Married 1943. Son and daughter (twins), aged 6. Education: Moody Bible Institute, Grace Theological Seminary, collegiate division of Grace Theological Seminary. Th.B. degree will be granted May 1952. Practical experience: Missionary to Argentina, 6 years; instructor, seminary collegiate division, 1½ year. Future plans: *Serving second term on Argentine mission field.*



GEORGE M. HEANEY—Member, Aberdeen Bible Church, Aberdeen, Md. Accepted Christ 1934. Married 1947. One daughter, aged 2 years. Education: B.S. degree, Franklin and Marshall College; B.D. degree, Faith Theological Seminary. Will receive Th.M. degree May 1952. Practical experience: School teacher 1 year; chaplain's assistant in Army; personal work; 4 years pastoral experience. Future plans: *Expects to continue work in pastorate.*



RICHARD JACKSON, Jr., Reporter

Spring is sprung, the grass is rizz; I wonder where the birdies is? Especially the kind that is always going around whispering things in people's ears. I could use one of that species, but I suppose I'll have to get along with what I have dug up here at school myself: so here's the news.

VITAL STATISTICS—Miss Marianne Frances Smitley just barely beat the deadline by being born on the day before this copy was written. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smitley.

CHAPEL—The regular series of lectures on Practical Work were continued with Dr. Charles H. Ashman speaking on the evangelistic meeting and Rev. L. L. Grubb speaking on home missions. Both brethren brought from the wealth of their experience in their respective fields many practical lessons for the students of the school. We can certainly praise the Lord for these practical work lectures.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE—The annual conference on missions was held during the week following the vacation period and it was evident that God had led in the matter of the speakers. Dr. Floyd Taber, medical missionary to Africa, brought three messages on the theme, "Successful Missionary Service." Rev. Milton Dowden, pastor of the Mentone Baptist Church and an alumnus of this school, spoke on the subject, "The Local Church and the Missionary Vision." Rev. Solon Hoyt, missionary to Argentina, spoke of the inducements to missionary service in Argentina. Rev. Russell Weber, a successful home mission pastor from Harrisburg, Pa., revealed some of the lights and shadows to be experienced in building a mission church in a great city. Rev. Sewell Landrum, missionary to Kentucky, accompanied by four girls from that field, spoke of the call of the needy people in Kentucky. Celina Mares, a young lady from Taos, N. Mex., presented the opportunities for missionary enterprise in New Mexico. It can well be seen

that the great field of missions was fairly well covered in this fine conference. The thanks of the student body go to those who ministered to them in these things.

FOREIGN MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP—At the last FMF meeting the stirring film, "The Heathen Rage," was shown to the group of students who had assembled. This film revealed the deep sinfulness of the lost in Africa and was a fine commentary on Romans 1:21-26. Bro. Martin Garber, chairman of the FMF, tells me that a special committee has been chosen to formulate a reorganization plan for the FMF to take effect next fall. Pray for this group. It is a vital organization in the school.

STUDENT PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP—The regular monthly fellowship luncheon was held here at the school. The special guests were Dr. C. H. Ashman and Rev. Russell Weber, who combined their knowledge and experience to answer questions during a period of round-table discussion. Bro. Russell Ogden says that it was very profitable for the student pastors.

COLLEGIATE SNEAK—The second-year collegiate sneak came off fairly well on Friday the 25th. The sneakers had hidden themselves so well that they couldn't find each other to get started that morning and so were a little late in getting away. But they finally arrived in Chicago with time enough to visit the Museum of Science and Industry, the Natural History Museum, the Shedd Aquarium, the Adler Planetarium, and the Brookfield Zoo, from which all members of the class escaped safely. In the evening the class attended the services at the Pacific Garden Mission and then returned home. It is needless to say that they enjoyed themselves to the full.

APPRECIATION—The student body of Grace Theological Seminary owes a debt of appreciation to the members of the student council who served them so well and so faithfully this past school year. As a semiofficial representative of the student body, I extend that vote of

The Power of Jesus Christ

By Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr.

A Radio Address on "Melodies of Grace," Station
WKAM, Warsaw, Indiana, March 9, 1952

There was once a man in desperate need. Because of an accident at birth he had never been able to walk. At the age of 40 years his feet and anklebones were misshapen and undeveloped. Whenever he wished to move he was dependent upon the graciousness of friends who might carry him bodily from place to place. To provide his livelihood, it was his habit to sit by the beautiful main gate of the temple, hoping that some from the throngs of worshipers who entered would have enough pity upon his condition to toss a few coins in his direction. Years went by, and still this unfortunate victim could be found daily in his station by the gate. The crowds had seen him so often that he became to them just a part of the scene. It is so easy to become callous to misfortune.

But there came a moment to this helpless man which revolutionized his life. The New Testament relates this experience, in the Book of Acts, chapter 3. On this occasion the lame man was occupying his usual position at the temple entrance, begging for alms as was his custom. But two men who were passing by responded in a most surprising way. Their names were Peter and John, and this is what they said: "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." And wonder of wonders, at that moment those ankles which had never supported his body were strengthened, and the man leaped to his feet, and entered with his new friends into the temple, walking and leaping up and praising God.

This was the moment which revolutionized his life. It was the moment when he came in contact with the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

The power of Jesus Christ is just as great and just as available for you and me today as it was on that occasion long ago. The power of the risen and ascended Saviour is still operating to transform the lives of men.

thanks to President Bill Smith, Vice President Richard Grant, Treasurer William Short, and Secretary Elaine Christy.

ATHLETICS—The first baseball game of the season has been played with the Warsaw High School varsity team as the opponents, with the "Seminary Farmers" losing by a score of 9 to 3. I am told that, though we lost, still it was a well-played game. Better get the boys working, Coach Kennedy.

ANNUAL—This will be the last opportunity for you to order your copy of the 1952 Charis. Lots of good pictures of the students and school activities. Send your order to Glen Smouse, Grace Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind. The price? Just three dollars.

LIFE'S LITTLE DISAPPOINTMENTS—Bill Smith missed being Queen of the May.

Jesus gave to this man worship in place of begging. He taught him to look to God instead of to men. Throughout the years the man had been close to the temple, but at the gate—not inside. His contact with Jesus Christ created in him that which before he could not exercise—the ability to enter and worship as those around him. This cripple's first walk took him into the temple. There he poured out his gratitude in praise to God.

It was the name of Jesus which supplied the power for this man's life. Jesus—the One who had lived such a remarkable life in Judea and Galilee. Jesus—the One who had died to provide the redemption for men from sin which has crippled all humanity. Jesus—the One who rose from the dead and returned to heaven, and still is working in mighty power in the lives of men. The recognition of Jesus and the experience of His saving power brings worship in place of begging. He is still creating worship in men's hearts. Because He paid the penalty of sin, He is still offering new life to men as a gift, if we will take it.

The power of Jesus also gave joy in place of despair. It is despair which causes a man no longer to seek the removal of his misfortune, but merely the money to exist in spite of it. But when this victim contacted the name of Jesus, his despair was turned to joy. He not only walked, he leaped, and continued leaping up and praising God for the glorious experience he had enjoyed. Lasting joy does not come with silver and gold. The joy which endures is that which accompanies the heart that is in proper relationship with God. This is what Jesus came to provide, and what He is still providing. If your life has known too much of despair, and you long for the joy which does not disappear, let me introduce you to Jesus Christ, who can bring your heart into the right relationship to God. For it is Jesus who promises: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Consider what Jesus did for him. He gave usefulness to one who was helpless. He taught him how to walk. Before, the man had wanted alms so that he could exist with his misfortune. Jesus, working through His two apostles, removed his misfortune. Formerly, this one had been helpless and a burden to his fellow men. Now he was prepared to take his place as a useful member of society. Men can bestow alms upon the unfortunate and the lame so that they can exist with their misfortune, but the power of God in Christ is necessary to cancel the very root of difficulty.

Jesus is still in the business of granting usefulness to men. Are you one of those who frets because life seems to have little meaning for you? Are you helpless because your burdens seem about to engulf your soul? Have you been trying to get along on alms when Christ can remove the lameness of your life? The transforming power of Jesus still gives men life so there is no need for alms.

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The *South Pasadena, Calif.*, church, of which Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor, will hold special meetings May 20-23 under the leadership of Dr. John MacArthur.

The *Modesto, Calif.*, La Loma Church plans an evangelistic campaign May 27-June 8 with Rev. Phil Ward as evangelist.

Bro. Harrison Zimmerman, for many years a faithful deacon of the *Yellow Creek, Pa.*, church, died on April 16 at the age of 80 years. His wife died in May 1951.

Miss Carol Flora plans to spend the summer at the Brethren Navaho Mission, Cuba, N. Mex. She will be supported by the *Sampleville, Ohio*, church, her home congregation.

Requested announcement: "The *Conemaugh, Pa.*, Brethren Church will consider applications for pastor. Please send applications to Mrs. R. F. Anthony, 226 Main Street, Conemaugh, Pa."

The *Uniontown, Pa.*, church received three members on Easter Sunday. Rev. C. A. Nicola spoke at the church on April 27 and Rev. Harry Holliday spoke there on May 4, while Rev. Clyde Landrum was conducting special meetings at the *North Buffalo, Pa.*, church.

The *Northern Ohio District* sponsored a banquet for the members of the district churches who are graduating from high school this year. Date of banquet was May 5.

The *Compton, Calif.*, church received five members on April 13, the last Sunday of Rev. Forest Lance's ministry there before going to *Findlay, Ohio*. The pulpit of this church is being filled by various speakers until a pastor is called to the field.

Bro. John Lockhart, member of the *Compton, Calif.*, church and father of Bro. Jack Lockhart, stu-

dent in *Grace Seminary*, died on April 16.

The *Kittanning, Pa.*, church included a Gospel message in its weekly church announcement in the local newspaper, the additional expense being borne by a *Grace Seminary* student in preparation for the foreign mission field. Rev. U. L. Gingrich and Rev. John H. Stoll spoke at this church while the pastor, Rev. Gordon Bracker, was holding special meetings at *Grafton, W. Va.*

The *Fort Wayne, Ind.*, church has designated May as Home and Family Month, with messages by the pastor and music by the congregation featuring these subjects. Highlights will be a message by Rev. John Aeby, former pastor, on May 18, and the Children's Day program, May 25. A man accepted the Saviour at the close of prayer meeting on May 1.



There were 273 people present in the Sunday school of the *Roanoke, Va.*, *Ghent Church* on April 20, which surpassed the Easter Sunday attendance.

The *Long Beach, Calif.*, Second Church received seven members into its fellowship on April 20.

On April 20 the *Covington, Va.*, church had 290 people in Bible school, 185 in morning worship service, and 148 in evening service.

The *Washington, Pa.*, Laboratory Church, pastored by Rev. Ellis Rogers, witnessed four confessions of faith on April 27. The excavation work has been done for the erection of the new building. The township school building in which they worship has not been sold, as they feared would happen, hence they are able to continue services there.

The *Los Angeles, Calif.*, Brethren Chapel (Negro), of which Rev. J. Lincoln Oliver is the pastor, had 71 people present for Sunday school on Easter Sunday. This is an all-time high for this work.

Rev. R. I. Humberd spoke recently at the Brethren churches in *Clay City, Ind.*, *Radford, Va.*, and *Troy, Ohio*. Also he spoke at the *Barnhart Baptist Church*, *Stewartsville,*

Va.; *Grace Gospel Church*, *Hayesville, Ohio*; *Baptist Mission*, *Dresden, Ohio*; and *Zion College*, *Chattanooga, Tenn.*

The *Dayton, Ohio*, First Church will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the dedication of its present building on May 25.

Under the direction of Professor White, a group of students from the *Akron Bible Institute* presented a music concert May 4 at the First Brethren Church of *Middlebranch, Ohio*.

Four persons were baptized and received into the fellowship of the church at *Glendale, Calif.*, April 27.

Two ladies, aged 74 and 81, received the rite of baptism by triune immersion by Rev. Walter Lepp, pastor of the *Hagerstown, Md.*, church. On April 27 four other persons were baptized and received into the congregation.

Rev. Monroe, superintendent of the *Union Gospel Mission of Walla Walla, Wash.*, spoke at the church in *Spokane, Wash.*, April 27.

The largest *Central District Youth Rally* to date was held in *Winona Lake* May 2 and 3. There were 243 present for the banquet at noon on Saturday.

The *Coronation Choir* from the *Bible Institute of Los Angeles* presented a sacred concert at the First Brethren Church of *Los Angeles* May 4.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman held a prophetic Bible conference at the *West Tenth Street Brethren Church* in *Ashland, Ohio*, commencing May 4. Colored pictures were used to illustrate the messages.

The men of the *Northern Ohio District* will hold a Brethren Men's Retreat at *Camp Chibiabos*, *Doylestown, Ohio*, May 16-17. Dr. Floyd Taber will be the guest speaker.

Richard Jackson, Jr., a member of the 1952 graduating class of *Grace Seminary*, has accepted a call to become the pastor of the *New Troy, Mich.*, Brethren Church. He plans to assume this charge May 25.

Rev. Roy L. Brown will be the special speaker at a series of meetings in the *Glendale, Calif.*, church May 7-11. Rev. Brown is well known for his chart lectures.

Twenty-seven young people received certificates at the first promotion service ever held in the *Winona Lake, Ind.*, Sunday school May 4.

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

Subtle Tactics of Communism

A top Communist in Hungary, Matyas Rakosi, has revealed in a magazine article that one of the chief tactics of Communism is deceit and fraud in order that it might come to power. This is something that students of history have long known, but now it has been admitted by a member of the party.

As the secretary-general of the Communist party in Hungary Mr. Rakosi spoke with the authority of the party behind him. He claimed that one of the best ways to take over the power of a nation is to first join with the government in a coalition and then to move smoothly and surely in bringing everything under Communism's control.

At one place in his article he made the assertion that "regarding the banks, for instance, first we requested only state control, later the nationalization of only three banks. In industry, in a similar way, first the state management of mines was demanded. We gradually expanded this request to the biggest machinery and smelting plants and, finally, we shifted to nationalization."

In speaking of the churches he said: "We destroyed this reactionary front of unity" by splitting Catholics and Protestants and taking them on separately. The Catholic Church was not touched until after the Protestants had been removed as a hindrance to their goal.

These things ought to serve as a warning to every citizen of the United States and especially to every child of God. Deception is the method Satan uses to accomplish his purposes, "for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (II Cor. 11:14). In the last days "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13). We are warned against being deceivers and against being deceived by them.

He Preferred Death

Private Anthony Rose, an English soldier, is being held for trial in King's Lynn, England, on a charge of forging his own death certificate. He has admitted that he went home from the army, drew up a document

showing that he was dead, and then sent it to his commanding officer. His reason: he "just didn't like army life."

Elijah wanted to get out of the army of God. He preferred death to the wrath of the wicked queen, Jezebel, from whom he fled into the wilderness. He "came and sat down under a juniper tree: and requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life" (I Ki. 19:4). Elijah had become tired of his life in the army of the Lord.

Against such despondent weariness we are warned: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

Demand for A-Bomb Booklet

Civil Defense Administrator Mil-lard Caldwell has reported from Washington, D. C., that people throughout the nation are becoming aware of the danger of an atomic attack. He based his conclusion on the fact that the people of the country have bought more than 2,000,000 of the agency's booklet, "Survival Under Atomic Attack."

Mr. Caldwell said in this connection: "When over 2,000,000 are interested enough to put their 10-cent pieces in envelopes and mail them to Washington in order to get this easily read and easily remembered information, that is a heartening sign. There is a definite break in the clouds of apathy and inaction. It is a small break. It is only a beginning. But it is there."

Beloved, we ought to take every means available to secure and keep our security and to protect that which God has committed unto us. This is sensible and reasonable.

However, we should be more interested in the eternal security that God has promised unto His own. Paul was aware of it and rejoiced in it. On one occasion he wrote:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or

nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:35-37). Paul lived a life of victory, regardless of the circumstances of the earthly life. So can we if we will trust as simply the Lord Jesus as did Paul.

Ineffective Unless Used

An editorial in the New York Times commented on one of the new laws of the State of New York that mechanical signals are "mandatory equipment on cars registered in this State and built or assembled after the first of 1952."

The editorial goes on to declare that "the need for signals is an urgent one," because too often automobile drivers do not open a car window in order to give a proper signal of intention. "We hope," said this writer, "that those drivers who have directional signals on their cars will heed the warning and use them. It is useless to court accidents when they can be avoided by the simple matter of using signals." Indeed, directional signals are ineffective—are worthless, in fact—when they are not used properly.

Dear reader, the same is true of the Word of God in relation to an individual's life. David knew this and desired to avoid falling into sin through failure to heed the Word, therefore he declared: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psa. 119:11).

Redeeming the Time

According to Christian Victory and Grace and Truth a missionary in India wrote: "At a village, a dear old woman noticed my wrist watch, so I put it to her ear. You should have seen her face! She called to the other women and said, 'Come, come! Here is a machine that keeps saying, 'Quick, quick — quick, quick.'"

The Spirit of God, a Person and not a machine, has spoken in clear language to the child of God: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15-16). Friend, are you doing that? Are you redeeming the time in this sinful age?



THE ROCK-HEWN TOMB OF TUTANKHAMEN WITNESSES TO A UNIVERSAL BELIEF IN IMMORTALITY

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Professor of Archeology, Grace Theological Seminary

The heart of man universally possesses an innate belief in a life beyond the grave. That this is so may be seen from the fact that in all parts of the world and in all the centuries this belief has expressed itself in a variety of ways. Some of the conceptions have been and are very materialistic and often most fantastic, but they all witness to a universal yearning for an existence beyond this vale of tears. Would God have put such a longing in the hearts of men all across the world were there not something that answers to it? Surely such is not the case. Universal belief such as this, like every universal effect, must have a sufficient cause. The cause, in this case, is man's Maker, who has placed deep within every man's soul a conception of continued existence beyond this material sphere.

"There Is Another Life"

It was the assurance of life beyond the grave, clarified by the Word of God, that led William Jennings Bryan to say, "If the Father deigns to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of a buried acorn, and make it burst forth from its prison walls, will He leave buried in the earth neglected the body of man, made in the image of his Creator? . . . No! I am just as sure that there is another life as I am that I live today."

Among the ancient Egyptians there prevailed a very definite and realistic conception of life beyond the experience of death. Much of their living was taken up in making preparations for that which they believed was in prospect. This belief was so graphically and artistically portrayed in connection with their tombs that we are not left to surmise what was the nature of this belief. In harmony with it each man possessed a soul or "double" which survived after death. It was called his "ka." Following decease it took the form of a bird with out-stretched wings and with the head of the deceased. It carried an emblem of eternity in its claws. It had liberty to fly about freely in

the world, though it returned at will to the tomb and hovered over the body of the deceased. However, all of this could only occur if the body of the deceased were properly preserved from decomposition.

In order to satisfy this demand, the Egyptians devoted the utmost care to the mummification of dead bodies, as many as 70 days being taken for the elaborate process and as much as \$1,500 in our modern currency being expended. They became such experts in this science



Dr. Kent

that multitudes of mummies are preserved to the present time. One can visit many museums and look into the faces of men who lived in the days of Moses!

Underground Burial Apartments

In addition to the preparation of the body against decomposition, there was also the preparation of a final resting place for it. So they excavated underground apartments in stone where the body and its *ka* might continue an existence somewhat similar to that enjoyed in this life. The *ka* and the mummy in each case continued after death to fellowship with each other, the *ka*, or man's double, serving somehow to quicken the deceased with its own life-strength and to protect him from his enemies in the hereafter.

I have before me the plan of the carefully executed burial place of the Pharaoh Tutankhamen, who reigned less than 100 years after the death of Moses and whose tomb

was discovered in the famous Valley of the Kings in 1922. It is equivalent to a four-room apartment such as many a young couple uses today before too many children appear upon the scene!

Deeply rooted in the Egyptian belief was the idea that the dead would continue living after death in such a place much the same as they had lived before their decease, provided that the necessary conditions for such a life had been fulfilled. The dead must have food and drink. Hence each Egyptian provided his tomb with great jars filled with food and drink. On feast days children and close relatives were expected to visit the cemetery in order to deposit food and drink offerings at the tomb. But even these were not sufficient. The walls of the tomb and the coffin were covered with representations of all sort of objects which by magic could be transformed into the essentials for man's physical need. In this connection pictures are shown of the deceased seated by tables overflowing with foodstuffs for the satisfaction of his need. This idea is responsible for some of the finest art to be found in Egyptian tombs.

Still another device was employed to supply the necessities for the deceased. Inscriptions appear on the walls of the tombs appealing to every visitor or passer-by to repeat certain prayers which would result, as by magic, in the supply of all the necessary provisions for the nourishment of the deceased. In addition to provision of food and drink for his basic needs, there was also provision of oils, ointments, cosmetics, jewelry, clothing, and even weapons for the protection of the dead against his enemies, and many other things too numerous to mention.

"King Tut's" Treasures

An outstanding example of the sort of provision which was made for the dead has come to light in the content of the luxurious burial apartment of the aforementioned Tutankhamen. Several thousand

objects were buried with this monarch. Included among these objects were great oil vases of alabaster of exquisite design, beds, chairs, stools, tables, chests with beautiful inlaid work, canes, bows and arrows, ostrich-feather fans with handles of gold foil, and even a baby carriage. The most costly piece of furniture is the throne, richly adorned with gold, colored glass, blue faience, and stone inlays, and with legs carved in the shape of lions' feet. The panel on the back of the throne depicts the king upon his throne being ministered to by his pretty queen, Ankhesenamen. Both the king and the queen are pictured with elaborate crowns upon their heads. Above them is the familiar sun disk representing Aton, the sun god. The work shows remarkable skill.

Two of the most beautiful alabaster objects found in the tomb are a centerpiece in the form of a graceful boat situated upon a decorated pedestal, and a lamp consisting of a beautifully carved pedestal on which rests a chalice flanked with Egyptian hieroglyphic symbols conveying the wish for "millions of years of life" for King Tutankhamen. Time forbids to speak of the hundreds of other



The Egyptian Valley of the Kings with the entrance to Tutankhamen's tomb near center at bottom.

useful and decorative provisions for a departed king. They represent the best that Egyptian art ever produced.

All this care was expended in these ancient times because of the deep-seated belief of these people in life after death. It was real to them, so real in fact that they spent a major part of their means and effort in preparing for the life beyond the veil. It is significant to note that the life

they expected to experience after death was intimately associated with the physical body. We today rejoice in our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, "who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (II Tim. 1:10). He alone is the door which leads into the glorious experience of resurrection and the eternal joys that shall follow.

ONE THING TO DO

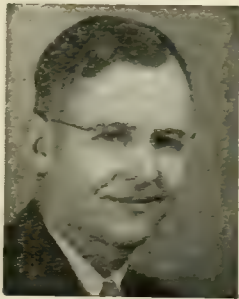
(This is the fifth and last of the "One Things" of the Bible that Pastor Hall used in 1½-minute messages on radio station WHBC, Canton.)

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

"But this one thing I do." We live in a world of need. On every side there are those things that need to be and must be done. There are so many demands upon each one of us, so many voices calling to us, that it is hard to know just what we should do. How appropriate then is Paul's message to our hearts for today: "This one thing I do."

With the many distractions that press in upon us there is great need of concentration upon the God-given task of pressing "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." NOW is the

only time we have in which to live the Christian life, and to "shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (I Pet. 2:9).



Rev. Jesse Hall

Dear child of God, are you depressed, downhearted, and discouraged by the many times you have failed your Lord? Put all those things under the precious blood of Christ today and claim His cleansing. Then, forgetting those things that are behind, reach forth unto the things that are before you—even the

prize of the high calling of God. You may place unswerving confidence in the promises of God (II Cor. 1:20). Man's means and methods may fail, except as they are centered in Christ. But be sure of this, "not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you" (Josh. 23:14). Therefore, be a specialist in the service of your King. Put His will and His work first in your life today. Amen.

ARMY CHAPLAINS NEEDED

An application for appointment as chaplain in the United States Army Reserve may now be sent directly to the Chief of Chaplains, Maj. Gen. Roy H. Parker. All processing then will be done by the Department of the Army, and the subsequent call to active service may follow. One reason for this is to expedite the selection of chaplains, for 300 are needed now, both in this country and for duty with the troops overseas.

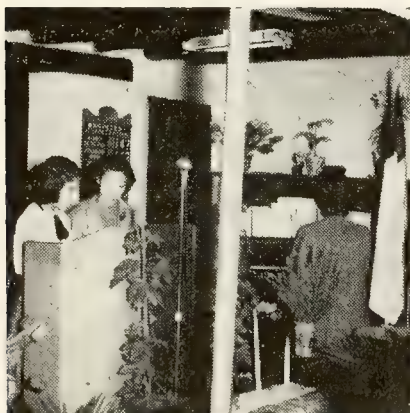
SPANISH-AMERICAN YOUTH ACTIVE FOR THE LORD

Young people furnished a big percentage of the nightly crowds at the week of pre-Easter revival services at Taos, N. Mex. Youth Director Ralph Colburn was the speaker, except for a couple nights, when a team from Grace Seminary, composed of Tom and Geneva Inman, James Dickson, and Iris Heckman, took over. They were holding meetings at the new chapel in Cordillera, and on two nights we switched places, so that both Jim and Tom could be heard by the Taos folks, too.

The BYF at Taos is handicapped by the transportation situation, as many of the young people as well as adults must be brought in by the mission carryalls, and arrive very late. But they have some very fine meetings nevertheless, and in the accompanying picture Lloyd Salazar is speaking to the group while President Andy Varos and Secretary Marjorie Gonzales sit back on the platform. A splendid duet by the two girls pictured, and accompanied by Mrs. Horney, preceded the message by Lloyd.

On Easter Sunday evening the SMM girls had a candlelight service and program in the early part of the service, and it was very well presented and received.

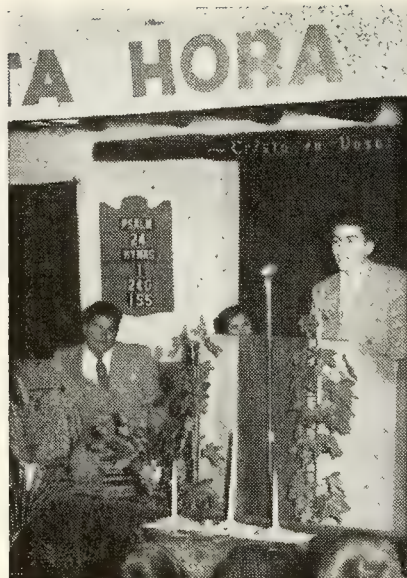
A large number of these young people attend the Taos Bible Institute every Tuesday evening, and



then each Friday night is youth night at the church, with a social and spiritual time for the whole crowd.

Albuquerque also has some splendid young people, and every Friday night their SMM and BBC meets at the church. It was a real pleasure to meet with them on a recent Monday night.

Many of our Spanish-American



young people have a more difficult time in their Christian lives than most of us, but it's a real encouragement to see their growth in the Lord. Let's not forget to pray for them in our four churches in New Mexico.

SOUTHEAST YOUTH HAVE GREAT RALLY

Johnson City, Tenn., was host to the biggest Southeast District overnight rally yet, in early April, when 124 young people registered for the event and 128 were served at the Saturday banquet.

Mrs. Rose Foster, missionary from Africa, and Kenneth Moeller, student at Bryan University, were the chief speakers, and Mrs. Kenneth Moeller also spoke to the girls in their Saturday-morning SMM session. SMM and BBC offerings for the district and national projects were received. Also the district BYF has a project of \$350 for a piano for Kingsport, and this goal is about one-third reached.

Several of the Bryan University students from the Southeast District were able to be present for the rally, and two of them, Alva and Fayth Ann Conner, helped much with the singspiration.

Recreation was enjoyed in a local gym, with skating and basketball games occupying most of the interest. The banquet, with its message by Kenneth Moeller on "Yielding to the Call of God," was a fitting climax for the rally.

Next district affair is Camp Grace, July 21-August 2.



BOYS CLUBS MAKE PROGRESS ON JEEP PROJECT

A few offerings are coming in for our national missionary project—the Jeep station wagon in such splendid use at Albuquerque. This is the project we're so anxious to finish up this year. Three of our churches in the Taos, N. Mex., area, where dollars are far more scarce than elsewhere, contributed a total of \$11 for the project, and we think that's really swell! Especially when more than half of it came from our brand-new church at Cordillera, where Tony Luna, former BBC vice president, is the pastor.

Our club at Bell, Calif., is small, but they recently sold a few tons of old newspapers, and made a gift of \$25 for the missionary project. They had been collecting the newspapers for some weeks. Congratulations, Bell Brethren, and to the rest of you clubs—"go thou and do likewise."

A new club has just formed at Bellflower, Calif., and we're anticipating fine things from this group of boys. Another club is forming at Temple City, Calif.

We've really been thrilled with reports of growth from some of our clubs, who have had to say, "No more boys till we have some more men to help." We'd like more reports like that!

CAMP TIME IS DRAWING NEAR

The time for the young people's camps in the various districts is rapidly approaching. See an early issue of this paper for the schedule of the camps as to place and time.

Meanwhile, remember that you should begin now to make plans to attend the camp in your district. There is no better way to spend a profitable vacation of one week than with other youth in a Brethren camp this summer. Ask your parents to help make it possible for you to go.

June Jottings From the Book Club

By Blaine Snyder

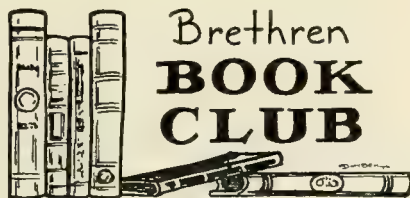
Reminder to Members

If you do not want the first-choice selection for this month be sure to so notify the Herald Company before June 1. Your cooperation in this matter will eliminate much extra expense and delay in filling orders. If you wish to receive the first selection for the month you need do nothing further.

THE CHILDREN FOR CHRIST

By Andrew Murray

"Faith is, first, the spiritual understanding that receives the revelation of God and His purpose; it hears His voice; it listens to His call; it believes His promises. Second, it is a divine energy, a living principle of



action that carries out God's will, and inherits all His blessing. We see the parents' grace in what is said of Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Moses' parents, and Moses. It was in each case faith that made it possible as parents, to do those things which made them the channels of a divine blessing to their children." These are the words of the author on page 35, and are but a sample of the contents of this volume.

This book of 32 chapters is rich in suggestion, admonition, and loving warning concerning children, and hence is profitable reading for parents, parents-to-be, teachers, workers with children, and pastors. Dr. Murray, himself a father, was one of the men of God of a previous generation who loved the Book and taught its truths in a simple, but certain, manner. Here are some of his findings in his study of God's revelation.

The Moody Press is to be commended in making this volume available again to the reading public. We

rejoice in the opportunity of recommending it to the readers who are members of the Brethren Book Club. Don't miss the message God has for this generation from the pen of a servant of His in a former generation.—Conard Sandy.

THE WINNING OF KAY SLADE

By Albert C. Wyckoff

Do you think that you are poor? If you do you must read this book to find out how wrong you are! The setting of the story is a southern plantation with its typical tenant shack. It was here that the Slade family, father, mother, and four children, eked out their meager existence. Few people ever called at the Slade shanty because of its remoteness and poverty.

But one summer Rev. Bob Crenshaw and his wife came into the territory to conduct a community vacation Bible school. The Slade children were permitted to attend and it was at the close of the school that Kay Slade gave her heart to the Lord. From then on things were different, very different for the young girl. She now had hopes and aspirations which rose far above her humble shanty-home life.

Kay's first real move in the direction of realizing her ambitions was to take a job in town for the summer months. This opened a vast unknown world for her, for she now had money of her own and a new freedom and independence which she had never before experienced. Her diligence took her through business school and into a good position. But it was not all mere ambition which brought Kay Slade to her real self, but the One in whom she believed and to whom she was committed. God can do great things through a life which is fully yielded to Him, and Kay Slade's was just that.

You will fairly see the rubbish around the shanty she called home, the untidy family, the snuff stains on the mother's face, the fine girl which Kay came to be, as you follow the narration to its conclusion. We recommend the book for your reading pleasure.—Blaine Snyder.

June Books

This month the book club is offering two books featuring youth's problems. The first-choice book, "The Children for Christ," by Andrew Murray (\$2.50), is a classic in the matter of the training of children. The fiction book for this month, "The Winning of Kay Slade," by Albert C. Wyckoff (\$2.00), unfolds the life of a young girl from her struggle for victory over the circumstances of life to maturity as a settled matron in her own home. This book will be hard to lay aside until the very end is reached.

How to Join

If you are not a member of the club at the present time you may easily become one by following these simple suggestions. Read the two reviews of the books which appear on this page to make your decision as to which one you would like to secure for your own. Then order the book of your selection from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, sending remittance with your order. Soon after the first of June you will receive the book, which we trust will prove to be all that you expect it to be. As an added inducement to join the club we will send you free and postpaid either of the following books: (1) "Stranger Than Fiction," by Dr. Florence N. Gribble; (2) "The Biography of Robert Murray McCheyne," by Andrew Bonar; (3) "Out of the Night," by O. E. Phillips. After joining the club your only further obligation is to select and pay for four books before severing membership. After your fourth purchase you will be entitled to another dividend book.

An Eight-Day Course in Grace Seminary

By Dr. Charles H. Ashman
Evangelist and Bible Teacher

Recently I was a student in Grace Seminary for 8 days. I didn't think they would take me at my age; they must have considered me as a "special student." I attended every chapel. In fact, I spoke at four of them. I preached on Sunday night, using an old-fashioned revival sermon. I spent some hours in the library consulting the commentaries on the Matthew and the Corinthian passages dealing with divorce, remarriage, etc. I kept my ears and eyes open at all times, and inspected and observed. Here are my honest impressions.

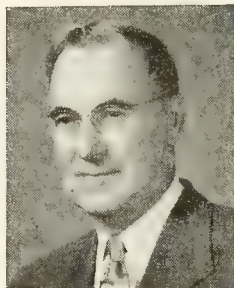
The building. It has come through a hard winter in good condition. It is well kept, as neat as any building could be with approximately 200 pairs of feet treading its courts daily. The chapel and library are outstanding in beauty and practicability. We can be justly proud of Grace Seminary Building.

The grounds (campus). Much grading has already been done. By this time much seeding will have been done also. It is going to be a beautiful campus. The immediate need is sidewalks. Lack of funds has delayed putting them in. The minimum needed to put these in is \$500. I hope the Alumni gets it quickly.

The student body. We have as fine a student body as you can find anywhere. I attended their chapel session. They were completing their gift of \$500 for grading. The plates were piled high with "sacrifice gifts." A fine spirit of fellowship, unity, and enthusiasm for Grace Seminary pervades and prevails the student body.

The teaching staff. I talked to many students concerning the teachings received. The teaching staff has done a magnificent job with a decreased force. Appreciation and commendation was expressed for the able and consecrated staff.

The practical lectures. The testi-



Dr. Ashman

mony was that "they had all been fine." In spite of some duplications, the conviction was that they had accomplished their purposes. But there also was a strong conviction expressed that if it demands less time and emphasis on essential Bible courses to make the practical course available, then the Bible was to be given the priority.

Needs. There are two outstanding needs right now: prayer and money. Pray for Grace Seminary. It needs and must have more money to efficiently operate and discharge promptly the debt obligations.

These are some of my impressions and observations during the 8 days I was a "student in Grace Seminary."

ICC CONFERENCE DATES SET

The International Council of Christian Churches will hold a regional conference in Edinburgh, Scotland July 24-30. The theme of this conference will be: "The Evangelical Church, and Its Problems in the Present World Situation."

The Middle East Missionary Conference, also a phase of the work of the ICC, will be held in Beirut, Lebanon, August 7-11.

The ICC has arranged a tour by which a person can attend both of these conferences and also be taken on a conducted tour through Palestine and other lands in the Near East of special interest to the student of the Bible. If interested, write to the Transportation Committee, Box 218, Collingswood 7, N. J.

Johnson City, Tennessee

We are praising the Lord for His rich blessing upon us during our recent Youth for Christ revival. During the revival services it was our happy privilege to see 15 first-time decisions for Christ and 27 rededications of life. The above figures do not include the seven boys and girls who accepted the Lord in our "Happy Hour" services, nor the ten men who raised their hands for salvation at the Veterans Hospital in Johnson City.

Rev. Dean Fetterhoff and his wife labored among us in a manner that no other evangelist has ever done. Besides the regular services and the children's "Happy Hour" each day, we had the privilege of entering into 16 public schools (grade through college level) with a real Gospel message. Over 4,500 young people eagerly heard the message of salvation during the past 2 weeks. In his "spare" time Brother Dean accompanied the pastor in a visitation program.

The final day of our revival found the little Johnson City church filled for three services as we celebrated our third anniversary. Assisting the evangelist and his wife were Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Graves, of Greenville, S. C., who plan to travel with the Fetterhoffs this summer in evangelistic work.

Continue to pray for us that revival might not cease and that those who have made a decision for Christ will unite with our church.—John J. Burns, pastor.

NEW GOAL FOR GIDEONS

The Gideons, a group of laymen whose purpose it is to distribute the Word of God without comment, have undertaken a new enterprise. It is now their purpose to place a copy of the Bible in every newspaper office in the nation. Judging from some editorials and editorial policies we have seen, there is plenty of room for improvement which could and would come if the editors would read daily from this Book.

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The Brethren Messianic Witness



The mission and our Brethren missionaries to God's chosen people in Los Angeles, California, are pictured here. From left to right are Miss Isobel Fraser, Mrs. Bruce Button, and Rev. Bruce Button. These three are also the writers for the "Israel Calls" page appearing in the Home Mission Number of the Brethren Missionary Herald.

PRAYER IS ANSWERED FOR THE BRETHREN JEWISH WORK

From the time the Brethren Messianic Witness was established at 469 North Kings Road, Los Angeles, Calif., in December 1949 the Lord has been blessing. These blessings have been so profound that we believe without any doubt it was the Lord's will for the Brethren Church to have this witness to His chosen people.

God Located the Mission

The mission property is ideally located in the midst of thousands of Jewish people and the house itself was easily adapted to the work. The first project was the provision for a reading room. Many of our churches and their auxiliary organizations helped to quickly get this arranged and furnished. The reading room itself is located in relation to the other rooms so that it can be private, with an outside entrance. Only God could find a place that would make a home for a family of five and at the same time be so perfectly arranged for a mission.

God Sends Forth the Laborers

Jewish mission work is a hard work and little visible results are seen, as you have read many times in "Israel Calls," but God again provided two missionaries in Brother and Sister Button, who were willing to answer God's call and accept the challenge to pioneer the Jewish mission field in Los Angeles.

It was not long before Brother and Sister Button found that 125,000 Jewish people in the Fairfax addition was too big a job for only two missionaries, and prayers went up to God to send forth more laborers. At that very time God had His hand on another person who was willing to give herself for Jewish missionary work. Her name: Miss Isobel Fraser. But who would provide the financial support for her? This was no problem for an all-sufficient God, for He put it upon the hearts of the members in the church sending forth the missionary to also supply the funds. Miss Fraser is a member of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., and it is this church that is carrying her full support. Miss Fraser arrived on the field slightly over a year after the Buttons, and she has been on the field slightly over a year herself.

God Is Blessing in the Work

Meetings are being held each Wednesday afternoon in the reading room of the mission, and as many as six attend them. A Sunday afternoon meeting is being planned for those who are unable to attend on Wednesday. A children's work will soon be under way, and here again we see God's hand in selecting the mission property. A two-car garage was provided, with only one car to occupy it. So the garage was partitioned and one side made into an attractive meeting place for the children. We had hoped to have pictures of this for this issue, but they did not arrive in time. Therefore, they will appear in a later issue.

We know Brother Button will be writing you more, but we want to add this excerpt from a letter of his received April 30:

"I know you folks will be glad to know we have seen the Lord work here near the mission in saving a Jewish woman. It happened today. This afternoon a call came over the phone. It was a request for me to come to a

home and deal with this woman. She knew nothing of the Old Testament, none of the New. And what she knew concerning the Lord she had heard over the radio and that only amounted to a small amount. This I found out as I talked to her. She was convicted that she was a sinner and not from what people had said to her but apparently from the dealing of the Spirit of God with her. All that was necessary was the story of the Gospel and she accepted the Lord as her Saviour, God, and Messiah. And as I read Scripture to her it was wonderful to see the spiritual understanding she had. To her it was clear how God was just in setting aside Israel. And when she heard of the grace of our Lord, she was all broken up, and with tears of grief she confessed her sin and need of a Saviour, and then with tears of joy she accepted the Lord. It was wonderful to see the Lord work. And it is proof to me that it is the Lord that does these things and we must wait upon Him."

Please continue to pray for these missionaries who represent the Brethren Church in Jewish mission work.

TRACY, CALIFORNIA, GROWING!



It was the privilege of the home mission secretary, L. L. Grubb, to visit the former home mission church of Tracy, Calif., and take the above pictures of the growing congregation, Rev. and Mrs. William Clough, and the First Brethren Church. Here he found the Lord blessing in the ministry of Brother Clough with an increase in attendance and interest of the boys' club, girls' club, WMC and Sunday school. Not only was the Lord blessing in numerical and spiritual ways but also in a financial way. A recent goal in finances was surpassed without any unusual effort.



As the Editor Sees It



By L. L. GRUBB

CATHOLIC PENITENTES AT TAOS, N. MEX.

This ancient lay organization, which came from the Third Order of St. Francis, was accepted into full membership by the Roman Catholic Church in 1947. Thus they operate as a fully accredited Roman Catholic sect. This means that the Catholics at least place their tacit approval upon them and their form of worship.

Each year, during Holy Week, in the Taos area the Penitentes retire to their little adobe *moradas* for their peculiar and mystic ceremonies. At Talpa, not far from our Spanish mission at Taos, a medieval mystery play is enacted on Good Friday and witnessed by people from far and near.

Many of their ceremonies are performed at night under the veil of darkness and are not open to the public. In fact, anyone trying to take pictures or secure information beyond that allowed will be dealt with very roughly and usually will retire either with no camera or one that needs extensive repairs.

In order to join this group young men must go through a process of physical suffering including the carving of the seal of the brotherhood into the flesh of their backs. Three wide lacerations are made on each side of the spine with cross-hatchings at the top. These long cuts leave scars to the death of the individual.

Formerly a chosen brother was actually crucified during Holy Week just as Christ on the cross. However, chosen ones are now tied to the cross by thongs and at times the circulation is so retarded that they are dead when removed. Some say that back in the hills in the dead of night the crucifixion ritual is still carried on, although this is not authentic.

The Penitentes operate right in the shadow of our mission church at Taos. This means that we are in a mission field where there is great need. Our missionaries are doing everything possible to make the Gospel of Christ known so that those bound in such superstition and tradition may be set free by the grace of God.

Again we are faced with the fact that Catholicism operates with great boldness in our nation and has taken its toll among the Spanish-Americans and the Indians, especially the Pueblos at Taos.

During a recent evangelistic meeting at Arroyo Hondo some fanatics stretched barbed wire across the road and scratched one of our cars badly. At another time recently two windows were broken by stones thrown by vandals, and our church building was also included as a target.

Catholicism cries, "Tolerance," but it is one of the most intolerant religions on the face of the earth.

DOES BEER HELP THE WAR EFFORT?

What is the role of beer in time of national emergency?

This question was asked by the United States Brewers

Foundation in a large paid ad in U. S. News and World Report.

The answer? The War Labor Board, the Brewers claim, in 1945 held that beer is essential to public morale. The reasoning is that whenever our nation makes a concerted effort to increase production, there must be a great additional strain on industrial workers. At such a time a little conversation over a glass of beer does wonders to ease the pressure. The War Labor Board said that interruption of the production of beer "threatened substantial interference with the war effort."

In a more recent issue the Brewers pointed out that the brewing industry ranks fourth in excise taxes paid to the Government, totaling some \$700,000,000. This means that the brewing industry has a right to exist and enlarge.

All of this sounds like the childish meanderings of juvenile minds.

Any industry which must spend so largely in trying to prove its right to exist has a very questionable right to its existence. It is not necessary for Kellogg's cereal company, the Rath Packing Company, Quaker Oats Company, etc., etc., to continually argue their right for an existence. These and all other legitimate American industries meet a real need in our pattern of living.

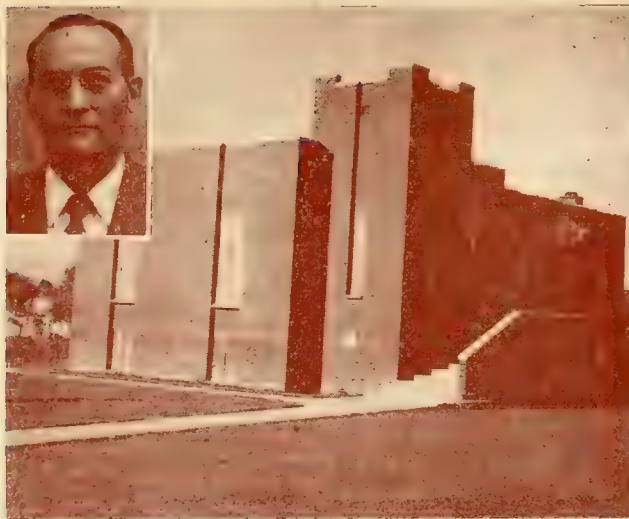
The amount of taxes paid by the brewing companies is one thing, but is largely annulled by the crime, broken homes, disaster, and sorrow brought upon the American scene as a result of excessive beer drinking. Billions in additional taxes are heaped upon us for jails, penitentiaries, law enforcement, etc., because of the use of alcoholic beverages.

Today there are 1,000,000 chronic alcohol addicts in America. These are men and women who have no control over their desires and become outcasts from their families and society. In addition, there are 4,000,000 heavy drinkers who are under the influence of alcohol much of the time. Beyond this there are 40,000,000 social drinkers who take an "occasional" drink. How many of these will join the chronic group soon?

We are not surprised at such a finding by the War Labor Board when we know that Washingtonians drink three times as much annually as folks anywhere else in the United States. A jail housing crisis was caused in Washington last year by 14,151 drunks. The average Washingtonian soaked up four gallons of alcoholic beverages last year. The members of our Government cut into this for a large share.

It is our humble opinion that if all alcoholic beverage companies were forced to close tomorrow it would be one of the greatest blessings possible. The repeal of the Prohibition Amendment was a master stroke by the Devil.

However, this unpleasant picture simply serves to add emphasis to America's need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These chronic alcohol addicts can find victory



Here is a growing Sunday school and church in the Northwest. The pictures below were taken on a Sunday morning during the latest visit of the home mission secretary, L. L. Grubb, to that area. The Yakima church and the pastor, Rev. Russell Williams, are shown in the picture at left. In addition to having a growing church, Brother Williams is looking forward to the over-all growth of the Brethren Church. He can see many opportunities for new Brethren churches in the Northwest, some of which you have already heard about and others you will be hearing about. It was Brother Williams who helped in the teaching and organizing of the Seattle work.



alone through the power of the indwelling Christ. It is our task to see that they get the message.

STILL SOME GOLD IN SOLOMON'S MINES

Reportedly geologists who have been digging around King Solomon's mines for 2 years are now satisfied that these mines still contain large deposits of gold, copper, and iron. They even found gold in one spot which they claim Solomon failed to find 3,000 years ago.

The nation of Israel is expected to launch mining operations soon to exploit what may be fabulous discoveries.

In Deuteronomy 8 God speaks of the blessings He will bring upon His chosen people. "For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land . . . a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass" (vss. 7, 9).

Perhaps more will be known about the great wealth of this early fabulous king, of whom the Queen of Sheba said that the half has not been told.

A CASE OF JEWISH INGENUITY

An old Jew came to Ben-Gurion and claimed that he

had found a way to solve all of the state's economic difficulties.

"Let us declare war on the United States," said the old Jew. "When they have licked us, they will spend billions of dollars reconstructing us, the same as in Germany and Japan."

"That's all very well," answered Ben-Gurion, "but what'll happen to us if we lick them?"

ANTI-SEMITISM ON THE INCREASE

In the past 11 months a total of 19 incidents of anti-Semitic violence have been reported in the greater Boston area. During the same time 15 attacks have been reported in Brooklyn and 13 in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. In Miami, there has been a series of synagogue blastings which have given the community much concern.

It is true that such activity against Israel has been prophesied. But the children of God have a large spiritual debt to Israel, very little of which has been paid. We should be manifesting the love and message of Christ to the persecuted seed of Israel. This is the duty of *each* child of God.

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10 men who raised their hands for salvation at the Veterans Hospital, and seven boys and girls who took Christ as Saviour in the children's meetings. The "Happy Hour" was conducted each afternoon for boys and girls, with an average attendance of 45. In addition to this, real Gospel services were held in 16 schools, speaking to over 4,500 young people.

Dayton, Ohio (C. S. Zimmerman)—

The excavating is finished for the new Patterson Park Brethren Church. Work is now in progress for the footers. The construction building has been finished and the work is moving ahead under the supervision of Mr. Thomas Bailey. Plans are under way for the second anniversary of the organized church which will be May 25. Mr. Roy H. Kinsey is chairman of the anniversary committee with Mrs. Willard P. Hannah and Mr. Laurel Hedges the other members.

Modesto, Calif. (Harold D. Painter)—

The work continues on the upward trend and we are praising the Lord for it. The goal of 175 in Sunday school was exceeded, with 219 present on Easter Sunday. The young married couples class, with a goal of 35, had 57. The Sunday school board is making plans for a D. V. B. S. this summer. Cottage prayer meetings are being held in preparation for our evangelistic meetings with Phil Ward, the converted gangster. The meetings start May 27 and end June 8. Join us in prayer for this meeting.

Cleveland, Ohio (Russell M. Ward)—

Monday, April 13, through Sunday, April 27, Rev. Lester Pifer, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio, led us in a "Back to the Bible" campaign of evangelism and revival. We praise the Lord for this series of meetings, for the spiritual results were great indeed. Most important to the future spiritual ministry of the church were the 10 rededications of life among our own folk, including some for greater prayer life, some for dedication to a soul-winning life, others for return to fellowship with the Lord after living for some time in a backslidden state. We were further thrilled with three confessions of Christ as Saviour by folk who came wholeheartedly at the invitation.

We praise the Lord for Brother Pifer's ministry in the

Findlay, Ohio (Russell Ogden)—

Rev. Miles Taber was the evangelist for a week of special meetings at the Findlay Brethren Church from April 13 to April 20. The "Singing Allens," a musical family from Ada, Ohio, conducted the music and brought special numbers during the week. The attendance and response was good during the entire meeting with 14 first-time confessions of Christ and 1 rededication. Rev. Forest Lance and family arrived in Findlay on April 23 and will be taking over the pastorate May 1.

Alexandria, Va. (Kenneth Teague)—

The Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church is setting new records for attendance. The average Sunday school attendance was 79 for April 1951; 169, April 1952; and 146 for the year to date. The worship and prayer services have also shown a proportionate increase. More Sunday school rooms are needed and the members of the church are working to complete the upper auditorium. The parsonage is being used at the present time in addition to the church to help solve the Sunday school room problem. Five decisions were made for Christ on Easter Sunday.

Johnson City, Tenn. (John J. Burns)—

Yesterday was the third anniversary of the Johnson City Brethren Church and the closing day of our Youth for Christ revival. The Lord gave us a great time of blessing with a full house throughout the day and great climax for our evangelistic campaign. The Lord blessed in the preaching of the Word by Bro. Dean Fetterhoff and a total of 40 decisions were made for Christ. Fourteen were first-time decisions and this does not include

Johnson City Brethren Church
(Photo taken previous to the
evangelistic meetings.)



pulpit and in the various homes we visited. His messages, we believe firmly, were directed of the Holy Spirit to our particular need, as well as the manner in which they were delivered—"speaking the truth in love." Further, we wish to express our deep appreciation for the way in which the invitations were extended, without pressure, yet with encouragement for souls to come to the Lord—which they did.

We thank the Lord for the privilege of having Brother Pifer as a guest in the parsonage for 2 weeks, and for the privilege of being laborers together in the Lord. The spiritual results of this first campaign in our new building will last into eternity, as souls won in the months ahead will come as a result of seed sown.

Brethren Navaho Mission (Ray M. Martindale)—

We are closing the first Brethren Navaho Mission school today (April 18). It has been in operation for 8 months and 3 days. All the boys and girls are happy and go about saying, "We are Christians now, for we accepted Jesus today." Due to my weak condition I was



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unable to finish the last chapel service, and Miss Angie Garber came to my aid. [Ed. note: Brother Martindale suffered from a penicillin reaction that was almost fatal. His heartbeat dropped to five times per minute, which explains his weakened condition. We praise the Lord for answered prayer in restoring Brother Martindale to health.]

York, Pa. (Gerald Polman)—

We arrived on the field April 23 and the first need was employment, which the Lord provided immediately. It is hard physical labor, but the hours can be arranged almost to my own choosing, which is a real advantage. The Bible class has been meeting Friday, but it will be changed to Wednesday night. Those who make up the nucleus, number between 30 and 40, including the children. The YMCA is permitting us to use a room for morning meetings, and we plan to have our first Sunday morning service on May 11. We are very favorably impressed with the possibilities of York and with the fine group, their interest and spirituality.

Beaumont, Calif. (Gene Farrell)—

The wettest season in California for many a year has slowed the progress on the stuccoing of the new church, and we did not make the goal for Easter to have this

Cameos in Scripture

Send Sermon Outlines to Rev. Caleb S. Zimmerman,
927 Bellaire Ave., Dayton 10, Ohio

OUR BLESSED HOPE

(I Thessalonians)

For believers in the Lord's return is—

1. Blessed in its Anticipation (chapter 1).
2. Blessed in its Compensation (chapter 2).
3. Blessed in its Culmination (chapter 3).
4. Blessed in its Convocation (chapter 4).
5. Blessed in its Expectation (chapter 5).

(Clarence M. Keen)

THE BELIEVER'S HEART

1. Broken—Confesses sin (Psa. 51:17).
2. Opened—Receives the Word (Acts 16:14).
3. Single—Serves faithfully (Eph. 6:5).
4. Pure—Loves fervently (I Pet. 1:22).
5. True—Draws near to God (Heb. 10:22).
6. Purposed—Cleaves to the Lord (Acts 11:23).
7. Evil—Departs from God (Heb. 3:12).

(The Treasury)

work finished. However, the wet weather has not dampened the spirit of the work, for there were 23 conversions during the quarter. Sunday school hit 166 on Easter, 16 over the record. The morning worship attendance was 148 and 32 over the record. Over \$1,000 was raised during the quarter for the building fund. Isn't He wonderful!

Portland, Oreg. (Vernon J. Harris)—

The church in Portland is growing in every way. The Easter Sunday service broke all previous records with 185 in Sunday school and 129 in the morning service. We had a good revival meeting with Dr. C. H. Ashman. This meeting made it necessary to lay aside our financing program, but we are hard at it again. The deadline of April 30 has been extended for reaching \$25,000 through the Everman plan of insurance financing. Do you know of anyone who would be interested? We are making plans for D. V. B. S. and expect between 150 and 200 children. This will necessitate using our home again this year. It looks like a busy summer ahead without any dull moments.

Artesia, Calif. (Adam H. Rager)—

In our business meeting April 22 the plans for our new building were accepted by a unanimous vote of the members present. There are many details to work out yet, but our people are willing to proceed as the Lord leads. Our building program is being set up on a more-or-less pay-as-you-go basis and we realize the step that precedes all others is the step of faith. The Lord is blessing with a good attendance in our services. We had 213 for Sunday school on Easter and 124 in the morning worship service. I believe this is the highest attendance in the church's history.

Seminary Gospel Team Members Tell of Taos Valley Blessings

THE LIGHT SHINING IN TAOS, NEW MEXICO

"And ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8)

In my short visit to Taos I was very much impressed and thrilled at the way the young people are on fire for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It was a great challenge to me seeing the group at Taos testifying and working for Christ, putting Him first so that they might save some from the error of their ways unto a living Saviour. You would be amazed at the progress they are making along the lines of personal evangelism and Bible study.

Bible institute classes are held on certain nights of the week, where the students are instructed in the preparation of sermons and a general knowledge of the Bible. Young people's meetings are held on Friday nights, at which time they come together and sing choruses, study the Word, and fellowship together in the Lord.

The group isn't large, but the testimony it bears puts many of our larger churches to shame. Our brother Sam Horney, his wife, and Miss Celina Mares are doing a wonderful job meeting the needs and keeping the Gospel going forth. They deserve our daily prayers for strength to do all the work that needs to be done and for patience and wisdom to deal with the opposition Satan sends against them. The laymen and young people also need our prayers that as they work and come in contact with unsaved, confused, blinded people they might have the wisdom, knowledge, and grace to deal with these people and open their eyes to the truth that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation.—*Jim Dickson.*

WE WITNESSED GOD'S WORK IN HOME MISSIONS

"New Mexico—Land of Enchantment," or so the travel folders read, and we as a gospel team from Grace Seminary discovered it to be true. Our sphere of enchantment was narrowed to that part of New Mexico called Taos Valley. For 7 days we viewed the many places of interest and for 7 evenings witnessed God's Word going forth in this home mission field.

My first impression of the Gospel in action here was in the newly built chapel at Cordillera. I especially liked the freshly whitewashed interior fronted with a bright red velvet hanging and white pulpit.

The welcome we received from the folk gathered there was most cordial as we made acquaintance with brothers and sisters in Christ. The pastor, Tony Luna, is personable and capable—a fine leader of the flock.

Spirited music opened the evening service and we struggled to join in with our very meager knowledge of Spanish.

When opportunity came for the team to present our portion of the service, we found ourselves feeling very much at home—in God's house with God's people.

What has been said of the work at Cordillera is equally true of the work at Cañon with the Horneys and at Arroyo Hondo with Celina Mares.

We thank God for this opportunity to serve Him.—*Tom Inman.*

I WAS THRILLED AT THE IMPROVEMENTS

It has been said that the biggest room is the room for improvement. The Cañon Brethren Church at Taos, N. Mex., has made that room much smaller in the past 3 years.

It was my privilege to help in the vacation Bible schools of the Spanish-American work there in the summer of 1949. I was thrilled as I saw the many changes in the work that had taken place since that time. As I entered this church on April 6, 1952, these changes were seen: the auditorium had been remodeled and redecorated, an Organo had been purchased, metal chairs replaced the straight wooden benches, the basement was remodeled, and more classroom space was made available.

But more than the physical changes there were the spiritual changes and improvements. Yes, there were many of the same faithful people still there, but so many new ones. These new ones were the proof that there had been spiritual victories. Oh that more of our Brethren young people had a burden for lost souls like these at Taos! Would that more of us realized what we are saved from, then we would have such a burden!

Similar improvements were made in the Arroyo Hondo church, the major one being the doubling of the size of its building with "converted" Catholic adobes.

A new church has been built at Cordillera, with Tony Luna, from Cañon, as pastor.

All these changes have helped to reach many with the Gospel, still there are many in the Taos valley who know nothing of a risen Saviour!—*Iris Heckman.*

EYEWITNESS TO THE PENITENTES' RITES

Since the Lord has placed a special interest on our hearts for work among Spanish people, we counted it a wonderful opportunity to become personally acquainted with the work at Taos.

It was of special interest to me to observe the traditions and idolatry from which most of our Spanish Christians come. My heart ached to witness the fear and superstitions which the unsaved Catholics harbor. The Penitentes, a group of men within the Catholic Church, were the ones we saw. Confining themselves in the *morada* during Passion Week, they endeavored to experience the sufferings of Christ by beating their backs till they bled, bearing a life-sized cross as they trudged to the top of the mountain on Good Friday, etc. As they emerged from their week of isolation they gave a Passion Play, portraying a combination of the crucifixion and idolatry. Finally, the hideous image of Jesus was removed from the cross and placed in a coffin. That night a huge sum of money must be paid at the mass in order that Christ might be resurrected.

How I praise Him that I serve a living Saviour, One who completely paid my debt of sin with but one death and one resurrection.—*Mrs. Tom Inman.*



The Simmons family, the church, the choir, and a Sunday morning congregation are shown in the above picture. The goal of the Juniata church was to reach an average of \$88 per week for the building fund. This figure was considerably higher than the average for the year 1951, but the Lord blessed the first quarter of 1952, and the average was \$90. Dr. Floyd Taber, our medical missionary to Africa, was the special speaker on the day the above pictures were taken, and he is shown on the front row with the pastor, Rev. Phillip Simmons.

"YE ALSO HELPING TOGETHER" (II COR. 1:11)

By Miss Angie Garber

Up in the northwest corner of New Mexico, in a strange land of sand and sagebrush, mesas and scrubby piñon and cedar trees, is your Brethren Navaho Mission station. Here, on September 10, we began our first school for Indian children. As each carload of ragged little Navahos were brought in they were introduced to warm, soapy showers and clean clothes. There were many sores to be dressed and lice to be exterminated. What a transformation when they emerged from the shower rooms! Gradually they became adjusted to this new way of living: eating balanced meals, sleeping in comfortable dormitories, and developing their active minds.

A teacher who knew only English and children who knew only Navaho made an interesting combination. What could we do? We began by using pictures. Animals, plants, and objects have names in any language, and before long the strange English names were mastered. When words failed to register there was always the recourse to actions: "come," "go," "stand," "sit," are done alike by Indian or white man and in this way these words were learned.

Flashcards with pictures to accompany the word proved of great value, then the words were written on the blackboard and each child in turn found a word called by the teacher. In a surprisingly short time little preprimers could be placed in their hands. How they loved them! Recess and after-school hours were employed by those ambitious little minds to secure a private reading lesson also. After the primers were introduced we had workbooks which were treasured and enjoyed.

The more gifted children finished their first readers by the end of the school year.

Arithmetic was easier. Number games helped to make the numerals familiar and soon simple problems were used. Writing also proved to be a favorite means of entertainment. It was fun to copy those crooked marks and then learn to write your own name. Coloring and art work played an important part in our schedule those first days of school, too.

A puzzle map was a means of introducing informal geography and, as usual, Texas became the most easily recognized of the States. Near the close of the term a globe was sent to us and we became acquainted with the world as a whole. They even wanted me to show them where David killed "Golilla," as they called the giant.

The most thrilling class to the teacher was language. Here they must think in English and then write those thoughts down. We grew verb- and noun-conscious of necessity. First we named something and then found a word to tell what it did. We usually wrote a story on the blackboard. What would we write about? If someone suggested a cat we had to decide if it were to be big or little, black or yellow, and then we went on to tell where it lived, and what it was doing. When we finished, those who were ambitious wrote a story of their own, while the slower children copied the one from the board. At first the original "stories" went like this: "Rabbit carrot eat," and that was really good. This came to be a favorite: "The rabbit jumps over the box." But at the end of the school year some could write con-

secutive sentences which told a little story. There were still mistakes, but progress.

It was interesting to watch their development in spoken English. This came slower, as any language student knows. It is much easier to read something put together by others than to try to think and express those thoughts in a new language. Often the teacher would hear her own expressions in the parrot-like phrases used by her little Navahos as they played. "Put away your work," someone would say in perfect English, or, "Sit down."

We were here to teach them to read and write, but far more important than this was the development of their spiritual life. There were chapel periods each day where they learned Bible stories, verses of Scripture, and songs. Bedtime brought the opportunity for evening prayer, and constantly in our life together we would

point them to the Saviour who loves them and gave Himself for them. It was not surprising then that at the close of our school each little Indian wanted to bow in prayer to give his heart to the Lord.

The children have now returned to their homes. Their parents thanked us for our care for them and seemed pleased with their progress. School is over for this year. Our accomplishments and failures are in the hands of the Lord. Every success was a direct answer to your prayers, every worth-while gain was by His power at work through us. Only your faithfulness made our faithfulness possible, for we are at best weak and unworthy of such a task. The Lord gave the needed strength and we do praise Him for a year of service. Pray that this work, which has just been started, may grow and bring forth fruit for our wonderful Lord.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST CARIBBEAN TEAM TOUR A SUCCESS

Editor's note: Missionary aircraft are still at work around the world carrying the Gospel of Christ to the lost, and their number is increasing. Rev. Paul C. Hartford, formerly of Winona Lake, Ind., is here shown with a group of Christian workers who are evangelizing in the Caribbean area. Pray for these ministers of Christ as they carry the Gospel on "wings" to the thousands lost in sin.

A team of seasoned Latin-American Gospel workers under the leadership of Robert Savage, Youth for Christ vice president for all Latin America, reports a genuine interest in evangelism throughout the West Indies islands. The team also includes Paul C. Hartford, YFC Caribbean representative; William Gillam, Inter-American Bible Institute of Medellin, Colombia; Robert Dalke, West Indies Mission, Cuba; Bradford Hartt, Los Pinos Bible Institute, Cuba; and Robert Crosby, Wesleyan Methodist Mission, of Medellin, Colombia.

"Wings of the Morning" (Psa. 139:9), is a four-passenger Cessna 170 owned and operated by Victory Sky Pilots, Inc., but at the full-time disposal of Youth for Christ work. It has proved a great blessing as an advertising arm of the campaigns, distributing more than 100,000 pieces of literature in the evangelized regions, as well as hauling all equipment for the meetings, movie projector and films, public-address system, and musical instruments. Each member of the team was not only a preacher and singer, but an instrumentalist also, thus forming a well-rounded musical ensemble.

Starting with 2 weeks in central Cuba, the rallies met with enthusiastic support from the townspeople and city officials, even though the city had been known as a stronghold of Catholicism for centuries. On the opening day of the second campaign, scheduled plans were slightly changed by the Cuban revolution, but meetings were started in a church building, until the latter part of the week, when the gatherings moved to the large tobacco warehouse rented for the series.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti, was the scene of city-wide cooperative evangelism for the third week, in a large tent raised on the beautiful exposition grounds, where the crowds numbered about 2,000 nightly and 3,000 the closing Sunday evening.

The unanimous expression of the team members was that God's blessing was probably most evidenced during the campaign in Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. In a city and country under strict governmental rule, where never before such a united meeting had been conducted, there beneath the shadow of a convent wall, an



Left to right, Robert Savage, Paul Hartford, William Gillam, Robert Dalke, Bradford Hartt, Robert Crosby.

average of 1,500 people gathered nightly to hear the Gospel story in song and word.

The final 2 weeks brought the revival effort to Puerto Rico, with the capital city, San Juan, as the site of the concentrated evangelism the first week, and one-night rallies in various towns throughout the island, and on smaller islands of the Virgin Islands during the last week.

A total of 84 rallies and public meetings, 24 radio broadcasts and 4 business meetings were conducted by the team, including chapel services in penitentiaries, orphanages, sanatoriums, leprosariums, schools, colleges, and seminaries. An aggregate total of 41,755 persons by conservative count attended the visible audiences, with 702 individuals making a public decision for the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, after having been dealt with personally in a very thorough manner.

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Rev. Vernon J. Harris has been given a unanimous call to serve as pastor of the Portland, Oreg., church for another year.

The new address of Miss Grace Grauel is 5952 Rita Ave., Huntington Park, Calif.

Rev. Forest Lance has a new address at 223 Ely Ave., Findlay, Ohio (change Annual, p. 68).

Rev. Edward Bowman has been called to serve the Garwin, Iowa, church for another year with an increase in salary.

The Everett, Pa., church had a record attendance of 56 people present in prayer meeting on May 7. On May 2 six people were baptized, and received into the membership on May 4 when the attendance was 83 in the morning service and 86 in the evening service. Four people accepted the Saviour on that day.

Rev. Gilbert D. Engelman has moved to 4476 New Jersey St., San Diego 16, Calif. (change Annual, p. 67).

The Altoona, Pa., Grace Brethren Church was host to the 2-day Juniata Bible Conference April 28-29. The speaker was Rev. John Aeby, of Philadelphia. Rev. Robert Cessna, of Philadelphia, preached at the church on May 11, and Rev. Spiros Zodhiates, Greek missionary, spoke there on May 18. The pastor, Rev. Phillip Simmons, was absent in evangelistic services.

The Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church received a member by baptism on April 27.

The Northern Ohio Laymen plan to hold a rally at the Fremont church on May 26.

Rev. John Evans is now pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, Bethany church.

"Since Rev. Victor Rogers' resignation is to take effect June 1 the Pleasant Grove Church near North English, Iowa, is open for a new pastor. We have a modernized parsonage on a surfaced road and a faithful congregation. If interested please contact Mrs. John Myers, corresponding secretary, Williamsburg, Iowa."

The Dayton, Ohio, First church heard Mrs. Peter Quartel, superintendent of the Dayton City Rescue Mission, and Rev. Caleb Zimmerman, of the Patterson Park church, on May 11 in the absence of the pastor, Rev. William Steffler, who was holding evangelistic services in Allentown, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. William Steffler, of Dayton, Ohio, are now grandparents. A son was born to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Gault, of Philadelphia, Pa.



At the Whittier, Calif., church Dr. David L. Cooper spoke to the men on May 13, and Mrs. Leo Polman spoke to the women on May 15.

At the Johnson City, Tenn., church Rev. John Burns baptized eight people on May 4. Rev. Ralph Graves, of Greenville, S. C., occupied the pulpit on May 18 while the pastor attended his brother's graduation at Grace Seminary. The congregation voted to support the National Sunday School Board of the denomination with 50c per member. The church plans to cooperate in the "Christ for Everyone" campaign in October, with Rev. Ding Teuling as the evangelist.

Rev. R. I. Humberd held a Bible conference at the Heart's Harbor Tabernacle, Louisville, Ky., May 8-11.

The Brethren schools of Long Beach, Calif., under the direction of the First Brethren Church, will close this year with seven young people graduating from the high school. The Long Beach Brethren schools are now operating with 18 teachers, but more will be needed in the fall. If prepared and interested, write Dr. Charles Mayes, 1925

E. Fifth St., Long Beach 12, Calif. These schools had 41 students who participated in the music festival of the California Association of Christian Schools at the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles on May 9.

Dr. Charles Mayes spoke at the Paramount Brethren Church on May 4. This church is sponsored by the Long Beach First church and meets in the building of the Brethren High School at Olive St. and Orange Ave. On April 29 Brother Mayes spoke at the Young Russian Christian Association Center, which work is under the direction of Bro. Jack Green.

The East District youth rally was held May 9-10 at the Listie, Pa., church with 232 people present. Rev. Robert Cessna, pastor of the Philadelphia, Pa., Third church, was the special speaker for the three main sessions of the rally. There were also separate meetings for the Sisterhood girls and for the Boys Clubs.

Young people's camps are planned for the various districts this summer. Be sure to read the article written by Youth Director Ralph Colburn concerning these camps that will appear in the next issue of the Herald.

Twenty people from the Philadelphia churches accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson to the ship in New York harbor on May 7 as they began their return trip to Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams were scheduled to sail for Africa on May 13.

On May 4 seven people were baptized and received into the membership of the Buena Vista, Va., church, of which Rev. Galen Lingenfelter is pastor.

The Radford, Va., church, pastored by Rev. K. E. Richardson, had 104 people present in Sunday school, 100 in morning service, and 75 in evening service on May 11. During the day eight people publicly confessed Christ as Saviour, seven of them being members of one family.

Dr. Charles H. Ashman is writing a series of articles on the subject of prophecy for the readers of the Brethren Missionary Herald. This series will begin with the first issue in June and will continue for 8 or 10 weeks. Be sure your subscription is paid up so that you will miss none of these articles.

The Atlantic District youth rally is being held May 23-24 at the Philadelphia, Pa., Third church, Ella and Tioga Streets.

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

Modern Children Are Sad

Dr. Herman Shibler, superintendent of the public schools in Indianapolis, Ind., asserted in a recent public address that "today's children are filled with sadness and frustration because of the dim future they foresee for themselves due to the world situation today." No doubt the superintendent is correct in far too many cases, especially in the lives of the children where there has been no contact with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In his address the speaker went on to say that "even adults today have no one to whom they may turn for security." Now at this point he has made a serious mistake, as every one who has accepted the Saviour for salvation knows. Of old the psalmist declared after years of experience: "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety. . . . My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart. . . . Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psa. 4:8; 7:10; 23:4). These are but a few of the many statements that might be cited to show that the psalmist found security in the Shepherd of his soul.

Now, if it is true that the modern child is sad it is because the parents—the older generation—have not acquainted the child with the Lord Jesus, who brings security and joy to the trusting heart.

Mother's Love Is Still Needed

Mary Peebles, writing in the Canton, Ohio, Repository, on Mother's Day, declared: "Modern science may have changed the mechanics of birth and made it easier for children to be brought into the world, but there never will be a scientific substitute for the love and care that must be bestowed by mothers. . . .

"In the last few years, motherhood has worn the uniforms of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps, and those mothers who have not worn uniforms have fought with their own weapon—prayer. On their private battlefields they have dis-

played a courage and faith equaling that found on the fields of combat.

"The knowledge that somewhere behind the shadow of every great person stands a mother or the memory of a mother points up the theory that the future of the world can be shaped by today's mothers.

"Holding in their arms the babies whose minds may plan peace or havoc, modern mothers are being flung a challenge greater than any ever presented to women down through the ages."

Concerning the mother who knows and fulfills her responsibility, the wise man, Solomon, wrote many centuries ago: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he will have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. . . . Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. . . . She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. . . . Her children rise up, and call her blessed: her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Prov. 31:10-31).

Heart Disease Deaths Increase

One of the signs of the approaching end of the age is the increase in the number of people who are dying from various heart ailments. The Lord Jesus said this would be so, for He declared at the end of His earthly ministry: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:25-26).

A recent report from Scotland states that this is becoming ever more true among the Scotsmen. The Scottish Health Services Council reported that in the last 20 years there has been a "real, substantial, and progressive increase in coronary heart disease." The report further indicates that this is especially true of people who die before they are 60 years old.

Believer, keep looking up, for the coming of the blessed Lord Jesus cannot be far away.

Getting Ready for War

In writing of the times of the gentiles, or this day in which we live, the prophet Joel wrote: "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war . . . beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong" (Joel 3:9-10).

Two men in high position in our nation have recently shown by their utterances that Joel knew whereof he spoke. One of them, Sen. Blair Moody, of Michigan, said: "I think the American people should be told what weapons have been developed and are under development—so terrible that they numb the imagination." Indeed, most of us do not realize how terrible modern warfare is.

The Army Chief of Staff, Gen. J. Lawton Collins, added his testimony thus: "I will say for the record that according to the best advice, what we are building in practically every field that we know anything about represents superior weapons to those of the Soviets."

Child of God, we cannot stop this "mad rush" to outdo the other nations in military affairs, but we can be very diligent in telling men how to be prepared to meet the trials of life and how to be prepared to die.

The End Is Death

Writing from Washington, D. C., Newspaper Columnist David Lawrence wrote on May 10 these alarming words: "The doctrine of Machiavelli—that the end justifies the means even if the means are improper—has been embraced by the men in temporary control of the United States Government. That's what the real trouble is in Washington today.

"Like a cancer it eats into the morals and the law. It governs the executive. It sometimes penetrates the judiciary. It accounts for the supineness of Congress."

Only one comment is necessary and that comment is embodied in the words of Solomon: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). In light of

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Chico, California

On March 9 Rev. Bob Finley was with us and challenged us to a rededication of ourselves to the Lord in more self-denial for His work. As a result there were 27 public rededications and it has led to the beginning of a 6:30 a.m. prayer meeting each week-day since then.

Our fourth anniversary was observed on March 30 with Rev. William Clough, of Tracy, as the speaker at the morning and the evening services. A local pastor spoke at the afternoon service. At the close of the morning service six babies were dedicated to the Lord.

On April 6 we baptized the Carl Brown family of five members, the first complete family to be baptized here in this work. The congregation now has 50 members. We pray for the Lord's continued blessing in the salvation of souls.

A real blessing to the work is the desire of three families of the church who live in the Los Molinos area, 30 miles north, to gather in one of the homes weekly to pray for themselves and to uphold this work before the Lord.—*J. Ward Tressler, pastor.*

South Pasadena, California

Chalking up a 62 percent attendance increase in a 7-weeks Sunday school contest, the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church of South Pasadena counted 211 persons present Easter Sunday for the greatest record in its history.

Averaging 130 for many months, the school was challenged by Supt. Riley McKinley to double the attendance by Easter. Using the theme of a "Rocket Flight to the Moon," the school was divided into two sides, with Capt. Walter Van Selow piloting the Blue Rocket and Capt. Dwight Nichols piloting the Red Rocket. Crew members all wore either little red or blue rockets.

Individual scorecards were marked each Sunday, points being scored for Sunday school attendance, visitors brought, new members brought, phone calls made, calls made in

homes, and church services attended. The weekly progress of the two sides was depicted on a large 10-foot shadow-box type display in the front of the church, showing a red and blue rocket soaring away from the earth toward the moon, against a star-studded background.

Individual initiative was rewarded each Sunday with special gifts for the high scorers. Souvenir gifts were given to everyone present almost every week. A "family portrait" was given to the largest family present. Another Sunday the pastor had to divide his "birthday cake" between two persons who each brought six visitors. Following the contest all new members and those who brought them were treated to a Chinese dinner, and the entire crew of the Red Rocket, losers of the contest, had to "wait tables" at the recent Sunday school picnic.

Newspaper stories and ads carried the contest to the community. On the church lawn there were 12 4-foot red and blue rockets, all set for the take-off and bearing such captions as "Bring the Family," "Sunday School Contest," "Rocket Flight to the Moon," and "Help Us Double Our Attendance." Posters appeared everywhere throughout our church as a result of the poster contest and there was also a song contest. Each Sunday there was a new emphasis, such as "Family Day," "Baby Day," "Bring-Your-Neighbor Day," etc. Coupled with all this, there was the weekly publication of a mimeographed four-page newspaper, the "Rocket," which was mailed into hundreds of home.

Total attendance for the 7 weeks was 1,211, with 131 different individuals registered as visitors, of which number 30 became new members. Attendance increased at all services and nothing has so stirred and thrilled the people of our church as the blessings which God gave during these weeks.

Greatest cause for rejoicing were the eight persons who received Christ as Saviour during the period.

Immediately following the contest, the Lord blessed our church with the ministry of Rev. Armin Gesswein, director of the Revival Prayer Fellowship, whose messages on the prayer life of the church were most profitable. Added to this was the ministry in song by Vere Raley, baritone, whose work was deeply appreciated.

We can truly say, "The Lord hath

done great things for us whereof we are glad."—*Thomas Hammers, pastor.*

Garwin, Iowa

It is with praise to the Lord that we make this report of the Lord's doings at the Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa. In the 2½ years that the present pastor has been on the field a number of improvements have been made. The parsonage has been modernized. The church and parsonage grounds have been graded and improved by the planting of a new lawn and shrubbery. Through the kindness of a friend, a planting guide has been drawn up and presented to the church. It is our hope that within the next few years the grounds will be completely landscaped.

Last fall a new oil furnace was installed in the church. This spring work has begun on the addition of a room to the parsonage.

Probably the greatest step this congregation has taken has been that of adopting a missionary, Miss Marian Thurston, one of our own members, who will be sailing for Africa this fall, the Lord willing. The church has taken action to support her in the matter of prayer and financial aid. We believe this will prove to be a great spiritual blessing to the church as a whole.

The church has taken good care of her present pastor, which has been manifested by substantial increases in his salary each year.

A fine spirit exists among the members of the church, for which we praise the Lord. We are looking forward to revival meetings with Bro. Bill Smith next fall.—*Edward Bowman, pastor.*

GERMAN METHODISTS GAIN

The Methodist Church in Germany now has a membership of about 65,000 people, which is a gain of 30 percent since the end of World War II. A report states that 41 percent of these Methodists live in the Soviet zone. There are 350 pastors and 1,000 lay preachers serving these people.

Germany is very definitely a nation that is greatly in need of more Gospel preaching. In spite of the growth of the Protestant churches there the majority of the people are still not being touched with the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE STANDARD OF LIFE FOR THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER?

(Continued From April 26 Issue)

In foregoing installments of this monograph, eight questions have been discussed and answered: First, What is the law? Second, Under what conditions could this law give life? Third, Why was the law unable to save men? Fourth, What was God's purpose in giving the law? Fifth, What was the relation of God's written law to Israel? Sixth, What was the relation of the law to gentiles? Seventh, Is the Christian believer under the law? Eighth, What are the dangers of putting Christians under law? We come now to another important question:

IX. WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE STANDARD OF LIFE FOR THE CHRISTIAN?

This standard is the *will of God* in the context of His *grace* given in our Lord Jesus Christ as revealed perfectly in the entire Word of God written. This is so important that I have suggested to my classes that it should be memorized. The essential elements are set in italicized type: (1) The will of God. (2) In the context of His grace. (3) Given in our Lord Jesus Christ. (4) Revealed in the entire Word of God written. Three passages should be read and studied in this connection:

The first is Romans 12:1-2, where Paul sets before us as Christian believers what he calls "the will of God," but it should be noticed that this "will" of God is enshrined within "the mercies of God." The "mercies" are first. For saved sinners this is the order of approach to the "will of God." The first 11 chapters of Romans are devoted to the exposition of the "mercies" of divine grace. Then the Apostle takes up the matter of God's will for Christians, and he sets it before us in the very center of the "mercies." In exhorting us to realize the "will of God," he writes, "I beseech you . . . by the mercies of God." This is what we mean by "the will of God in the context of His grace."

The second passage is John 5:39 (A.S.V.), where our Lord declares Himself as the central object and theme of all written revelation. To the Jewish hearers of His day, men who prided themselves on their zeal in study of the written Word, He says, "Ye search the scriptures, because ye think that in them ye have eternal life." And then He reminds them that these same Scriptures "are they which bear witness of me." If they miss Him, all their zealous searching of Scripture will go for nothing. For the gift of eternal life comes only by divine grace, and the grace of God comes only in His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Thus the will of God in the context of His grace is found in Christ alone. "Grace . . . came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17).

The third passage is II Timothy 3:15-17, where the Holy Ghost through Paul affirms that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is *profitable*" in every way for the children of God, to bring them to perfection

and furnish them unto all good works. Consider now some important truths found in the above three passages:

1. *The entire written Word of God is able to make us "wise" with reference to that salvation which we have by faith in Christ.* It is undoubtedly true that a sincere perusal of the Scriptures can, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, bring the unsaved to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. But it is also true that one may in simple faith receive eternal life in Christ and yet remain unwise in many respects with reference to that great salvation. For this reason God has given us His total written Word to make us "wise" regarding the greatness of our salvation in Christ.

2. *This entire Word of God is "profitable" to all Christians in all its various parts.* We should notice the sweeping character of the Apostle's statement: "All scripture . . . is profitable," he writes. Or as it may also properly be translated, "Every scripture . . . is profitable." Let us beware, therefore, of the error of supposing that there is anything in the Book of God which can be set aside, or even neglected, by the Christian believer. All of the Book, and every part of it, no matter how small, will be found "profitable" for the saved. We cannot dispense with any of it without loss to ourselves. In this connection, it needs to be emphasized without any compromise, that "all scripture" includes the *law of Moses*. Not only so, but it includes all the elements of that law—moral, ceremonial, and civil. And included also are the *penalties* of the law. We who are saved are not under the law, but the law is part of the written Word and is therefore "profitable" to the saved. In what way is "all scripture" profitable? The answer is (1) for "*doctrine*," (2) "*for reproof*," (3) "*for correction*," (4) "*for instruction in righteousness*." The student will find in I Corinthians 10:1-14 an instructive lesson in how Paul used the law of Moses in the Pentateuch in the various ways outlined above for the good of Christian believers in his day. We are not *under* the law, but that same law, because it is inspired Scripture, is full of precious doctrine and useful lessons for us.

3. *This entire written Word serves as a "mirror" for the Christian.* In this perfect mirror of the Scriptures we may see, first, *ourselves*. Speaking of the Word of God in relation to Christian believers, James describes the man who "beholding his natural face in a glass" "goeth his way and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was," in contrast to the man who not only "looketh" at himself in the mirror but also is a "doer" of something about the matter (1:22-25). And the difference between the two men is, in the beginning, not merely a matter of doing or not doing, but rather in the manner of their look into the mirror of the Word. The Greek verb of verse 24 suggests a merely casual look, whereas the verb of verse 25 indicates a careful look.

It is the careful look, and continuance therein, that produces the "doer of the work" and the resultant blessing.

But this looking at ourselves in the mirror of the Word must not be separated from the look into the same mirror to behold the *image of our Lord*. Looking at ourselves is not enough, and by itself can only bring utter despair. We must see the Lord. And the Holy Scriptures in their totality comprise the perfect mirror in which we may see our Lord in all His grace and glory. As the Apostle Paul writes. "But we all, with open [unveiled] face beholding as in a glass [mirror] the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (II Cor. 3:18). Seeing *ourselves* in the mirror of the Word is very much worth while, but it is beholding *the Lord* in this mirror that brings about the moral and spiritual change that all of us so much need. And it is significant that in writing about the importance of this mirror of the Word, Paul has in mind primarily the Old Testament Scriptures, and especially the five books of the Pentateuch written by Moses (cf. vs. 14 and 15).

This brings us to the remarkable character of the truth taught in the third chapter of II Corinthians. In the first 13 verses the apostle declares emphatically that for the Christian believer the law of Moses has been "done away" and actually "abolished" (11, 13). Yet this same law remains as a part of the mirror of the written Word in which we see the glory of the Lord. As "law" it has been abolished; as believers we are no longer under it as "law." Yet it remains as a part of Scripture, and as such it is "profitable" for us because it bears witness to our Lord and Saviour. Thus, to emasculate the written Word of any portion of it, whether moral or ceremonial law or anything else, is to mar and deface to that extent the only divinely authorized portrait of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the end hinders the Spirit's perfect work of sanctification. We see the importance of this in the postresurrection ministry of our Lord. "Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27, 44).

4. *This entire written Word of God points us to a perfect example in Christ.* As we behold His glory in the mirror of the Word, we see (1) *what we as believers ought to be here and now.* We shall remember that we ought "so to walk, even as he walked" (I John 2:6). We shall not forget that "even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (I Pet. 2:21). If we ever expect to have in us the "mind" which was also "in Christ Jesus," we must find that "mind" in the record of what He was and what He did. And for this we must have, not merely the four Gospels, not merely the New Testament writings, but the total written Word of God from Genesis through Revelation. Furthermore, as we see Christ in this total Word, we learn (2) *what we shall be at His coming.* We shall understand that, against all present appearances and adverse conditions, "when he shall appear, we shall be like him" (I John 3:2). And with this blessed hope in our hearts, we shall become purer men and women here and now even before He comes (4). Thus we shall count the "sufferings of this present time" not even to be compared with the "glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18). If God has predestinated us to be "conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom. 8:29), He has also predestinated the *means* by which this blessed conformation is being carried for-

ward even here and now. It is the total Word of God written and inspired, bearing witness of His Son.

5. *This total "Word of God written" is given us to center our attention upon Christ, what He is, what He has done, and what He said.* For the true believer, Christ must be the center and circumference of all things. "Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find."

(1) The written Word fixes our attention on *Christ Himself*. There are other great figures in the Scriptures. Think of Moses and Elijah, probably the greatest in the halls of Old Testament fame. But even these fade from sight in the light of the glory of the eternal Son. If we read the will of God rightly, led of the Spirit, we shall see "no man, save Jesus only" (Matt. 17:8). Let all those who preach and teach the Word take solemn heed. If they speak of Moses and Elijah and the others, let them be careful so to speak that these "lesser lights" will direct the eyes of men to Him who is both their Lord and ours.

(2) The written Word fixes our attention on the *love of Christ*. Even a lost world recognizes the value of love and its leaders talk much about love. But most of this talk concerns itself with love in the abstract. Sometimes it becomes a mere verbal idolatry. But in the Bible we meet something altogether different. Here we are told indeed that "God is love," but we are not left to speculate as to the real nature of "love" in the unseen and ineffable deity. The same Word which tells us that "God is love" goes on to direct our eyes to something historically concrete—"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." Do we struggle intellectually to understand the real nature of divine love? Well, "*herein is love*, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:8-10). And as we behold the love of God incarnate in the Son, our ears become more attentive to the exhortation which follows: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (11).

(3) The written Word of God also directs our eyes to the *work of Christ*. No matter where we open the Book, if we have eyes to see, we meet the blood of atonement. John the Baptist, last in the great succession of prophets of the Old Testament, sums up the testimony as his eyes looked upon the incarnate Son. "Behold the Lamb of God," John cries, "which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). And these words upon the lips of John spoke of *death*, for a "lamb" cannot take away sin except by dying. Thus, throughout the written Word, wherever we open its pages, "*we see Jesus*, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Heb. 2:9). And perceiving in Calvary "the love of God, because he laid down his life for us," we are brought to see that "we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (I John 3:16).

(4) The written Word of God also opens our eyes to the *words and commandments of Christ*. "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." So our Lord spoke in John 14:21; and again He says, "If a man love me, he will keep my words" (23). Here again we must have the total Word of God in order to hear in its widest aspect the voice of our Lord. We must understand that the voice of the infinite God comes

to men always through the Son, the eternal *logos*. It must be wrong, therefore, to reject the Old Testament or any part of it, as some do, or to set aside the Epistles of the New Testament as somehow inferior to the four Gospels, or to treat the prophetic element in Scripture as of little or no importance to the Christian life, as others do. As we read the written Word, if we are wise we shall hear the voice of the preexistent Son speaking to us in the Old Testament, the voice of the incarnate Son speaking to us in the Gospel records in the days of His flesh, and the voice of the exalted and glorified Son speaking to us from heaven in the other New Testament books. To be sure, there is progress in the revelation of God through the Son. In the movement of history, some things are superseded; others may be abolished. Some things are more important than other things. We must read the Book of God, not mechanically, but under the guidance of His Holy Spirit.

Sometimes we are asked: "What does it mean to 'keep' the words and commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ?" Well, certainly we can answer that at least one thing it cannot mean is to put ourselves back under any legalistic system of any kind. But positively we have some texts which shed light upon the problem. One of these is I Kings 14:8, where the Lord speaks of King David as one who "*kept my commandments*, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes." This is God's pronouncement upon the total life of David, a man who had failed terribly more than once. Another passage is found in the New Testament—John 17:6. Here we stand upon solemn ground and hear the communings of deity, the Son reporting and praying to the Father. And concerning the men who had followed Him during the days of His flesh, He reports an amazing thing: "*They have kept thy word.*" Reflecting back upon the ways of these weak men, we think of their selfish ambitions, their failure to receive the truth often, their quarreling at the last supper, the impending denial of Peter and the doubtings of Thomas. Yet the Lord, who knows the hearts of all men, beholds these weak and vascillating men lovingly, and says, "*They have kept thy word*"! Surely, this judgment is not based upon any legalistic balance between so many things done and so many things left undone, but rather upon the state of the heart and the direction of the life course—they loved the Lord and treasured His words and they were faced in the right direction. We come now to a most important thing:

6. *The will of God revealed in the written Word must always be seen in the context of God's grace.* I have already touched upon this more than once, but now we shall discuss the matter at some length. Nothing could be more crucial. Unless we see the will of God "*in the context of His grace*," we shall always be in danger of reverting to old systems of legalism or building new ones. If we center upon the "will of God" and ignore that "context of grace," it is possible to erect a legalistic system even on such books as Romans and Galatians! But consider now how carefully the Scriptures put the will of God in the context of His grace. In Romans 12:1-2 we are besought to realize the "will of God," but the exhortation comes to us "by the mercies of God." In I Corinthians 8:7-11 we are taught how careful we should be in our treatment of "weaker brethren," and the ultimate argument used is that the weak brother is one "for whom Christ died." In Philippians 2:2-5 the writer exhorts us to a life of love and forbearance, to be

concerned with the good of others rather than our own things. And how is this lofty ideal to be reached? Well, the apostle approaches his readers through the love and mercies they have found in Christ (vs. 1), and he closes the appeal by setting before their eyes the gracious condescension of the Son of God as He stoops from God to humanity, and then from humanity to death, even the death of the cross (vss. 5-8). In Philippians 4:1-3 Paul writes to bring together two women in the church who have had a falling-out, and he tells them to "be of the same mind," but that is not enough. They are to be of the same mind "*in the Lord*," and the apostle closes by reminding them both that their "names are in the book of life." What an argument! Two women whose names by the grace of God are written in the book of life, but they have failed to be gracious to each other with their names written on one church roll! Literally hundreds of other examples may be found by the diligent reader of the New Testament writings.

In the progress of revelation there will be found, of course, certain sharp contrasts between the age of the law and the present age. Thus in Deuteronomy 6:5 the great obligation of man is stated in blinding severity, unrelieved by any color of grace: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Consider now the language of grace: "We love him, *because he first loved us*" (I John 4:19). The passage from Deuteronomy brings us into the presence of a "great white throne"; the passage from John's pen puts "a rainbow round about the throne." If we are wise, we shall always read the two texts together. Take another example: Our Lord Jesus Christ, speaking of man's obligation to his fellow men, lays down the second great commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matt. 22:39). This is the law—the law of God. And we dare not and cannot change it. But come now this side of Calvary and hear the voice of the same Lord as He speaks through John, "*Beloved, if God so loved us*, we ought also to love one another" (I John 4:11). It is the same duty, but now enshrined in the context of grace. Take another example, this time from the Sermon on the Mount: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye *even so* to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7:12). It is a good law, but there is something higher: "Let each esteem other *better* than themselves" (Phil. 2:3). The law gives us the careful balance of justice, but the exhortation of grace is reckless in its demand, and it works because it is set in a "context of grace"—the blessed Son of God laying aside His pre-existent glory, making Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, humbling Himself to death for us who deserve nothing (Phil. 2:3-8). This is the argument of grace, and it is irresistible for those who have been saved and know the Lord. To it there is no answer save humble submission "*in lowliness of mind.*"

But although dispensational distinctions are genuine and may be clearly observed, we are not to suppose that the "context of grace" is completely absent from the earlier parts of Scripture. The Apostle Paul, speaking of the age of the law, observes, "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound." Then he adds, "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20). If you wonder how grace abounded even in the age of law, you need only read the record of the ceremonial law of sacrifice. It is here that we may find that "context of grace" in the midst of law. Consider,

for example, the giving of the Decalogue, those "Ten Words" which constitute the very center of the law. The record is found in the 20th chapter of Exodus. Tragically, most series of sermons on the Ten Commandments will end with verse 17. And the result is often the same as that found in the history of Israel. "The people . . . removed, and stood *afar off*" (18). This is the end result of the preaching of law apart from the context of grace.

But read on in the chapter. In verse 24 the God of Sinai speaks again, "An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings . . . and I will bless thee." The altar was to be made of "earth," the one material within the reach of all! But if "stone" should be used, no tool was to be used to shape it, for to do so would be to "pollute" it. Moreover, there must be no "steps" up to reach the altar. Surely, this is the language of God's grace! And what a pity that so many preachers, on the assumption that we are yet under the "moral" law but done with the "ceremonial" law, go on preaching the commandments of God without the context of grace, thus omitting the one factor which is able to secure the fullest realization of the ideal of moral law. The truth, of course, is that the Christian is not under law in any sense, whether moral or ceremonial. But on the other hand, both elements of the law continue to be essential parts of the total written Word of God down to the last "jot and tittle," and as such "profitable" to all the children of God in every age.

In this connection I would like to utter a word of encouragement to all those Christians who delight in finding the Lord Jesus Christ upon every page of Scripture. Do not permit yourselves to be frightened by those over-

cautious souls who cry against what they call "too much typology." Doubtless there are some things which may properly be catalogued as "types" and others not. But whatever you may call it, it is the privilege and highest duty of the Christian to discover and behold the face of the Lord Jesus in Scripture—everywhere! Far better to break a few rules of classical hermeneutics than to miss the vision of His blessed face. We need only one caution—let us be sure that what we find is always true to the historic revelation of the Son as recorded in the New Testament. With this safeguard, there is no end to what we may find in the inspired record of the infinite and incarnate Son of God. And finding Him we shall be finding in Him throughout Scripture the perfect will of God in the wonderful context of His grace. For grace reigns "through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 5:21).

7. *This context of grace is the only environment in which the will of God can be most fully realized in the Christian life.* In this context of grace we grow (II Pet. 3:18); we *stand* (I Pet. 5:12); we are *built up* (Acts 20:32); we are *made strong* (II Tim. 2:1); we are *made perfect* (I Pet. 5:10); we find *freedom from sin's dominion* (Rom. 6:14); we find complete *liberty* from legal bondage (Gal. 5:1-4); we find a sufficient *motive* for doing the will of God (II Cor. 8:9); we find an *enabling power* for Christian living (II Cor. 12:9); we find *recovery* when we fall (Heb. 4:16); we find *assurance* as to the final outcome of the Christian life (Acts 20:32).

Let us take care to follow the counsel of the great apostle, given to Christian believers in the midst of conflict with legalistic troublemakers, "Continue in the grace of God" (Acts 13:39-43). And let us be afraid, as Paul was afraid, of those who offer any other counsel—"I am afraid of you," he writes with deep indignation to those who urged a departure, seemingly very small, from the Gospel of the grace of God (Gal. 4:11).

(Note: The next and concluding installment will deal with Objections, Problems, and Questions.)

THOUGHTS FOR . . . PILGRIMS

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this the end will never justify the means, and men ought to accept the warning and turn from their wicked ways.

A New Life Is Needed

Since 1917 Frank Naples, 70-year-old citizen of New Haven, Conn., has been placed in jail 118 times. The offense in each case has been drunkenness.

What this man needs is not another sentence that will confine him to jail, though it may be necessary to give him that to keep him from harming other people, but what he needs is to get acquainted with the Saviour who said: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me . . . to preach deliverance to the captives" (Luke 4:18). If Naples is not brought into an acquaintance with the Lord now the

day will come when he will be compelled to stand before the Christ and receive his last and eternal sentence which will be served in hell, with never a release therefrom.

127 YEARS OF SERVICE

On April 27 the American Bible Society, with services in Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, celebrated 127 years of continuous service in the distribution of Christian literature. The speakers included Dr. John S. Wimbish, pastor of the host church, and three men from the board of directors of the society: Dr. David J. Fant, Dr. John W. Bradbury, and Rev. Charles Pelon.

Approximately 8,000,000 Gospel tracts were published by this society alone during 1951. The demand is still great for this form of Christian literature, especially for use in the armed forces now stationed throughout the world.

DR. SAMUEL ZWEMER DIES

Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer, well-known missionary of this century, died at New York City on April 3 at the age of 85. Dr. Zwemer has been known as one of the greatest missionaries of all time, having been ranked with Livingstone, Carey, and Paton. His particular field of service was among the Mohammedan peoples of Arabia and Egypt. He has written many books on the subject of missions.

The Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich., will publish a biography of Zwemer on September 15, entitled "Apostle to Islam." This volume is being authored by Dr. J. Christy Wilson.

The Altoona, Pa., area Brethren churches are planning a banquet at the local YWCA on May 29 to honor the young people of their congregations who are graduating from school this year.

10 MORE BRETHREN MISSIONARIES AFRICA BOUND



Dr. Harold Mason. (2) Mrs. Harold Mason. (3) Mr. Garber. (4) Miss Edith Geske. (5) Miss Gail Jones. (6) Miss Marian Thurston. (7) Mrs. Martin Garber. (8) Mrs. Kennedy. (9) Miss Mary Ann Habegger. (10) Mr. Kennedy.

... even
have I also sent
them into the world."
John 17:18.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard
Editor, Foreign Mission Number

Thank You

We desire to express our very great appreciation for your cooperation in prayer, in tithes and offerings, and in your words of encouragement in giving what we trust will be by far the largest foreign mission offering in the history of the Brethren Church. We have no way of knowing what the amount will be, but will report as fully as possible in our next month's Herald. To the pastors, especially, we want to express our very sincere appreciation for what we interpret as almost 100 percent cooperation. It is a joy to serve when there are so many loyal helpers.

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company Needs Your Support

This company, with which we have the privilege of being very closely associated, is truly a missionary agency of the Brethren Church. Through publications prepared by this fine company we have the privilege of sending our foreign missionary information to thousands of homes that we would not otherwise contact. Few of the publications are self-supporting—circulation, even though greatly increased, is still not large enough. One of the sources from which the Herald Company is sustained in its missionary publication work is through our tithes and offerings. The next 2 months will be the season of the year when such offerings are received. We recommend that you make a substantial gift to the missionary ministry of the Herald Company this year.

California Conferences

Since April 11 we have been busy in missionary conferences in California. Mrs. Minnie Kennedy cooperated in these conferences, and between us we usually had three or four services in every church. The plan has been very successful and we trust it can be used again and again in this and other districts. We should be back in Winona Lake, Ind., by June 1.

We Leave It With You

This will be the last issue of the Herald during our foreign mission offering period. There is still time to make your gift and have it counted as a part of this year's Easter offering for foreign missions. We depend upon this one offering a season for sufficient funds to carry a tremendous foreign missionary program for an entire year. We have no endowment—it is probably

better that we do not have. But we can send missionaries, or we must withhold missionaries from the field as your offerings dictate. Sufficient or insufficient offerings constitute the final court of appeal so far as our foreign missionary program is concerned. An offering just equal to that of last year, or even slightly larger, will mean that few, if any, new missionaries will be sent to the field after those going this fall. A substantially increased offering will indicate your desire to proceed in the business of sending missionaries, and our board of trustees will probably recommend that others be sent. *You must give the final answer!*

The Brazil Situation

The J. Keith Altig family is due to return to the States on furlough about March 1, 1953. If the work is not to suffer and the gain which has been made is not to be lost, another family must be on the field long enough before they leave in order for the testimony not to be interrupted. Mrs. Paul Miller is greatly improved in

Please Remember—Your Easter offering must arrive before June 15, 1952, in order to be counted as a part of the offering of this fiscal year. Offerings and reports should be sent to Miss Ruth E. Reddick, Winona Lake, Ind. Make all checks, money orders, etc., payable to THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH.

health, but it will be months at least before she is completely well and, of course, the matter of the return of the Miller family must wait for the future to decide. Bro. Paul Miller may return to Brazil soon on an emergency business trip in relation to outfit and customs situations, but this will not solve the problem of a family to relieve the Altigs.

The next family to go to Brazil has already been contacted, and is ready to leave the States as soon as arrangements can be made. But this other family has not yet been approved by the society, although fully approved by the board of trustees. Our plan will be to present this family to the society at the annual meeting in August, and upon approval by the society they may be able to sail for Brazil in September or October. This will go far toward solving the present Brazil situation. Pray that the Lord's will may be done, and if this is His will that the plan will be prospered.

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Our Cover Picture

On the cover page we present 10 young people under appointment by the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church for missionary service in French Equatorial Africa. During this 1951-52 school year all of them have been studying hard at Grace Theological seminary or taking further medical work. But their school days are not over! According to present plans, all of them will proceed to France in August and September for a period of language study before going on to the field in Africa.

May we present to you—

1 and 2—*Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason*, members of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., have been taking work in Grace Seminary this year. They have three children: Naomi Ruth, age 4; Stephen, who will soon be 3; and baby Gloria, who will be a year old in August. Indeed it will be a real joy to add another medical doctor to our missionary family in Africa.

3 and 7—*Mr. and Mrs. Martin Garber*, members of the La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif., have been studying in Grace Seminary for the past 3 years. Brother Garber received his Th.B. degree at the recent graduation service. His ability as a musician and preacher, as well as an auto mechanic, will prove most valuable to our work in Africa.

4—*Miss Edith Geske*, member of the First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C., graduated from the 2-year course in Grace Seminary in 1951. A graduate nurse, she will complete a course in medical technology in July.

5—*Miss Gail Jones*, member of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., is a graduate nurse. She graduated from the 2-year course in Grace Seminary on May 23.

6—*Miss Marian Thurston*, member of the Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa, graduated from the 2-year course in Grace Seminary in 1951. She is also a graduate nurse and will complete a course in medical technology in June.

9—*Miss Mary Ann Habegger*, member of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., is another graduate nurse. She, too, graduated from the 2-year course in Grace Seminary, receiving her degree on May 23.

8 and 10—*Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy* graduated from Grace Seminary on May 23. Brother Kennedy received the B.D. degree, *magna cum laude*, and Mrs. Kennedy finished the 2-year course. He is a member of the Winona Lake (Ind.) Brethren Church, and she is a member of the Clearbrook Brethren Church, near Roanoke, Va. Brother Kennedy was born in Africa, where his father laid down his life in service for the Lord. His mother still serves in Africa, but at present she is home on furlough.

This is the largest group ever sent out by the Foreign Missionary Society at one time, and this step is being taken by faith. Please pray definitely for each one in this group.

And, the Lord willing, the end is not yet. There are many more young people, talented and well-trained, who will soon be ready and who have offered their lives to the Lord to serve Him on our various mission fields. We covet your prayers in behalf of those who will be presented at the annual meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society in August, and we earnestly covet your prayers for funds sufficient to send all whom the Lord has called.

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GOING HOME TO AFRICA

(Editor's Note—Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson sailed from New York on May 7 en route to Africa to begin their seventh term of service in that land. The following messages were written just before their departure.)

A WORD AS WE RETURN

We are now in Philadelphia on the eve of our sailing. Freight and baggage have been delivered to the pier in Brooklyn, and tomorrow, the Lord willing, several auto loads of our beloved Brethren will accompany us to embark on the *S. S. Sulima* for Douala. From there we will drive the Dodge pickup over 800 miles of dirt roads east to Bozoum. We have been disappointed twice in our sailing date, but He ordereth our way, and even the delays have been used of the Lord for discipline and blessing.

It is our conviction that for physical rest, fruitful fellowship, and spiritual blessings, this furlough far surpasses the others we have enjoyed. Upon our arrival last June, and again as we prepared to return, God opened a delightful home for us in Philadelphia. Then for 9 months at Winona Lake the Missionary Residence was home indeed. It afforded seclusion for complete relaxation and home to return to after each deputation trip.

These physical blessings were fused in rich fellowship with our loved ones in the flesh and in the Lord. The years have added a sweetness to fellowship with old friends, and the assurance of continued fellowship in the Lord gives great encouragement. New friends have been added and our prayer list grows. Your kindnesses, interest, and support have greatly enriched our lives.

Best of all, we have tasted new spiritual blessings. Some of these came through the national and district conferences of our own church. Others came during Winona Lake Bible conferences and Founder's Week at Moody Bible Institute. We have had time to be quiet and meditate upon the Lord and His Word. He has dealt with us and challenged us.

As furlough among you ends, I find myself repeating Psalm 116:7—"Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee."

Besides all these personal blessings we have thoroughly enjoyed ministering in many of our churches across the land, telling of what God hath done in our African mission. Your interest and support have encouraged and challenged us to be more worthy servants of Christ. It was good to be home for the 1951 National Fellowship Conference when the largest number of missionaries ever to be presented to our annual meeting were approved for foreign service. This was a thrill long to be remembered.

And now back to Africa, for after all, furlough is only a means to an end. The physical and spiritual blessings so bountifully received must now be offered in loving service to our blessed Lord in Africa. We go gladly to make our offering, and may He be pleased to grant Holy Spirit endowment for a more fruitful term than ever before.

God bless you and keep you and, as we fellowship at His throne of grace in mutual intercession, ask "that



Dr. and Mrs. Jobson Ready to Sail

utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel . . . as I ought to speak." Orville D. Jobson.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Yes, we are going back again to our adopted country. Our hearts are full of joy and thanksgiving for the privilege we have of serving Him in Africa. The Lord has been so gracious to us during another furlough in our dear homeland, and the many blessings we have received are too numerous to mention. "Great is his faithfulness."

It was a privilege and a joy to visit different churches in the brotherhood, and especially to find so many new churches. We shall now be able to pray more faithfully for these home mission churches and their pastors. Then, too, we had such a good rest at the Missionary Residence. It was wonderful to have a place to call "home." We again wish to express our deep appreciation to those who have made this home possible for the missionaries. Also we send a big "thank you" to our faithful members of the Women's Missionary Council and Sisterhood of Mary and Martha who showered us with so many good things. May God richly bless each one is our prayer.

We enjoyed living near Grace Seminary and taking part in the many good things there, as well as being able to attend services at the Winona Lake Brethren Church, where we received spiritual food for our souls.

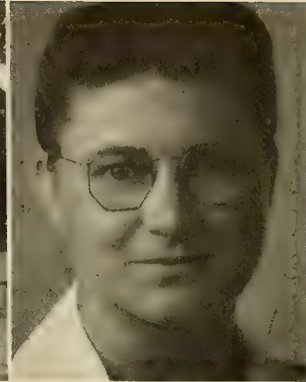
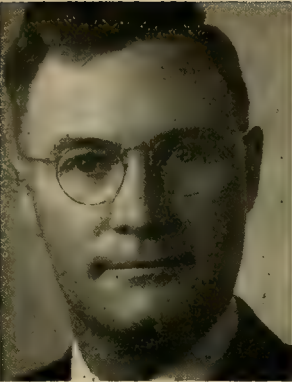
There just doesn't seem to be an end to the numerous blessings we have received from our heavenly Father, but to Him be the praise. However, the greatest thrill to us, I believe, was to see so many missionary volunteers for the different fields and, oh, how our hearts rejoice to know that several of these fine folk will soon be joining us on the African field, and together we shall go forward to reach the lost for Christ.

We leave Philadelphia tomorrow, May 7, and it will be 31 years since we first set sail for Africa, but the task is not yet finished. There are still more souls waiting to hear the Good News. We believe the time for evangelization is short. Let us together pray, and give, and go, and hasten to win that last soul to the Lord before His coming.

Brethren, pray for us!

Charlotte Jobson.

BACK TO BATANGAFO



Dear Friends in the Homeland,

The time has come for us to bid you farewell as we set our faces again toward Africa. The Lord willing, we are to sail tomorrow, May 14, on the *S. S. African Patriot*.

We have had a most enjoyable furlough and we thank you for making things so pleasant for us. Continue to pray for us and for our work, that we may be found faithful and be spent in the battle for the Lord who has chosen us to be soldiers.

God be with you till we meet again.

In our Master's name,

Robert and Lenore Williams.

EXPENDABLE

By Rev. Robert Williams, Batangafo, Africa

"Expendable." That is probably a very innocent word in ordinary usage. But during the last war it took on a meaning that was hard and cold as steel. So harsh was that meaning that the commanding officers out on the battlefield probably only said it by their actions. It meant that certain supplies and equipment, and even a certain number of men, could be spent, could be sacrificed if, of course, certain ends were accomplished.

In our battle for the Lord, too, certain things are expendable; some things must be spent, some things have to be sacrificed, if the desired end is to be accomplished. We sometimes wonder to what extent the condition of the church—yes, and of the world—is due to the fact that the church of Christ in years gone by has not always spent the expendable. The general must spend his army. It is hard, but if he does not sacrifice of his munitions and arms and tanks and planes and men, he will lose the battle. The only way to save the expendable is at the expense of losing the battle.

If our forefathers, perhaps, failed somewhat in spending the expendable, it might be profitable for us to examine ourselves. How are we doing? We, the Brethren Church of today—are we doing so "good"? How are we doing about expending the expendable?

Some Things Are Not Expendable

In every conflict there are some things that are not expendable. The sacrifice of that which should not be sacrificed is fully as fatal as to withhold that which should be expended. And in our spiritual battle there are, perhaps, some unexpendables which we are in danger of expending.

The Bible study hour, for example—dare we sacrifice the study of the Word? But do we sacrifice the study of the Word? The teacher of an adult Bible class in a Bible-loving church stood before his class a few Sundays

back and hinted that perhaps a number of those present had come without reading the lesson. Very graciously he did not call for a show of hands. Of course they had, perhaps, studied other portions of the Word during the week. But we wonder if there are not many Christians who go from one Sunday to the next without taking time for meditation in God's Word. Bible teachers, and even pastors, neglect the study of the Word. We become so busy that we miss the Bible hour. The hour of meditation and feasting on God's Word is sacrificed. Is it expendable?

Along with the Bible hour is the prayer hour. Can we sacrifice it? Do we sacrifice it? When the battle is pressing and the program is rushing, Brother Christian, Brother Pastor, how do we do? Isn't the prayer hour about the first thing that goes? We rise to the new day with its manifold duties—no time to pray. We come to the close of a strenuous day—too tired to pray.

So it often is in the home. How is it in the church? Why is it that such a small proportion of the church membership, ordinarily, attends the midweek service? "I suppose we ought to go. But it is only a prayer meeting." "I'm too busy," or "I'm too tired." Isn't that the usual attitude? Is it true or not that many who do not attend the midweek meeting have to be baited in with a feast? No, not physical meat, of course, but spiritual. How would the prayer-meeting attendance hold up if the hour was given over just to prayer and praise and no Bible study?

Or try to schedule a special week-day service in any church and see what happens. Almost unanimously the preferred night is prayer-meeting night. "Come on prayer-meeting night. We will give you our prayer hour." In most cases the church probably has only one hour a week when the Christians gather to lift their hearts to the Lord in praise and supplication concerning

the manifold blessings and needs of His work. Is that precious hour expendable?

But Some Things Are Expendable

But what about the expendable? To return to our question, "How are we really doing?" We are doing well. There is no doubt of it. But now let us ask ourselves, "Are we doing our best?" That is the big question. Obviously we are not, because others are doing better. The good is the enemy of the best. Perhaps Paul had that in mind, in part, when he said, "Forgetting those things which are behind . . . I press toward the mark."

How many of us have really given ourselves completely, wholly, all out for the Lord? How glibly we sing, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, over mountain, or plain, or sea. I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord; I'll be what you want me to be." And then, when the Lord clearly commands, we hide our eyes and turn our backs. He asks for our children and we are afraid to present them. He asks for our time (perhaps for prayer meeting or visitation work) and we just don't have time, or we are just too tired. What does that mean? It means "no time or energy for you, Lord; I've used it all looking after my own affairs." Or He asks

for money and we push the greenbacks aside for our own use and fish out the change for the Lord.

How many of us have given sacrificially for the Lord, really given up something for Him? How many times have we done it? To be sure, many have practiced and are practicing that kind of giving. But, by and large, aren't we just dipping into the abundance which the Lord has given us, making sure there is plenty left to pretty well supply our wants? I'm just asking. Perhaps I'm wrong.

"Expendable." Yes, some things are expendable in our battle for the Lord, and some things are not. It behooves us to beware that our subtle adversary does not wrest from us those precious essentials which are our source of power and wisdom and blessing. But it also behooves us to bear in mind that if we are really going all out for Him to fight a winning battle it is going to cost us more than just a few worldly habits and fleshly appetites. We are going to have to give our time, our talents, our business, our money, our children, our own selves, completely and wholly to Him. We must spend every vestige of our self-centered life, give it up, sacrifice it, that we may live the God-centered life and "please him who hath chosen us to be soldiers."

A GIFT FOR YOU

WHAT? A book entitled, "Some African Links," written by Miss Mary Emmert, who spent many years serving the Lord in our mission in French Equatorial Africa.

FOR WHOM? Each family represented in membership in the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church during the year 1951-52. (A member of the Foreign Missionary Society is one who gives \$5 or more in one gift annually. A life member is one who gives \$100 or more in one gift. Membership is not granted for gifts designated for mission work outside the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.)

WHEN? These books will be distributed from the foreign mission office following the receipt and tabulation of this year's Easter offering reports.

"It took our pioneer missionaries three years of knocking on the official door at Brazzaville, with continual prayer throughout the Brotherhood, to break the *second link* in Satan's chain. . . . The Brethren Church does not fully realize what she owes to the simple faith and dogged perseverance of those first missionaries, who 'kept on keeping on' simply because they believed that 'He is faithful that promised.' He had called them to that particular territory and He would see them through. Their work was to believe."

The Gribble Family in front of their tent at Camp "Wait-Some-More" at Brazzaville.



Baja California--Land of Drought--V

By Walter E. Haag

In the area of Santa Rosalia there were a few houses for sale, but we looked in vain for one to rent. Thinking we might find one in the nearby community of Santa Agueda, Brother Halliday went with us to visit it.

Santa Agueda

Santa Agueda is inland about 10 miles from Santa Rosalia and is located in a little valley with a good water supply. Some of its water is piped to Santa Rosalia for domestic purposes and is a source of pure water, though water from most other sources must be boiled before drinking. Old Spanish settlers of the aristocracy used to live there and some of their descendants remain. There was one large two-story house, unused except for a small downstairs room, which we liked very much and tried to rent, but we were unable to make any kind of deal. It would have been a fine place for us to live, but the Lord had other plans.

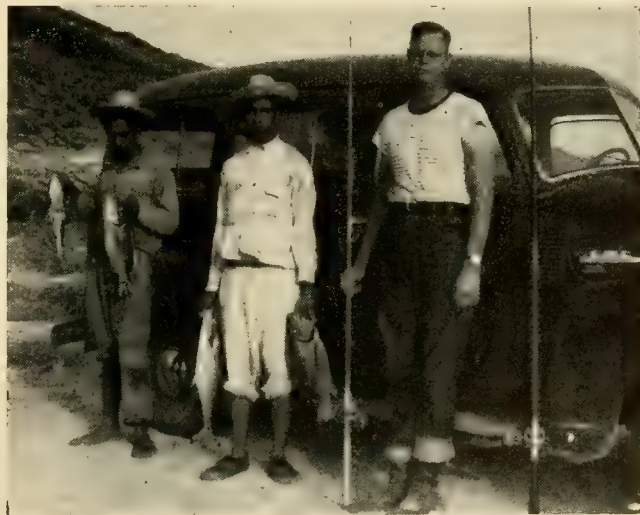
We ate lunch in one of the more humble homes, as quite an assembly gathered to peer in from the two open sides of the shed. One of the onlookers invited us to see a beautiful orchard. He took us to his old home place where we received a glimpse of true Spanish hospitality. He introduced us to his aged mother, a sister, and some others. We all sat out in the yard in the cool shade of a giant laurel tree and discussed many things. After some time, he proudly showed us his garden with carrots, corn, beans, squash, and melons. The orchard had orange, lemon, grapefruit, avocado, mango, plum, and olive trees, date palms, and a grape arbor. The life brought to a hot, dry land by water reminded us of the change that is wrought in our poor parched souls when Jesus gives us the water which springs up to everlasting life. We were invited to stay longer and have some coffee with them as we played Gospel recordings and witnessed to them. They claimed to be Catholics, but were very interested in our story and invited us to return to visit again.

To Mulege and Conception Bay

With Brother Halliday accompanying us, we started south. To our left we observed the island of Mulege, where the Kaiser Company has recently opened a gypsum mine. Just before reaching Mulege we stopped at a little farmhouse recommended as a place to obtain a good supply of water. We talked for a while and left some tracts. Mulege is a small village, though very old—its ancient church was built around 1800. Approaching from the gulf one sees a beautiful arm of water reaching up to the village. Trees and date palms surround the area, but these waters are not so friendly, for some place they harbor the malarial mosquito. Thus Mulege is one place sure to present the danger of contracting malaria.

Proceeding south, we drove along the beautiful Conception Bay, which extends as an arm of the gulf about 25 miles inland. At times the road goes right along the water's edge or even through the water to avoid a jagged rocky point. In other places it climbs high on rocky cliffs overlooking the bay. Toward evening, as we were

thinking of stopping, we saw two Mexican boys building a little shelter, their boat pulled up on shore nearby. We stopped to talk with them a minute, and to ask about fishing and good camp sites. Any place was good to camp, they thought, but we wanted a place where there weren't too many mosquitoes. Going on a few hundred yards, we saw a nice little beach that appealed to us, and drove the car out into the sand. It was hard enough for some distance, but in attempting to cross a small depression in one place—to get on higher ground—the car sank down deep and was stuck. After a few futile attempts that only put it deeper, we decided to leave the car the way it was and set up camp. The two Mexican boys



Bro. Roy Howard and the two Mexican boys with the "catch."

came over to see if they could help us, but we thought we would leave the car as it was until morning, but we did ask them to meet us at daylight the next morning to take us fishing.

The boys were pulling their canoe up on shore when we awakened the next morning just as dawn was breaking. Hurrying into our clothes, we grabbed our fishing equipment and were soon on our first fishing trip in the Gulf of California. A boy sat in each end of the canoe to row and we sat in the middle. Beyond the sandy beach where we camped was a jagged point of red volcanic rock, rising abruptly from the water. As we approached the point, we let out our lines to troll with feather jigs. No sooner were they out a few feet than each of us had strikes. However, we lost more fish than we landed, for they would dive for the bottom, tangling and cutting our lines on the sharp rocks. But we did return to camp with fish for our breakfast and some for the boys as well. They skinned our fish, we paid them and dismissed them, but they kept staying near.

We invited them over and played some Gospel recordings, and talked to them of Jesus. These two boys were

illiterate and spoke very poor Spanish, having lived such an isolated life. We asked them if they knew Jesus. Looking surprised, they said, "Yes, he is our father." Their earthly father's name is Jesus, a common name in Mexico, and though they claimed to be Catholic, they knew not our Lord and Saviour. This is another time we saw drought in the land of Baja California. These young boys were suffering a drought of learning and a drought of things spiritual.

Missionaries on the Move

DR. AND MRS. ORVILLE D. JOBSON sailed from New York on May 7, and REV. AND MRS. ROBERT WILLIAMS sailed on May 14—both couples are returning to Africa.

REV. AND MRS. HILL MACONAGHY left Argentina by boat on May 10, and are due to arrive in the States for furlough on May 26.

DR. AND MRS. FLOYD TABER and two younger children are making plans to leave the States for Africa sometime during the latter part of June or July.

REV. AND MRS. SOLON HOYT and family will sail for Argentina from New York on July 10.

The DON MILLER and WILLIAM SAMARIN families, who have been in France for a period of language study, expect to be on their way to Africa by the first of July.

MRS. MINNIE KENNEDY has just returned to Winona Lake from conference work in California. Following the seminary graduation service she will make her headquarters at Hatboro, Pa., until time for her return to Africa.

MISS FLORENCE BICKEL, MISS GRACE BYRON, and MISS ESTELLA MYERS have all been visiting relatives since their recent arrival in the States.

All of those in the States, including MRS. ROSE FOSTER, have been and will be busy in visitation, conference, and camp work through the summer months.

THE LEAN YEAR

The story is told that the aged pastor of a little Scotch church was asked to resign because there had been no conversions in the church for a whole year.

"Aye," said the old preacher, "it's been a lean year, but there was one."

"One conversion?" asked an elder. "Who was that?" "Wee Bobbie," replied the pastor.

They had forgotten a laddie who had not only been saved but had given himself in full consecration to God. It was "wee Bobbie" who, in a missionary meeting when the plate was passed for an offering, asked the usher to put the plate on the floor, and then stepped into it with his bare feet, saying, "I'll give myself; I have nothing else to give."

This "wee Bobbie" became the world-renowned Robert Moffat, who, with David Livingstone, gave his life to the healing of the open sore of the Dark Continent.—*Baptist Bulletin*.

School in Africa



Back row (left to right)—Miss Ruth Snyder, Miss Marie Mishler (dorm mother), and Miss Ruth Kent (teacher). Front row (left to right)—Ruth Dunning, Sylvia Hill, Verna Dunning, Carolyn Sheldon, and Roberta Hill.

Yes, the missionary children go to school, too! The Missionary Children's School in Africa was held at Bozoum during the last school term with an enrollment of five little girls. Miss Ruth Kent is the teacher and Miss Marie Mishler is the dorm mother. Miss Mishler wrote concerning her five little girls—

"Ruthie Dunning is 10 years old. She is the only one who has been with me all the time since I started to care for the children. She likes to sing, does not like arithmetic, and hopes some day to return here as a missionary. Verna is her 7-year-old sister. This is her first time away from home. She insists she does not like school, but when we offer to send her home she very emphatically refuses. Carolyn Sheldon is also 10 years old. This is her first term in the dormitory, for when the school was at Bellevue she lived with her parents. Several weeks ago she was in bed with fever. She didn't sleep well at night, and her thoughts turned to the Lord as she lay there. One morning she said to me, 'I let Jesus come into my heart last night.' We praise the Lord when our children SEE their need of a Saviour and then DO something about it. Sylvia Hill, age 8, is our serious student, although she is also full of fun and mischief. She plans to be a nurse because she just loves to take care of babies. Roberta (Bobby) Hill, age 6, is our chatterbox. She can (and does) always find something to talk about. They are five sweet, lively little girls. Lately they have been talking and thinking about heaven and asking me questions concerning it. Will you pray for these girls, that they may be kept well physically and grow mentally and spiritually?"

"... Therefore it is well to let prayer be the first employment in the early morning and the last in the evening. Avoid diligently those false and deceptive thoughts which say, 'Wait a little; I will pray an hour hence; I must first perform this or that.' For with such thoughts a man quits prayer for business, which lays hold of and entangles him so that he comes not to pray the whole day long..."—*Martin Luther*.

"ALL GOD'S CHILLUN'S GOT SHOES"

By Miss Marybeth Munn, Bekoro, Africa

"And what have you named the baby?" I innocently asked the father of the new baby at Beandje. "How do I know; isn't that your affair to name her?" So just like that I was given a new job of official baby namer. She was such a sweet little one that I wanted to find a sweet name for her. Then I remembered a little girl in our Ashland church who came with more than five dollars in pennies, nickels, and dimes to give me for lepers. In honor of this little girl the new baby was named Linda. The parents were very pleased with the name.

When Linda was 6 weeks old the Lord called her mother to be with Him. At the mother's deathbed the father, David Bio, gave this testimony: "The Lord gave me one wife and a family years ago. He took that wife. He then gave me this wife and we have labored together for Him until now I have come here with leprosy. He knows what is best. If He wants to call her home that is all right, but you'll have to help me care for the baby a little bit."

It was really a terrible shock and a time of testing for us all as we buried Linda's mother. But it is true, the Lord knows all things, and it was through this time of testing that our village became of one heart.

Well, the baby has grown and is a very nice child now. She became a year old during the month of April. One day her father came with her and asked the pastor if he could dedicate his baby the following Sunday. We decided Linda should have a new dress for the occasion. We cut up a checkered curtain for the dress, and we made a pair of red felt shoes for her to wear on the day her father gave her to the Lord.

Linda is just one of the little babies at Beandje. What life is before these little children of leper parents? When we examine the new patients we try to get some history of the case. Many times the story goes, "My father [or my mother] was a leper." Out of 70 lepers now at Beandje, 11 are children. Already one little 7-year-old girl has broken out with a spot since coming here with her parents.

Pray earnestly for the families of our lepers. At present we can't separate the families completely, but we can check them and care for them carefully while they are here. We would like to set a goal to win each child for Christ and to have a real school for them so that they can all read the Word for themselves as they leave here. We can't make felt shoes for all the children, but as you pray with us we can work that each pair of little feet might be shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace.

TOMORROW

I have nothing to do with tomorrow,
My Saviour will make that His care;
Should He fill it with trouble and sorrow
He'll help me to suffer and bear.

I have nothing to do with tomorrow,
Its burdens then why should I share?

Its grace and its faith I can't borrow,
Then why should I borrow its care?

—Selected.



Linda and her father.

HOW TO BE HAPPY

Take 12 fine, full-grown months. See that they are entirely free from all the old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate, and jealousy. Cleanse them of every clinging spite; be careful to pick off any specks of pettiness or self-pity. In short, free those months from all the past.

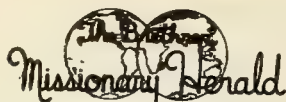
Now, cut them into 30 or 31 equal parts. Don't attempt to make up the whole batch at once, but prepare one day at a time and into each day put:

- 12 parts of faith
- 11 of courage
- 10 of patience
- 9 of work
- 8 of hope
- 7 of fidelity
- 6 of thoughtfulness
- 5 of kindness
- 4 of rest
- 3 of prayer
- 2 of meditation, and add
- 1 carefully selected resolution

Put in about one teaspoon of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cup of humor. Pour into the whole a liberal amount of love, and mix—with vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat. Garnish with smiles and a sprig of joy. Then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness.—*Clover Kerr.*

WHOSE HOME?

G. Campbell Morgan says: "My father came into my house soon after I was married, and looked around into every room, and then he said to me, 'Yes, it is very nice, but nobody will know, walking through here, whether you belong to God or the Devil.' I went through and looked at the rooms again, and I thought: 'He is right.' So we made up our minds straightway that there should be no room in our house, henceforth, that had not some message, by picture or wall text, for every corner should tell that we serve the King."—Selected.



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Winona Lake, Ind.
WMC. Mrs. Robert E. A. Miller
1511 Maiden Lane S.W., Roanoke 15, Va.
SMM. Miss Helen Small
Box 168, Winona Lake, Ind.
Home Missions. Luther L. Grubb
Box 395, Winona Lake, Ind.
Grace Seminary. Paul R. Bauman
Winona Lake, Ind.

Rev. Victor S. Rogers, having resigned as pastor of the North English, Iowa, church, has changed his address to Box 438, R. R. 1, Hollidaysburg, Pa. (change Annual, p. 70).

The Roanoke, Va., Clearbrook church will hold a combined evangelistic meeting and daily vacation Bible school June 8-22. These meetings will be conducted by Evangelist Robert Ashman, who will lead the school in the mornings and preach in the evening meetings. Rev. William Howard is pastor of this church.

The Northern Ohio District youth rally is scheduled for May 30 at the Akron, Ohio, church.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman is scheduled to deliver the commencement address at the Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Nebr., on May 28.

Bro. Nathan Meyer, of Jonestown, Pa., and member of the Harrisburg church, has accepted a unanimous call to become pastor of the Leesburg, Ind., church, to begin about August 1. Brother Meyer plans to enroll in Grace Seminary in the fall term.

Miss Ruth Reddick's article entitled "Brazil," which appeared in the March 8 issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald, was quoted in its entirety in The Convert for May.

On April 27 one person accepted Christ as Saviour and on May 4 one person was received into the membership of the Ashland, Ohio, church of which Rev. Miles Taber is pastor.

From the Spokane, Wash., church bulletin this item: "Last Friday night our pastor met with the Brethren Bible Class in Walla Walla, Wash. These Brethren are interested in a church with a pastor."

At the Seal Beach, Calif., church the average Sunday school attendance for the first quarter of this year

was 233. "The highest attendance on a regular Sunday in April was 273." The church has done some remodeling to the Sunday school rooms and to the kitchen. Rev. Burton Hatch is pastor of this congregation.

The South Gate, Calif., church heard Rev. C. Virgil Hook, of the China Inland Mission on the evening of April 27, the Brethren Day School musical groups and Rev. Albert Flory on the evening of May 4, and Dr. Robert Evans, Bible teacher, on the evening of May 11.

Dr. Horace F. Dean, national director of Christ for America, was scheduled to speak in Uniontown, Pa., May 29. Rev. Clyde Landrum is the temporary chairman of the Christ for Fayette County organization.

At the Osceola, Ind., church the pastor, Rev. Ward Miller, baptized 21 people during the last two weeks of April and the first two weeks of May.



Rev. Arthur R. (Ted) Baer, of Johnstown, Pa., died suddenly of a heart attack on May 8.

Rev. H. Leslie Moore has moved to 112 Beachley St., Meyersdale, Pa. (change Annual, p. 69). Brother Moore began his pastorate of the churches at Meyersdale and Summit Mills on May 25.

The La Verne, Calif., church, pastored by Rev. Orville Lorenz, received 12 members during the last week of April. Of these, 2 came by letter and 10 by baptism. Six of those received by baptism are from the David and Margaret Home of La Verne, a home for underprivileged and orphaned children.

Dr. Robert Cook, president of Youth for Christ International, spoke at the Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church on May 21.

A men's retreat has been planned by the men of the Iowa District to be held July 12-13 at Deep River, Iowa. For additional information contact your local pastor or Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, of Cedar Rapids.

The next issue of the Herald will be a special edition in behalf of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. The months of June and July

have been set aside for the publication interests of the denomination.

At the Martinsburg, Pa., church the pastor, Rev. Gerald Teeter, recently baptized 11 persons and received 8 of them into the membership of the church. Two others united with the church by letter. The church is now making plans for the first daily vacation Bible school this congregation ever conducted.

The Atlantic Fellowship's district mission board is now publishing the Newscast Quarterly for the purpose of enlightening the members within the district of the work, needs, and accomplishments in district missions. The current issue calls attention to the work in Baltimore, Md.

The Long Beach, Calif., Second church is holding a week of meetings May 25-30 under the leadership of Dr. Louis T. Talbot, president of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

At the Roanoke, Va., Washington Heights church a Sisterhood of Mary and Martha has just been organized. The organization is already busy with the Sisterhood program.

The Roanoke, Va., Ghent church has engaged Bro. Mason Cooper to do intensive visitation during the summer months.

At the Altoona, Pa., First church two were baptized on May 4 and have been received into the membership of the church.

The Berrien Springs, Mich., church heard Bro. Jesse Deloe, Sr., on May 18, will hear him again on June 1, and Bro. William Kolb will speak there on June 8. The pastor, Rev. Arthur Collins, will be in the East on vacation.

Miss Grace Byron is now living at the Missionary Residence at Winona Lake, Ind.

The Long Beach Brethren Day Schools presented a music festival at the Long Beach First church on May 23 under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Morgan. About 100 pupils took part in the program.

The Camden, Ohio, church, pastored by Rev. Robert Betz, will hold evangelistic services June 8-20. The preacher will be Prof. Robert D. Culver, of Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Charles Ashman has written a series of articles on prophecy especially for the readers of this paper. This series begins with next week's issue. Be sure your subscription is paid up to date so you will not miss these articles.

Secret Discipleship

By Rev. Ward Miller, Osceola, Ind.

"And after this Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave" (John 19:38).

Taking a stand, as a Christian, is a necessity. It is not a matter of choice. Jesus demands it. It is only right. In religion as well as in politics the individual must declare himself if he would command respect. Failure to do so can only bring reproach upon the cause of Christ and the name of Jesus. Not only so, his very profession comes into question, for Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth" (Luke 11:23).

In spite of his kindly deed, the man in our text fell into contempt. There are thousands in the church of Jesus Christ who, like Joseph, say nice things, do nice things, and even look nice, yet all the while make sure that no reproach shall come to them because of an open, passionate allegiance to Jesus. Joseph was more interested in a dead body than a live testimony and far more concerned over a proper burial than he was over his own sad, disgusting, and cowardly life. But Joseph is not the last of those who profess to know Christ, yet cowardly remain secret about their Saviour. Why do Christians, even in this 20th century and this side of Calvary, still remain secret disciples? Let me suggest three of many reasons. First of all, full many a time it is ignorance of the—

Fundamentals of Salvation

For some reason, a very important truth in relation to salvation is all too often forgotten. Paul said, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10:9). He continues in verse 11 of the same chapter, "Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." Ashamed of what? Why, ashamed to confess with the mouth that Jesus has brought salvation. Let it be clear. There is no salvation where there is refusal to confess such salvation to others. Just as a

man cannot give a true confession from his lips excepting he believes in his heart, neither can he rightfully claim salvation if he fails to confess with his mouth what he claims in his heart.

The Son of God considered this so vital and fundamental that one day He called His disciples unto Himself and warned them as He sent them forth to witness: "Whosoever there-



Rev. Ward Miller

fore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32-33).

Ashamed of Jesus! that dear Friend
On whom my hopes of heav'n
depend!

No; when I blush, be this my shame,
That I no more revere His name.
Ashamed of Jesus! yes, I may,
When I've no guilt to wash away;
No tear to wipe, no good to crave
No fears to quell, no soul to save.

Why do so many claim secret discipleship like Joseph? All too often it is because of the—

Fear of Man

Centuries ago, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Solomon penned: "The fear of man bringeth a snare." This was Joseph's trouble. He was afraid of man. He feared the Jews—what they might think, what they might do. His blessed Saviour had just paid the ignominious price of death by crucifixion. He had seen it. He had watched the Son of God hang suspended between heaven and earth in awful shame till God Him-

self revolted at the sight and drew the curtain of night at noonday to cover the ghastly scene. In the face of all this, Joseph winced, cringed, and secretly stole away like thousands of professing Christians fearing the reproach and consequences of standing up for Jesus. He reminds us of the men in John 12:42-43—"Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." Arthur Pink so stirringly comments: "Oh the short-sighted folly of these wretched men! Oh the madness of this miserable choice! Of what avail would the good opinion of the Pharisees be when the hour of death overtook them? . . . Remember that the first of the eight classes mentioned in Revelation 21:8 who are cast in the Lake of Fire are the 'fearful.'" Why do men fall into a secret discipleship? Many times it is because they are—

Friends of the World

Here again we face perhaps the most common cause of so much secret "discipleship." The world and all its pleasures still hold strong attraction to a great body of professing Christians. They are aware that the Bible states, "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (Jas. 4:4); yet they are so backslidden in their lives they no longer realize the power of the Lord has fled from them.

Oh, dear reader, there is a way back, a way out. If you have never trusted Jesus as your sin-bearer, dying in your stead on Calvary, do it now. "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out," said Jesus. If you have been found out by the Holy Spirit of God and your life laid bare before you in all the sham and shame of secret discipleship, confess your sin to Jesus, for "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Look to Him. Trust Him today.

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD ACTIVITIES

The executive committee of the National Sunday School Board met in the office of the secretary of the board, April 21-22, to plan the activities for the next few months. Included in the work of this committee, several important decisions were made, of interest to every church of our National Fellowship.

Sunday School Superintendents

First of all, concerning the superintendents of our Sunday schools across the country. We are anxious to help the Sunday schools as much as possible, and therefore, in connection with our national conference to be held in Winona Lake, Ind., August 18-25, we have asked for the privilege of having some superintendents' conferences during the free time of the afternoons of August 19-22. This means after 3 o'clock in the afternoon. These conferences will include the subjects of "Leadership Training," "The Local Sunday School Workers' Conference," "Visitation," and "Organization and Curriculum." We are, therefore, urging that every Sunday school plan to get its superintendent to national conference this year. This could and should be the beginning of greater things for the Brethren Church Sunday schools. Pastors, of course, are invited and urged to attend these conferences.

Daily Vacation Bible School

The National Sunday School Board is planning for the conducting of a "Daily Vacation Bible School" for several hours each morning of national conference, Tuesday through Saturday. It will be held in close proximity to the conference itself, and will close with a fine time for the boys and girls who find it possible to be present on Saturday.

Next Year's Program

Perhaps the most forward step in the program of the National Sunday School Board is the adoption of a program for the fall and winter months of 1952-53. Already the executive committee has suggested to the board the plans for this season. This much can now be said: the new program will feature, "Winning the Lost Through the Sunday Schools," and includes a month-by-month program for every Sunday school

that will join in the biggest evangelistic effort possible. Details will be forthcoming within a few weeks.

News Bulletins

There will be a monthly news bulletin, just full of ideas and helps for the Sunday schools, their officers, and teachers. Watch for the first issue which will be coming your way within the next 2 weeks.

More Sunday School Rallies

In connection with the executive committee meeting, the members of that committee held Sunday school rallies on Monday and Tuesday nights. Monday night featured conferences for teachers and workers in the Washington, D. C., church, with Harold Etling presiding, and in the Alexandria church with Caleb Zimmerman the featured speaker of the



evening. Tuesday night the two churches combined in a rally, with all three members of the committee included in the program. A fine response in each of these rallies again proved the value of workers getting into the local church to bring Sunday school enthusiasm.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools

In the total program of the church there is nothing of more importance than the two or three weeks set aside each summer for a daily vacation Bible school. If you have not already made preliminary plans for a school in your church this summer, you ought not delay for another moment. You have a wonderful opportunity to give boys and girls the Gospel day after day in a concentrated effort, and thus bring them to a saving knowledge of Christ, and likewise to help those already saved to a better understanding of the Word of God, and its application to their lives. In 10 days of daily vacation Bible school with an average of

2 hours per day, you get more teaching done than in the average Sunday school in a period of 6 months.

If your school needs help in this field, remember that our national youth director has several teams of young people that would be glad to assist, if you write him. If all his teams are already engaged, then perhaps we can find some other young people that could be of assistance. Or, better still, it is a wonderful opportunity for the older young people of your own church to get some training. Call them together, and ask them to help you get a school started in your church. Wouldn't it be wonderful if after the summer is over we could say, "A daily vacation Bible school was held in every Brethren church in America"? Will you help us say this?

We have personally examined much material for the use of workers this summer. There is, of course, the material of Scripture Press which has been used by many of our churches for the last few years. It is still excellent material. There is much material provided by Miss Helen Maxfield, all of which is very fine, and if properly used makes for a very excellent course. Then a course which we have examined, and report very enthusiastically, is the new course, "Sailing With Christ," provided by the Gospel Light Press of Hollywood, Calif. This is a brand-new course for the school. The entire course, from Beginners to Junior High, is built around the idea of "Ships and the Oceans," and even the handwork looks intriguing. We especially recommend this course.

By the way, when you order this material—any of it, in fact—send your order to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. They will get the materials for you quickly and in good shape, and you will be helping our own publishing company to do a better job for us in the years ahead.

Good Reports Still Coming

From all across the country the good reports of an upswing in Sunday school enthusiasm makes us sure that we are on our way as a denomination to better Sunday schools. Why not send us a report on your school? Address to Rev. Harold H. Etling, 87 Ansel Ave., Akron 12, Ohio.

Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

—By Conard Sandy—

Christians Are Pilgrims

Mrs. Wanda Zmyslo, of South Bend, Ind., has spent the last 12 years as a displaced person. In 1940, when she was 9 years old, she and her family were driven from Poland by the invading Russians. While the family was in a Siberian labor camp her father was shot and her mother was poisoned. Then little Wanda began to travel from place to place until she finally came to the United States and married, and now she has a home in South Bend.

Even so the saints of God are displaced persons and to them the Apostle Peter wrote: "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles" (I Pet. 2:11-12). These pilgrims also finally get home, even as Enoch who walked as a "stranger and pilgrim" here on the earth; God had prepared an eternal home for him. The Lord Jesus is doing the same for the saints who now travel on the face of the earth as displaced persons (see John 14:1-3).

Choir Accompanies Dancers

According to a news item "a dance concert innovation" was to have taken place in Fort Wayne, Ind., on May 23. The item told of a dance program that was to be given in the public auditorium of the city and then added that "the choir of the Plymouth Congregational Church, with its director, Vincent Slater, at the piano, will accompany the dancers in a suite of waltzes."

It is events like this that make the work of the true church that much harder in these days. How is the sinner to see any difference between his life in the world and the life of the person in such a church? The line of difference is so fine that he falters and claims that he is as good as the person in the church—and perhaps he is, if not even better.

Those of us who know the whole Word of God must ever be sure that we have kept the difference clear and evident between ourselves and those who are still in the world. We

must not and dare not be "unequally yoked together with unbelievers" in any manner whatsoever (II Cor. 6:14-18).

Parents Must Help the Solons

Parents throughout the nation have been urged to help Congress clean up radio and television programs, books, magazines, and comics.

Rep. Gathings, of Arkansas, introduced bills in Congress that resulted in the appointment of two committees: one to investigate what is being presented by means of radio and television programs, and the other to study the literature that is being presented to the oncoming generation.

At the time he introduced his bills Gathings said: "Congress can do much by recommending new legislation or pointing up the need for enforcing existing laws, but we need help from parents. Only through parental vigilance exercised in the home can we guard our children from the demoralizing influences of some current radio and television programs and some of the trash being sold in corner stores all over the country at prices low enough for kids to pay."

Indeed, children do need the help of their parents in determining what they should see, hear, and read. The work of parents has never been and never will be outmoded.

The Lord God commended Abraham because "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment" (Gen. 18:19). Fathers, as we approach Father's

SEMINARY APPOINTS PRESIDENT

The board of trustees of the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary of Denver, Colo., has announced the appointment of Dr. Carey S. Thomas as the first president of the school. Dr. Thomas has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Altoona, Pa., for the past 25 years, and has been a director of the Philadelphia School of the Bible since 1920.

Day, there is no greater gift that you can give to your child than to covenant to lead him in the way of the Lord.

Every Eye Shall See

The Pathfinder reports that already United States travel agents are "receiving applications for bleacher seats along the route of the coronation procession of Britain's Queen Elizabeth." This coronation ceremony is scheduled for June 2, 1953.

Although the route to the coronation has not yet been announced, current prices for grandstand seats begin at \$70, U. S. currency. Some applications carry this note: "Money no object—\$75 to \$150 O. K." This is just to see a queen pass by on the way to her coronation.

The day is fast approaching when "every eye shall see" the King of kings, "and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen" (Rev. 1:7). There will be no charge to see this King on His way to His coronation. However, some will rejoice at that time and some will wail. Those who rejoice will be those who have received Him as Saviour, those who wail will be those who have refused to receive Him.

Didn't Want To Be Idle

An unusual news item came to the fore recently in the resignation of M. E. Thompson from a federal appointment. Mr. Thompson, formerly governor of Georgia, had been given a federal appointment that carried with it a sizeable salary and a large expense account. However, he resigned, complaining that he was given absolutely nothing to do. He said he refused to be a "parasite." This action was so rare for these days that the press and radio commentators have made much of it.

Perhaps Mr. Thompson had been reading Paul's admonition: "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he

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THIS SUMMER, ATTEND A BRETHREN YOUTH CAMP

Camp can be and will be an enriching experience in the lives of boys and girls and young people, and we would covet for every Brethren young person this summer the privilege of one or more weeks in a Brethren camp. Food, fun, and fellowship are all excellent, and they help to prepare our hearts for the more serious things of life, as they are presented to us in our study and devotional services.

How about planning to take an unsaved friend to camp, too! That's a wonderful way to help them find the Lord.

Every district in the Brethren Church has provided summer camps for their youth, and here are the details, as we've been able to gather them for this page.

CAMP BUCKEYE

N. Ohio District Youth Camp.

Junior and Senior Camp, June 8-14.

Cost, \$13 if registered by June 3; \$14 if registered after that date (fee includes lodging, meals, insurance, and bedding).

Classes and activities for Juniors, ages 9-12; Seniors, ages 13-17; and postgraduates, ages 18 (or out of high school) and up.

Camp is held at FFA Camp Muskingum, on beautiful Leesville Dam, only a few miles south of Carrollton, Ohio. Mail address is R. D., Conotton, Ohio. Camp directors are Kenneth Ashman and Harold Etling.

CAMP TAHQUITZ PINES

California District Youth Camp.

Senior Camp, June 21-28, \$17 (9th grade and up).

Junior High Camp, June 21-28, \$17 (7th, 8th, 9th grades).

Junior Camp, June 28-July 5, \$16.

(Fee includes lodging, meals, insurance.)

Camp is held at the beautiful C. E. conference grounds, 5,700 feet high in the San Jacinto Mountains, 1½ miles from Idyllwild, Calif. Mail address is Brethren Youth Camps, Tahquitz Pines Conference Grounds, Idyllwild, Calif. Camp directors are Henry Rempel, Lyle Marvin, Elaine Polman, Isobel Fraser.

CAMP INDISINEWA

Central District Youth Camp.

Intermediate Camp, ages 9 through 12, June 22-28.

Senior Camp, ages 13 and up, June 29-July 5.

Cost is \$12.50 for either camp.

Camp is located on the Missisinewa River, near Wabash, Ind. Camp director is Ward Miller.

CAMP KEYSTONE

East District Youth Camp.

Junior Camp, ages 9-13, June 29-July 5.

Senior Camp, ages 14 and up, July 6-12.

Cost, \$10.50 if registered by June 15; \$11.00 after that date (fee includes board, lodging, insurance).

Camp is held at Laurel Hills State Park, near Somerset, Pa. Mail address is R. R., Rockwood, Pa. Camp director is Phillip J. Simmons.



CAMP ID-RA-HA-JE

Midwest District Youth Camp.

Junior, Intermediate, Senior, all held the same week in mid-July. Ages 8 through teens are welcome. Camp is located over 8,000 feet high in the Rockies, about 40 miles southwest of Denver, Colo. Other details are not available at this writing.

CAMP GRACE

Southeast and Atlantic Districts Youth Camp.

Junior Camp, July 21-27, ages 9-13.

Senior Camp, July 27-August 3, ages 14 and up.

Cost, \$12 per week, which includes board, lodging, and insurance.

Camp is located at Powell's Fort Organizational Camp, just over the mountains from Woodstock, Va. Mail address is Camp Grace, Seven Fountains, Va.

Camp directors are Galen Lingenfelter and Paul Dick.

CAMPS HAWKEYE AND IOWANA

Iowa District Youth Camps.

Junior Camp Hawkeye, ages 8-12, \$10, July 14-19.

Senior Camp Iowana, ages 13 and up, \$12, August 3-8.

Camp fee includes lodging, board, and insurance. Senior camp fee also includes swimming and boating.

Camp Hawkeye is located near Deep River, Iowa, and Camp Iowana is located at Lake Ahquabi State Park, near Indianola, Iowa. Arnold Kriegbaum is director of both camps.

CAMP CLEAR LAKE

Northwest District Youth Camp.

Junior Boys Camp, July 14-19.

Junior Girls Camp, July 21-26.

Senior Camp, July 28-August 2.

Camp is located on the district's own camp grounds at Clear Lake, about 50 miles west of Yakima, Wash. Other details are not known at this writing.

CAMP BETHANY

National Brethren Youth Camp.

For all Brethren youth 12 years of age and up, August 18-25, Winona Lake, Ind.

\$20 camp fee (if registered by August 12, \$21 afterwards) includes meals, lodging, and insurance. Free boating, swimming, and game privileges. For a program packed with fun, information, inspiration, and blessing, don't miss Camp Bethany! Ralph Colburn is camp director.

MBI'S PLANNED VACATION

The Moody Bible Institute's extension department has planned a summer conference which joins a vacation and a time for guided study. This conference is to be held at College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wis., July 5-13.

Courses covering personal evangelism, photography, how to be a successful Sunday school teacher, piano accompanying for congregational singing, Gospel broadcasting, and Bible study will be offered. These classes will be held during the morning hours and will be taught by the regular faculty members of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Children's meetings are scheduled to be in session during the same time.

Board of Evangelism Supports Meetings in South Bend and Portland

By L. Joseph Dombek, Publicity Director



The Board of Evangelism of the Brethren Church has sponsored four evangelistic meetings since the last national conference. Two of these meetings—the one at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the one at Bell, Calif.—have previously been reported in these pages. The last two of these meetings are here reported—South Bend, Ind., and Portland, Oreg.

In helping in these four meetings the board has used most of the money it had in its treasury and it will not be possible to help with other meetings until the treasury has been replenished by gifts from God's people.

The Lord Worked in South Bend

A 2-week evangelistic campaign was held at the Sunnymede Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind., March 10-23. Rev. M. L. Myers, pastor of the Rosemont Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va., was the evangelist and song leader. Brother Myers preached the Word with convicting power night after night and there was a moving of the Holy Spirit in our midst. The first night that Brother Myers preached there were 10 who came forward to indicate their desire to be used by the Lord in the winning of precious souls.

During the meetings that followed there were two first-time decisions for Christ and three reaffirmations of faith. On the final night of the meetings there were two who were baptized and received into the membership of the church. The average attendance for the 2 weeks was 44.

Children's meetings were also held during the 2-week period with the pastor in charge. Brother Myers led the singing, and Mrs. Allen, a member of the church, gave the Bible lesson each day. There was a total enrollment of 67, with an average attendance of 31. Thirteen first-time decisions were made for Jesus Christ at these children's meetings.

Hugh Coombs, a student at Grace Seminary, was a great help to the pastor and evangelist during the meetings. Brother Coombs recently lost his father by death and is leaving school for the remainder of the year. In spite of this recent heart-

ache, Brother Coombs was willing to play the piano and assist in many other ways to help make this revival effort a success.

We wish to thank from the very depths of our heart the Brethren Board of Evangelism for their financial help, without which it would not have been possible to hold such a series of meetings.

The revival spirit continues to prevail and we are trusting God that a harvest will still be reaped.—*John W. Zielasko, pastor.*

55 Decisions at Portland

The Portland, Oreg., church held evangelistic meetings in the month of March. Financially, these meetings were made possible by the help received from the Board of Evangelism of the Brethren Church. The evangelist was Dr. Charles H. Ashman, who preached faithfully during the 2 weeks of the campaign.

During the campaign there were 55 decisions, of which 19 were first-time decisions to accept the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour. The average attendance in this new home mission point was 58 per service. The Sunday school hit a new high of 171 during this time. So, we have much for which to praise the Lord.

We do thank the Board of Evangelism and the members of the Brethren Church in helping to make this campaign a possibility for us here in Portland. In one sense, the results belong to the denomination, and not just to the evangelist and the people in Portland.—*Vernon J. Harris, pastor.*

NEW PROJECT FOR YFC

Youth for Christ International has named Gordon McLean, of Seattle, Wash., as its first full-time youth guidance and delinquency representative. It will be his task to supervise for Youth for Christ the taking of the Gospel message into jails, prisons, reformatories, industrial schools, and into the homes of delinquents when they have been released from the detention institutions.

Whittier, California (Community Brethren)

On April 20, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, we had the dedication service for our new building, with Dr. Charles W. Mayes, of Long Beach, delivering the address. Mr. Glenn Miller read the Scripture lesson, and Mr. R. F. Kelly led in the dedication prayer. Both of these men are charter members of the congregation. Mrs. Flory presided at the piano, Mr. Bud Garmo sang a solo, and the choir presented a special number. The benediction was given by Dr. Kenneth Drennon, of Whittier.

The ground (6¼ acres) on which the building was erected was purchased by the District Mission Board in July of 1949. On a Wednesday evening in August of 1950 six couples met in a specially constructed mobile chapel and dedicated themselves to God as missionaries in this tremendous field.

Ground was broken for our new building on January 1, 1951, and the first services were held in the auditorium on December 23, 1951. We came on the field in June of 1951, upon graduating from Grace Theological Seminary.

On April 6 there were 245 people in Sunday school and on Easter Sunday there were 370 people present for the morning worship service. The membership of the congregation is now 53, of whom 14 were baptized and received since February. The church is self-supporting.

We are deeply indebted to Glenn Miller for his fine supervision of the work of construction, as well as for the tremendous amount of work which he personally has done on the building. Also, many others helped in erecting the building, donating their labor as unto the Lord.—*Wayne Flory, pastor.*

Canton, Ohio

The hearts of our people have been greatly blessed by the ministry of Rev. Conard Sandy during a week-long Bible conference, May 4-11, in which our brother brought us a

PRESIDENT SIGNS PRAYER BILL

When Evangelist Billy Graham was holding an evangelistic campaign in Washington, D. C., he preached from the steps of the Capitol to a large audience of people. At that time he appealed to the Congress and the President to set aside a national day for prayer, other than Sunday.

Rep. Percy Priest, of Tennessee, introduced such a resolution, now known as the House Joint Resolution No. 365. The bill was passed by both houses and has now been signed by President Truman. The resolution reads:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled that the President set aside and proclaim a suitable day, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."

NEW SCHOOL TO START

A new training school for Jewish missionaries is being planned by Prof. Solomon Birnbaum, recently appointed executive director of the New York Jewish Evangelization Society. Prof. Birnbaum was installed in this new position on March 15. In addition to these tasks with the society he will direct the school for the training of Jewish missionaries.

Mr. Birnbaum was born in Austria-Hungary of Jewish parents. He has traveled widely, has several degrees from schools of higher education, and has done much work in evangelization among his own people. Prof. Birnbaum organized and directed for a number of years the Jewish missions course of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

DR. WILLIAMS DIES

Dr. Charles B. Williams, author, teacher, and translator, died after a brief illness at his home in Lakeland, Fla., on May 4. Dr. Williams spent a good part of 20 years out of his 80-year-long life, in the work of translating the Williams' New Testament, which has been one of the best sellers published by the Moody Press of Chicago.

series of Spirit-filled messages from the first and second chapters of the Book of Genesis.

The attendance and interest were well-sustained all through the week and we are looking forward to a time of blessing because of this faithful seed-sowing.

On May 2 our senior choir presented their spring concert, which was heard by an appreciative audience. The program, which lasted for 90 minutes, included solo, duet, trio, quartet, octet, and choir numbers interspersed with instrumental numbers. The choir members were the guests of honor at a reception following the concert when refreshments were served by some of the ladies of our Junior and Senior WMC groups.

Our Good News Club has been richly blessed of the Lord, with 61 children making first-time decisions for Christ in these Tuesday-afternoon sessions. Our Bible school is showing a good increase in attendance and we have baptized and received nine people into the membership of the church during the last five months. Praise the Lord!—*Jesse Hall, pastor.*

Bellflower, California

Rev. Archie Lynn, of Glendale, and Bro. Leonard Kuns, of Whittier, came to us to hold evangelistic services March 30-April 6.

Brother Lynn, the evangelist, labored hard for the Lord and the direct results were 84 decisions for Christ—21 first-time confessions, and 63 rededications of life. It was a time of refreshing for all of us, though the length of the campaign was too short. Interest was fine throughout, especially at the end of the week.

The attendance at our Bible school reached an all-time high on Easter Sunday, with 270 people present.

The congregation called Brother Richardson to serve here another year. During his recent illness the pulpit was filled by Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, Mr. Dolphus Emerick, Dr. John Page, and Mr. Philip Ogilvie. The latter young man is a member of the local congregation. He gave us a very helpful message from the

Book of Jeremiah.—*Mrs. Enola Stone, reporter.*

Meyersdale, Pennsylvania

Rev. Gerald Polman resigned here, effective April 20, to become pastor of the new work in York, and Rev. Leslie Moore has been called to succeed him, beginning his ministry here May 25. During the interval between the two pastorates, Bro. Walter M. Fike, vice moderator of the congregation, has been in charge of the services.

Among those who have spoken to us during this time have been Brother Fike and Miss Gloria Di Valentino, a missionary to Borneo, on April 27; Rev. Roy Otto and Bro. Irvin Knierum on May 4; and two missionaries to the Belgian Congo and the Bob Jones picture, "You Can't Win," on May 11.—*Mrs. Albert W. Eisler, literature secretary.*

THOUGHTS FOR . . . PILGRIMS

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eat" (II Thess. 3:10). This counsel is good for people.

Socialistic Trend Must Be Halted

State Rep. Robert Webb, Noblesville, Ind., summed up our predicament in these few words: "If we continue our socialistic trends in state and national government we will wake up one of these days with a tin cup in one hand and the ashes of our Constitution in the other."

At this moment we are so far along the road of socialism in this country that we are told that one out of every four people within the nation is now receiving regular payments from the government, either in salaries or in subsidies. This trend cannot continue indefinitely. Socialism is not in accord with God's plan.

There are many passages in the Word of God which indicate that God intended that each man should work for his own livelihood. Among others, note this statement: "A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth; and the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him" (Prov. 12:14).

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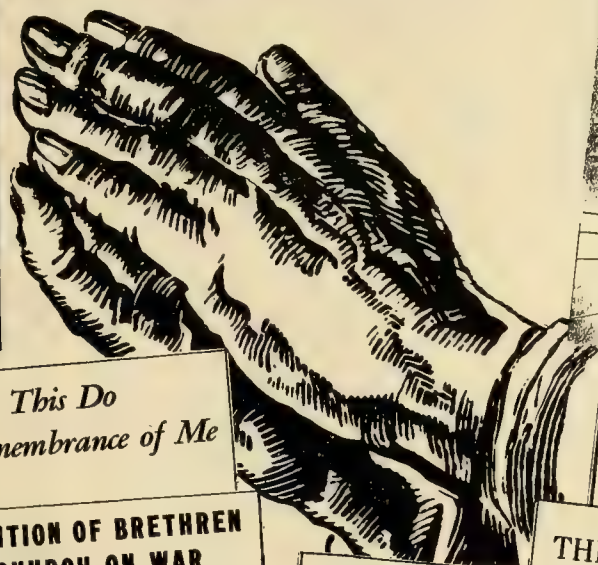


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On May 18 one person accepted the Saviour at the Alexandria, Va., church. An evangelistic campaign, along with other churches of the town, is planned for June 10-29. The compiler of these news items does not know who is to be the evangelist.

The Dayton, Ohio First church observed on May 25 the 60th anniversary of the founding of the congregation and the 40th anniversary of the erection of the present building. Prof. Norman Uphouse, of Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn., was the guest speaker at the morning service, and the pastor, Rev. William A. Steffler, spoke in the evening. A fellowship dinner and program were observed at the noon hour at the church.

Rev. Clyde Landrum, pastor of the Uniontown, Pa., church, preached the baccalaureate sermon at the Greensburg (Pa.) Bible Institute on May 25.

The Uniontown, Pa., church heard Jim Vaus, former criminal of Los Angeles, on May 28.

The Whittier, Calif., church received six members by letter on May 18. This congregation heard Mr. Arnie Hartman in a musical program on May 28. The auditorium of the church building is being given some improvements.

Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt have transferred their church membership to the Canton, Ohio, church. It is from this church that they receive their financial support as missionaries to the people of Argentina.

The Compton, Calif., church heard Mrs. Minnie Kennedy on May 4 and

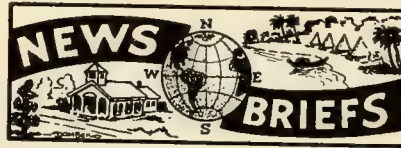
Rev. Ralph Colburn on May 11. This church has had no pastor since Rev. Forest Lance moved to Findlay, Ohio, to establish a new Brethren church.

Members of the Kittanning, Pa., church presented a special offering to Pastor Gordon W. Bracker to help him "purchase a better car."

H. Paul Schaffer, son of Rev. and Mrs. William Schaffer, of Spokane, Wash., is confined to the Corona (Calif.) Naval Hospital with what is believed to be a liver infection.

Miss Gail Jones, recent graduate from the seminary and a candidate for the mission field in Africa, will be honored with a reception at her home church, Conemaugh, Pa., on June 11.

The East Fellowship (Pennsylvania) District Mission Board is calling attention to its work in the district by the use of church bulletins which it distributes to the congregations in the fellowship.



Dr. Paul R. Bauman has resigned his position at Grace Theological Seminary, his resignation being accepted with reluctance by the executive committee of the board of trustees. Dr. Bauman joined the faculty of the school in the fall of 1947 and was elected executive vice president in 1948. He is returning to his former position as assistant to the president of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. The Baumans plan to move to California about August 1.

Miss MaryAnn Habegger, member of the Fort Wayne, Ind., church, recent graduate from the seminary, and a candidate for missionary work in Africa, underwent an appendectomy at a Warsaw, Ind., hospital on May 28.

Bro. Ralph Burns, recent graduate from the seminary, preached at the Clay City, Ind., church on May 25.

The York, Pa., testimony is growing. For more than a year Rev. Russell Weber, of Harrisburg, has con-

ducted a weeknight Bible study in this city for Brethren people. Rev. Gerald Polman moved to the field April 24 to become pastor of the new work. These Bible classes are being continued, with 15 to 20 people in attendance each week. These meetings are being held in the homes of the people. On May 11 Sunday morning preaching services were started in the local YMCA building. The attendance for these services the three Sundays have been 29, 25, 26. The foreign missionary offering of this group is around \$100.

Rev. Gerald Polman is secretary of the executive committee of the 1952 conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Those who have any matters to be considered concerning the conference should address him at 731 Elm Terrace, York, Pa.

Evangelist William Smith, recent graduate from the seminary, is holding special meetings at the Xenia, Ohio, Reformed Church June 1-8. He will be at the Gainesville, Va., Methodist Church June 15-20.

Rev. and Mrs. Sam Horney, Taos, N. Mex., are the parents of Sam, Jr. He arrived on May 22, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

The Long Beach, Calif., Brethren Day Schools presented a festival of music at the Long Beach First church on May 23. The new unit of the high school building was dedicated on May 29, and the first baccalaureate of the school will be held on June 8, the eighth grade banquet on June 9, the Junior-Senior banquet on June 10, and the first high school graduation service on June 12.

Requested announcement: "Positions are available to accredited elementary teachers in the new Community Christian Elementary School of the Community Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif. Teachers must be born again, have a personality that works with children, and be academically accredited. The new building is designed as a school, has all new equipment, and is located on 6 acres of property in the heart of a new residential area. This is a real opportunity for a husband and wife, if both are teachers, or for lady teachers, to do a real work for Christ. Write to Mr. Glenn E. Miller, 8530 Millergrove Dr., Whittier, Calif."

THE BRETHREN CHURCH MUST HAVE ITS OWN PAPER

By the Editor

It would be very difficult for any member of the Brethren Church to realize what the denomination would be like if it had no paper or magazine of its own. It is hoped that no member will ever live to see the time when there will be no church paper arriving in the homes of the members of the congregations who hold membership in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

There are at least four excellent reasons why the Brethren Church, as a denomination, must have its own paper, and why it ought to be in every home represented in the denomination.

An Exchange of Facts

The denomination must have its own paper as a medium for the exchange of facts, the record of happenings, and the listing of events which occur both in the lives of the congregations and the lives of the people who constitute the membership of the church.

It is a well-known truth that the most popular page in the weekly issues of the Brethren Missionary Herald is the one entitled "News Briefs." If the denomination had no paper there would be no "News Briefs" circulated among the congregations. This page is considered so important to the welfare of the work of the church that the Foreign Missionary Society sends copies of this page as soon as it is set into type by air mail to each of the foreign mission stations where the Brethren Church is working.

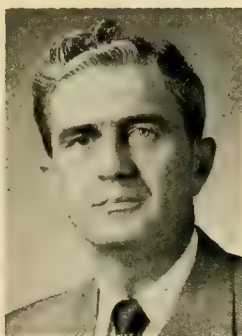
One thing is very certain: no other denominational paper would print most of the items that appear on the "News Briefs" page, for these items would have little or no meaning to people outside the Brethren Church. It is also true that no general or nondenominational paper would publish those things that have particular interest only to those who hold fellowship in this denomination.

The "News Brief" page, however, does not contain all the facts that are included in this paper. There are longer reports occasionally from the various congregations, as well as other items of Brethren interest on the pages of this paper. Therefore the Brethren Church must continue to support this paper in order to

have a medium for the exchange of facts.

An Encouragement in Fellowship

Another reason why the denomination must have its own paper is because such a paper becomes and is a medium of helping the weaker saints as they hold fellowship by this means with other Christians around the world. It is impossible for most of the members of the denomination to visit the 128 congregations in this country, to say nothing of the mission stations in Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Baja California, and France. It is also almost impossible to visit with the 18,918 members of



Editor Conard Sandy

the denomination (as of June 30, 1952), again to not mention the many believers who are affiliated with the denomination on the foreign fields.

The Brethren Missionary Herald, however, makes it possible financially and physically for every member to meet and hold fellowship with all the other members of the denomination. The paper can go when and where people cannot go because of various limitations.

The Spirit of God admonished Christians not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). The Brethren Missionary Herald is the one means by which and the one place where all the Brethren people can assemble themselves together. Therefore the denomination must maintain its own paper.

An Increase of Faith

The Lord has been pleased to use the Brethren Missionary Herald in

the past to help increase the faith of the members of the denomination. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Roman believers that "faith cometh by hearing" (Rom. 10:17). "Hearing," in this place, means more than just hearing with the ears—it means receiving, by whatever means one has at his command. Therefore reading is also included. The Apostle Peter urged the saints to "add to your faith" (II Pet. 1:5). Jude, the half-brother of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh, wrote: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

The Spirit of God has used the church's paper to help accomplish this end—adding to faith. The Brethren Missionary Herald, if read along with the Bible, will help the reader to grow in grace and to become a saint who will never be accused of having little faith. The articles in this paper are Christ-centered and true to the Word, and the reports from the fields show what God is doing in this age. These are the things needed to cause one to have an increasing faith. Sad to say, many "religious" papers no longer accomplish this task.

An Enlargement of Vision

This paper has been used for the enlargement of the vision of many members of the denomination as they have read the spiritual lessons given herein and as they have read of the great challenge before the Christians of today. This is as it should be, for long since the eternal God declared that "where there is no vision, the people perish" (Prov. 29:18).

Each board, society, committee, and organization within the confines of the denomination realizes the importance of this paper in enlarging the vision of the people within the denomination concerning the particular work assigned to it. Indeed, not one of these groups could continue to exist profitably without this medium of enlarging the vision of the readers around the world. The same is true of the average member of the Brethren Church.

THIS IS YOURS

By Miss Iris Heckman, Clerk

At the corner of Fourth Street and Chestnut Avenue in Winona Lake, Ind., is the Brethren Missionary Herald Company—your store. Perhaps you would like to know more about this store in which you have an investment.

To serve you in the best possible way the stock has been increased. I remember my first visit to the store in 1943 when all the stock was in one room. And that room had only one small showcase and a very few shelves. Then when I came to work for the company in April 1950, two rooms were crammed full of stock and a third room was overcrowded with stock and three office desks. Now we have expanded to four full rooms of stock.

By now you are probably wondering what all is included in the word "stock." The very best way for you to find out, of course, would be for you to visit the store for yourself. But since some of you may never have that opportunity, won't you just come with me and browse through the store?

We'll start here in the book section. For those who want help in Bible study there are many commentaries (sets and single volumes) on every book in the Bible, books on Bible history, archeology, etc. Then those who want something lighter for recreation will find many hours of pleasure from the Christian fiction. And let's not forget the children—they like to read, too. There are many books written just for them. We wouldn't want to pass by these written especially for parents to read to the smaller children. Mother isn't left out, either—there are cook books and baby books for her. Then here is the book for all ages and all people. Yes, you guessed it—the Bible. The stock includes all types—Oxford, Nelson, World, Winston, Collins, Harper, Scofield. You never dreamed there were so many different types of Bibles, so many varieties of bindings, and such a wide range in prices.

Here's the place for the Sunday school teacher and the child evangelism worker! She will find something to meet her every need: flannelgraph, Gospel illustrations, object

lessons, chemical kits, stories, books on teaching methods, handcraft, program material, and many other items. She will also find a big variety of coloring books and novelties for prizes and gifts.

Perhaps you are weary from looking at so many books and would like to rest your eyes and use only your ears for a little while. Fine! We can serve you in that way also. We have a complete line of records under three labels—Singspiration, Sacred, and International. I will gladly play for you any records you would like to hear (hoping you will



Miss Iris Heckman

buy several to enjoy later in your home). If you would rather make your own music this section of song books should attract you. We have hymnals, evangelistic song books, chorus books, trios for ladies, male quartet music, choir praises and anthems, piano and organ transcriptions.

Did I hear you say you needed to buy a gift for a friend who is having a birthday? Records make nice gifts and so do plaques or pictures. Or maybe you would like to choose something from this big selection of Scripture text stationery and correspondence notes. Stationery supplies and fountain pens make appreciated gifts, too.

I am sure the children will want to look at the toys and Bible games. You older folks will want to keep this department in mind when you make those purchases at Christmas-time for your sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. A small gift with a Scripture verse on it may be just the thing you need to win the confidence and friendship

of the little boy or girl next door, and in this way introduce them to your Sunday school and to the Lord Jesus Christ.

No, we haven't forgotten those who work in the church office and perhaps have to make the church bulletin. We have a line of mimeograph supplies such as stencils, ink, pads, styluses, lettering guides, and paper.

Another thing you are interested in is seeing your Sunday school and church attendance grow. We have something to help you there, too. We have a huge supply and good selection of absentee cards. They won't do all of the work, but they'll certainly help you.

If, while browsing through the store, you haven't found the items which will exactly fill your need, let us know and we will do all we can to get you exactly what you need.

This was a quick trip through the store and we have looked at only a small amount of the stock, but you have become somewhat acquainted with it. You have also met on this page the one whom the Lord has led to this company to serve Him and to serve you. As you, and others like you, enter the store I ask the Lord for wisdom in helping you to purchase the materials which will be of the greatest help to you in bringing lost ones to Christ and in bringing honor to Him.

The special burden on our heart at this time of the year is that you will help us to serve the Lord at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company by supporting us with your prayers, with your publication offering, and with your patronage. We trust that by next year at this same time you will have carefully read through our new catalog (you will be receiving a new one in late summer) and will have ordered all the things you need in your Christian work from us. Remember—all THIS IS YOURS!



A DAY WITH YOUR OFFICE SECRETARY

By Mrs. Victor H. Meyers, Office Secretary

It was with fear and trembling that I walked in the Brethren Missionary Herald office one cold morning in January 1951, still pondering over the thoughts I had as I left my work at the Rodeheaver Company several days before. The verse of Scripture in Philippians 4:19—"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus"—had fully been realized in my life during the 3 previous years while I was attending seminary. The question, "Why should I make a change in positions now?" could not help but enter my mind. The same God who supplied *my* need could supply *our* needs until my husband finished his training at the seminary. But in the midst of my fear and trembling, the Lord spoke very definitely to my heart. It was not just a matter of need, but that of service for Him.

As I spent that first day here getting a glimpse of some of my responsibilities, I can only say that it was the Lord who kept me here. I will never cease to praise Him for Philippians 4:13—"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Is was this verse which kept me as an employee of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. This verse not only helped me that day, but also many days since, especially when problems come before me which only He can help to solve.

Perhaps you would like to spend a day with me working as office secretary for the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. It would be a joy to have you, so let's begin our day.

The first thing one does is to look into the daily file. This contains all the work which time did not permit to be cleared up the day before. Sometimes when taking a peep, one wonders if time will permit its completion that day. But again we are reminded of the faithfulness of our Lord. "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (I Cor. 1:9). Many times I can say "the Lord is my helper," for He has done it.

After an hour or so the mail arrives. One is always anxious to see what the mail brings forth, so everything is laid aside until it is read.

Once this is done, the important items of business and the orders are cared for.

I think you would enjoy filling the orders, so we will begin with the first one. After reading the order carefully, we proceed to get the items wanted. As we get ready to make out the invoice to go with the order we suddenly begin to wonder, "Just how is that name spelled?"—"What is that address?" We think of the envelope which had previously been put in "File 13"—the waste-



Mrs. Lucinda Meyers

basket! Experience soon teaches one not to file them until the order is filled. Sometimes the envelope does not help. Then we thank the Lord for the Brethren Missionary Herald subscription files, for there, many times, we find our answer.

We should take time here to answer a question which might have arisen in your minds. If the orders are cared for the same day they are received, why is it sometimes so long before we receive them?

We must remember that our company is small. We cannot possibly keep in stock all the books and items listed in our catalogs. It is often necessary for us to order the items requested from the wholesalers, who send the items directly to you. If an item is unusually slow in being received, it is probably temporarily out of stock. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience in this matter, for these orders help keep our company operating.

The next piece of mail we pick up is a card ordering additional Junior quarterlies. What quarterlies? It could be Brethren, Scripture Press, Standard Publishing Company, Gospel Light, or others. Here we are made to think of last quarter's Sun-

day school order. We immediately refer to it, hoping to find from whom they had previously ordered Junior quarterlies. If we are unable to find the necessary information on this, we must write to the individual, asking for complete information.

Also in the mail we find Sunday school orders. I always rejoice for the part I have in helping to give out the Gospel to those in our churches. I wish we could supply material for your Beginner and Primary departments. Someday this hope may be realized by your help and prayers.

There are many ways, in a day, in which we are interrupted for other tasks, such as sending those unwelcome bills, answering inquiries, taking care of the purchases of Uncle Sam's G. I.'s who are in the seminary, and ordering the necessary supplies and books for the book store, to say nothing of the continual buzz of the telephone.

The day is drawing to a close, but before we leave, the communications from the members of the Brethren Book Club must be cared for. The Book Club members certainly are appreciated, and it is my desire that each of you will take advantage of club membership.

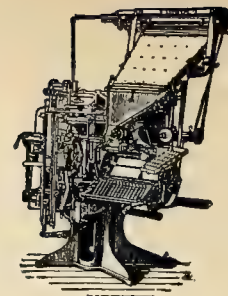
There has been joy and many blessings in being your office secretary. I can only say with Paul, "Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God" (II Cor. 9:11).

HERALD IS APPRECIATED

Rev. C. H. Hinegardner, who recently came into the Brethren Church from another denomination and who is now pastor of the Baltimore, Md., Brethren church, wrote when renewing his subscription to this paper: "We appreciate the Brethren Missionary Herald very much and do not want to miss an issue. It is so informational and inspirational and a real blessing to all who read it. As you read it from cover to cover you can feel the pulse beat of the church at large. We pray that God will continue to bless every one who has a part in the production of this splendid Christian publication."

THE ROMANCE OF TYPESETTING

By Jesse B. Deloe, Linotype Operator



When I was assigned the above subject for an article to appear in the publication number of the Herald, I immediately thought: "Romance? Where is there any romance in typesetting?" All I could think of then was the routine work done daily in our composing room to put into type form the products of the pens and typewriters of the various authors who contribute to the publications of our company.

Romance? Huh! Most of the time the average printer would like to turn the tables on the authors and show them how to really write. "Breathes there a printer with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, 'I could write a better article than this fellow with one arm tied behind me.'" But then the printer, like myself, gets the chance to write—and does what I have done for lo, many hours: sits nervously before the typewriter, chewing fingernails down to the third joint, and producing—nothing!

So then, having seen the futility of a printer trying to be an author for a day, this compositor will attempt (on the boss's orders) to squeeze a little romance out of the work of producing our publications. For when the subject is given some thought, one finds there is romance to be found in every phase of the work of producing reading matter written of, by, and for God's people.

My mind goes back to the days before I had yielded to the Lord. For 22 years I had worked for the Washington Times-Herald, one of the leading newspapers in Washington, D. C. There, through the years, I had put into type form the great stories of that period—Lindbergh kidnaping, Akron dirigible disaster, Babe Ruth's home-run record, the "blitzkrieg" of Hitler's hordes, the Sudetenland "elections," the "zoot-suit" riots, Pearl Harbor—and had become well acquainted with men in the newspaper business who have since risen to fame in different fields—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Bob Considine, and others. Surely there was romance in the printing and typesetting of those days!

Then came the call to the Lord's service—still in the typesetting field.

And now, setting type for Him, I believe there is as much romance now in my work as in the "old days" in the printshops of the world.

First, there is the romance of the changing scene as reflected in the "News Briefs" page in the Herald. Often, while setting the type for the various items, my mind and heart keep pace with the activities of the dear ones in the hard places of the



Jesse B. Deloe

world as they spread the blessed message of the Word of God. Often, as I set the type for an item about a familiar place where perhaps I have visited, or have loved ones or beloved friends, I see in my mind's eye the place and the people, and a thrill comes to me as I realize that here is an opportunity to pray for them. Many a forgotten desire to pray for someone—or some work—is brought back to memory as it comes before me in the form of "work."

Then there are the thrilling stories from the foreign fields that keep alive the zeal for the lost heathen in our hearts. It is often said that a typesetter does not remember what he sets. It has been my wonderful experience in setting type for the Lord that I do remember what I set and it is a source of joy to me when a story comes before me written by one of our missionaries and I remember other incidents in his life. A greater thrill is to meet the missionaries and live again some of the experiences they have shared with their readers.

Romance in typesetting? I suddenly decided, just now, to look up the word "romance" and see if my own definition of the word agreed with Mr. Webster. Lo, and behold, I

was wrong, so I'll have to look back over what I have written and see if any changes have to be made.

The word "romance" means "delight in what is fanciful, adventurous, or picturesque; a dreamy mental condition with imaginings." No; I'll not have to change anything, but I will have to add something.

The whole work of setting type in a printshop that is dedicated to the Lord's work embodies all the characteristics mentioned above. The putting together of pages for the Herald, or tracts, or Sunday school quarterlies, is an adventure that I look forward to with each day's work. I imagine that there's a little bit of "me" in the product of my hands, and I dream of the papers as they go into the picturesque places of the world. I sometimes find myself praying that the results of my typesetting will be the means of leading some to my Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

I had thought that there was a certain amount of "love" interest connected with the word "romance," and maybe there is; but I want to testify—to anyone who will read—that I love the work I am doing, I love the church which supports the work I am doing, and I love the Lord whom we serve in this work.

FROM AN INDIANA READER

"Do you have a copy of the March 29th issue? If so, will you please send . . . a copy as I think those articles on the cross by the Seniors of Grace Seminary are very, very good. . . ."

The Herald means so much to me, living away from a Brethren church. It really helps me to keep in touch with the church, besides being filled with so many Spirit-filled messages which are a real blessing."

These words were written by Mrs. R. H. Aeby, Indianapolis, Ind., when she sent in a new subscription for a friend in Chicago, Ill.

LEARNING WHILE WORKING

By Mrs. William Kolb, Editorial Secretary

"Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:22-24).

As I approach the end of my second year as proofreader and editorial secretary for the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, I pause to count the blessings that have been mine during this time.

I think I can sum them up in the following manner:

1. A Better Knowledge of the Things of the Lord.

My greatest blessing has been the additional knowledge of our blessed Saviour which I have received by the continual reading of our tracts, quarterlies, and the Herald. As the Word has been expounded I have seen Him more fully in all His glory and grace, and as a result have been drawn closer to Him who loved me and gave Himself for me. I have been made to realize that God has definite plans for me and that this work is part of His will for my life. Knowing Christ better has made me want to know even more of Him. The wonderful part of this work is that the story of Christ grows sweeter and dearer each time I read it. My prayer is that Christ may be seen in me.

2. A Better Knowledge of My Church.

Through proofreading the material written by our pastors, professors, missionaries, and laymen, my understanding of what our church believes and practices has been greatly increased, and it is a real joy to know that our doctrine is based solely upon the Word of God. Recently I read part of the book, "Chaos of Cults," which pictures the false teachings of men and what *men say* and *think* concerning God and His universe. How thankful we can be that we have as our guide "The

Bible, the Whole Bible, and Nothing But the Bible."

From reading the reports in the Herald we are kept informed of what we are doing as a church. There are constant advances being made in our foreign and home mission programs. The work among our youth is expanding. The student body of our seminary is growing, as men and women prepare for the Lord's work. Through the pages of the Herald the news is given to our people and the



Mrs. Ethel Kolb

needs of the various boards are presented in order that we may pray and give more intelligently.

3. A Better Knowledge of the Publishing Field.

Up until the time I started to work at the Herald Company I had no idea what was involved in the publishing of a paper or a magazine. It was a completely new experience for me and one which proved to be very interesting. I soon learned that there are many steps to be followed before any literature is ready for mailing—editing, typesetting, proofreading,

correcting, make-up, checking to see that all (?) errors have been corrected, and finally sending it to press.

The feeling of fear that I had when I first started to work here—the feeling of a woeful lack of the skill needed for the task, and a fear of the responsibilities involved—threatens time and again to steal over me when I am faced with tasks of great importance in our publishing work. However, frightened though I may be and overawed by the responsibilities, I am happy to be able to have a part in this particular phase of the work.

4. A Better Knowledge of the People of Our Churches.

In another phase of my work, that of subscriptions, I have come to know many of the Brethren. This is not a personal acquaintance, in most cases, but one acquired through corresponding with individual subscribers, pastors, and church secretaries. Therefore, whenever I do have the privilege of meeting any of our subscribers, they never seem like strangers.

Perhaps I can solve a mystery at this point. For the benefit of you who have written in, wondering who "E. K." is, refer to the picture above.

As we continue our service for the Lord at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, we ask that you might remember your publishing house, its board of trustees, and the members of the staff in your prayers, that our work may honor the Lord Jesus Christ.



"OWE NO MAN ANY THING"

By Rev. Blaine Snyder, Assistant Business Manager and Bookkeeper

"Owe no man any thing." These familiar words are a portion of verse 8 of Romans 13. To be fully appreciated they must be seen in the light of their context. In the first portion of this epistle (chs. 1-11) the writer presents a great doctrinal discussion of the Christian faith, but in the last section (chs. 12-16) he discusses the duties which are incumbent on the child of God. It is first principle and then practice. It is interesting to note in passing that most of the sermons and Bible studies from Romans within the pale of our observation have been taken from the first section of the book. Apparently it is easier to preach with the lip than with the life!

Coming more particularly to the immediate context of this verse we see that the writer is discussing the obligations which rest upon the Christian as a member of society. Our obligations are not confined to the walls of our church edifices, but extend to every member of the state. Public debts, such as taxes, are mentioned in the preceding verses, and in this verse we have the matter of personal obligations. While we are aware of the fact that one's responsibilities to others are broader than monetary (see 1:14) it is primarily this aspect of our duties with which we wish to deal.

Now just what does all this have to do with an article of this nature? We are confident that the better informed the members of our churches are, the more keenly they will realize their responsibility to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. There are two aspects of our financial problems which we would like to discuss with you. There are, first of all, the obligations which rest upon the company itself. Chief among these are the costs of producing our own publications. Since you are reading these lines it is quite likely that you receive the weekly issues of the magazine. Just as regularly as you receive your paper we also receive one from the printers. But even before the printer is able to run the papers off the press and send us his bill, the material must be in type. This involves a linotype machine and its operator; it requires editing and proofreading. It requires

considerable time in keeping records in the office. Before the papers can be sent on their way they must be addressed from a mailing file which must be kept up to date and they must be gotten ready for the post office.

How much does all of this cost? Actually it costs more than the subscription price which you paid to get your paper, and this represents one of the major expenditures of the company. The issuing of our quarterlies follows the same routine except for the matter of frequency.

How many weeks do you suppose you would receive your Herald if we defaulted in paying our bill to the



Blaine Snyder

printers? How long would (or could) the employees continue to work here if the company became derelict in meeting its promised pay roll? How long would Uncle Sam continue to deliver the papers if we became delinquent in paying our postage bill?

Another large expenditure of funds is to other publishers and sources of supplies, especially Sunday school material. It might interest you to know that during a recent month (February) we checked out to one company alone, \$2,641.29. This was above average, yet every month we must send to this and other publishers many hundreds of dollars. Should we pay our bills promptly, or should we become "slothful in business" and thus jeopardize the reputation and credit standing of the company?

A smaller expenditure of funds, but one not less essential, goes to the upkeep of the building in which we operate. If you own any real estate you know what we mean when we say that it requires considerable capital to keep a building going these

days. While we cannot make too much of an appeal to the esthetic, yet the appearance of our building does require some attention. We also face the same operating expenses which you have in your home. The gas company is almost uncanny in the regularity of its bills for our utilities. The coal man likes to be paid before considering future deliveries. The telephone bill must be paid in *advance*. We must pay taxes on our building and the stock in the store. Shall we pay these bills promptly when due? Should the building be kept in reasonable repair? Or shall we just let the slate slip off the roof and the putty fall out of the windows?

Having briefly reviewed the obligations of the company to others, we must now turn our attention to the second phase of our discussion, namely, the financial obligations which you and your church have toward the company. While we do print a magazine and some books here we do *not* print money. The Federal Government has some stringent stipulations on this matter, so we must depend upon you and your church to supply us with the funds with which to meet our obligations. It might interest you to know that when we balanced the books March 31 the accounts receivable indicated that the sum of \$9,842.10 was outstanding, a figure which almost equaled our bank balance.

We are reluctant to reveal to you that some of these accounts have been due for as long as 3 and almost 4 years. If you could sit down at my desk and leaf through the accounts in the book you would get a revelation which, to say the least, would surprise you. Churches, pastors, and individuals have accounts there which surely do not contribute anything to their testimony. We sing about a book of which it is a unique privilege to know that your name is "written there," but that is not the book in our office. While there is nothing disreputable in having one's name in an accounts receivable book, it does finally become disgraceful when to all appearances a debt has been repudiated.

When statement after statement, letter after letter elicits no response

from some of our debtors we begin to wonder whether we have not lost our sense of moral responsibility and rectitude. If it is contingent upon the company to pay its bills promptly then by the same standard those who are under responsibility to the company should meet their obligations. If we paid our bills like some people pay theirs our credit would be discontinued by every company with which we do business. We urge you to pay the bills which you incur at the company just as promptly as you like your debtors to meet their obligations to you.

Going back to our Scriptural admonition to "owe no man any thing" you can see how we as a company also come under the same commandment, but before we can meet our obligations we must depend upon you to fulfill yours. The things which we buy we buy for you or your church in the confidence that you will be faithful in meeting your bills when due. We trust that you will not fail us in this matter. With your continued cooperation, prayers, and support, both in purchases and gifts, we are confident that the Herald Company will prove to be a greater servant of the church in the future than it has in the past.

TESTIMONY FROM HONOLULU

"Enclosed please find a check for \$2.00 to renew our subscription. The Herald means so much to my husband and me over here in Honolulu."

We "started a Bible class here in our home and the Lord has been truly blessing. We have had five souls won to Christ and have baptized them by the Brethren mode of trine immersion."

The letter goes on to tell of the Sunday school they have in their home, and also of their desire to have a Brethren pastor and church for Honolulu.

This testimony is from T/Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin J. Jones.

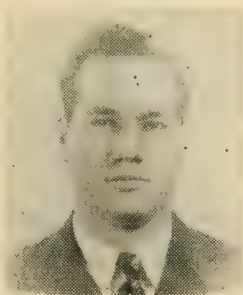
FROM AN OREGON READER

Hazel E. Sadle, writing from Albany, Oreg., to renew her subscription to the Herald, added these words: "I certainly do enjoy and get a lot of comfort and spiritual help from the Herald."

WHAT THE HERALD MEANS TO THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY

By Rev. Solon W. Hoyt, Missionary to Argentina

Probably the foreign missionary enjoys and benefits from the Brethren Missionary Herald more than any other in the Brethren Church. We believe the Brethren message to the extent that we have been willing to go forth under the Brethren Church to the hard places across the seas. Our chief aim is to bring men and women to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. But as we do this, we leave behind us believers who are definitely Brethren. There-



Rev. Solon Hoyt

fore, we are especially desirous of "keeping tab" on all the movements within the Brethren Church.

We missionaries eagerly anticipate the Brethren Missionary Herald because it keeps us informed. Friends are unable to perform this ministry for us in spite of their good will. They do not have the time, nor do they have access to sufficient information.

We are vitally interested in every phase of the church's activity, and none are forgotten in the Herald. We follow with great interest the life at the seminary—changes in the student body, the varied ministries of the faculty, special meetings during the year, and the social events. It goes without saying that the picture of foreign missions given in the Herald also draws our attention. Likewise, that which has to do with home missions, WMC, laymen's activities, and youth activities is read with enjoyment and a note of praise.

Thus, although we are away most of the time, still we are aware of that which is transpiring. Several

new men came into the Brethren Church during our first term of service in Argentina, and others entered the ministry after graduating from Grace Seminary. We were introduced to these men through the pages of the Brethren Missionary Herald, so when home on furlough, it took very little time to be able to work right along with them as though we had known them for years.

The Brethren Missionary Herald binds the Brethren of the various countries together in purpose and program. Three, four, and even six thousand miles of separation makes one feel as though he were alone in his enterprise. Very often we are prone to forget that we are members of a larger group and that our fellow Brethren are praying for us and looking to us as their servants. It is impressed upon our minds each time we receive the Brethren Herald that others have not forgotten. It helps us to remember our responsibility to pray for those who are likewise carrying forth the Good News in other countries. This binding has been so real that on various occasions I have been as good as there on the scene when I read in the Herald of the work here in the homeland. In fact, it has required several minutes to become oriented again and convince myself that I am truly in Argentina at the time.

The Herald ministers to our souls. As we read the articles written by godly men on Bible themes, or even the account of some revival, or just a striking sentence, our souls are fed. The missionary needs these in a very special way. He has comparatively little opportunity to fellowship with his fellow missionaries, so the Herald must make up for this lack as we fellowship through its pages.

Truly the Brethren Missionary Herald serves every interest of our denomination, but let not its ministry to the foreign missionary be minimized, for they are your servants, having gone forth in your stead carrying the life-giving message.

Discerning the Signs of the Times

By Dr. Charles H. Ashman, Los Angeles, Calif.

It is Scriptural to discern the signs of the times. It is un-Scriptural to set dates or manufacture signs, but it is according to the Bible to discern those signs which the Scriptures have declared. We refer to prophetic signs, those events and conditions that indicate the "coming of the Lord draweth nigh"! That is the purpose of this series of articles, namely, to discern the signs of the times pointing to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. We seek those signposts along the highway of history which prove we are nearing the "end of this age."

The Prophetiscope

We will use the prophetiscope of the Bible to see these signs. If we wish to see small objects—too small to be seen with the natural eye—we use the microscope. If we wish to see distant objects—too far away to be seen with the natural eye—we use the telescope. If we wish to see those things which point toward the end of the age, indicating the coming of the Lord, we must use the "scope of prophecy." I call this the "prophetiscope."

Prophetic Light

In II Peter 1:19-21 prophecy is declared to be "a light that shineth in a dark place." Of course, all Scripture is a light and a lamp, according to Psalm 119:105, but this is a special light provided. It is the light of prophecy which will shine "until the day dawn, and the day star arise." We are exhorted to "take heed" unto the revelations of this prophetic light. God has provided a path of light by means of which we can see down through the centuries until the consummation of the ages. We do well to take heed to what appears in this path of prophetic light. This is the night of time. The coming of the Lord will be as a "thief in the night." Christians are *in* this night but not of the darkness of it. God has provided lights for us. The Gospel is "the light of the world." The Holy Spirit is the internal light illuminating from within us. In a very special way prophecy is a peculiar light.

This is the first in a series of articles that Dr. Ashman is writing for the Brethren Missionary Herald on the general theme of prophecy and its fulfillment in our own time. Others will be printed in future issues of this paper.—Editor.

Unfailing Light

We can trust the "light of prophecy." It will shine on and on, undimmed, "until the day dawn." But does not I Corinthians 13:8 say "whether there be prophecies, they shall fail"? Yes, it does, but what does this mean? It surely does not mean that anything God has foretold will fail to come to pass. Known unto the Lord are the ends from the beginning. God cannot lie!

Human prophecies will fail; God's prophecies will never fail! We can depend upon divine predictions. "God is faithful who hath promised." God cannot lie! In absolute safety and confidence we can put our trust in the light of prophecy! Scoffers and mockers cannot blow out this light. Skeptics and unbelievers cannot cover it!

The Person of Prophecy

All prophecy focuses upon and centers in Jesus Christ! Let us not forget this. Everything forms the background for His appearance. The plans and purposes of prophecy all point to the Person of prophecy, Jesus Christ. Sometimes we get so interested in conditions and events of unfolding prophecy that we forget the Morning Star and the Sun of Revelation, Jesus Christ! "The Lord himself" is the Person of prophecy! The prophetiscope, the light, the unfailing light of prophecy, reveals the Bridegroom, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Mount of Transfiguration, after the disappearance of Moses and Elias, after the overshadowing cloud, after the voice out of the cloud, then when the disciples lifted up their eyes, "they saw no man, save Jesus only." That's the purpose of all

prophecy, namely, to reveal Jesus only! That is the purpose in presenting this series of articles on prophecy. We but seek the exaltation of Christ, "that in all he might have the preeminence."

The Progress of Prophecy

There is progression in the unfolding of God's plan of the ages. One fulfilled prophecy leads to another. Prophecy is a chain, one link leading on to the next. There is at times partial fulfillment pointing to consummation or final and complete fulfillment. Prophecy might be compared to an hourglass: as the sands run out we may know that the consummation of the ages is near. "So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand," declared Jesus.

Hebrews 10:25 speaks about seeing "the day approaching." There is a beginning of prophecy, an unfolding, partial fulfillments, finally consummating in complete and final fulfillment. This is our encouragement. Sometimes in the work of the denomination and the local church, committees report, "We report progress," which usually means "We have done little or nothing," and is a lame alibi for carelessness. But there is always progress in prophecy! God's plans and purposes are being fulfilled.

The Rapids of Prophecy

Prophecy increases in speed as we get closer to the end of the age. The stream runs swifter and swifter. The current gets deeper and wider. Those things that constitute signs increase in their intensity and multiplicity. Things "shut up" and "sealed to the time of the end" (Dan. 12:4) are opened and unsealed as we approach the end time. Iniquity becomes abounding, evil men and seducers will wax worse and worse. In this rocket age, the rocket is not the fastest thing: the fulfillment of prophecy is swifter! Never speak of the "Lord delaying His coming." It was the wicked servant that spoke thus. God is never behind time! Christ will not delay His coming.

IT COULD HAPPEN IN YOUR CHURCH, TOO

Less than a year ago the young people's work in our Kittanning, Pa., church was at low ebb. Today it is thriving, active, and filled with spiritual life. The story of what happened, and how it happened, could be duplicated in many places, if *someone had the vision, and took the time.* At Kittanning it was a young couple, Earl and Betty Fiscus, who were busy building a home in the country just out of town, who heard the call of God, and have been used to lead the young people of their church. But let's let Earl Fiscus tell the story—

"The leaders of our CE had moved away, so we were without a youth organization. As a result many of our teen-agers drifted away from our church. We saw the need, but didn't know what to do about it, and because we didn't know what to do we did the right thing—and prayed.



Earl and Betty Fiscus

When we work, *we* work, but when we pray, *God* works. This is the way He worked on us.

"Last summer we took a vacation trip into New Mexico and were privileged to visit our Spanish-American mission at Taos. On Friday night we observed their weekly club meeting for the BYF. Rev. Sam Horney and one of the boys, in mission cars, brought 40 young people to the mission home for a time of outdoor games, refreshments, and devotions. What a wonderful time these young people had! Each one took his part without being asked. They brought their unsaved friends there, then invited them to BYF and church.

Through this, and their personal witnessing, they won some of their friends to the Lord, who would in turn bring others.

"How jealous this made us for our young people in Kittanning! We prayed for the Lord to call someone who loved Him enough to give their time, home, car, and anything else it would take to make soulwinners of our boys and girls. Guess who He called! During a fast game of volleyball, our hearts understood their shouts and enthusiasm, even if the words were sometimes in Spanish, and the Lord seemed to say to us, 'This is what to do.'

"While in New Mexico we also visited our Navaho mission, and learned to love those Indians and our missionaries there. We learned a lot from them, especially the meaning of Romans 12:1. Then we realized that our young people, without Christ, were really no better off than the heathen Navahos. We could see that in Kittanning, too, 'the fields were white unto harvest.'

"So we returned home with a vision and a call. After talking things over with our pastor, Bro. Gordon Bracker, and getting the approval of the church board, we began Saturday night 'club nights.' The young people were enthusiastic about them. After three meetings we suggested that we were going to have Sunday night meetings also, and they were just as enthused about this. Since these meetings started last September, BYF members have become more active in the church and Sunday school, and some serve as teachers, officers, and helpers. They have won friends to the Lord, five of whom were recently baptized. They have prayer meetings for unsaved friends and loved ones, and their personal witnessing puts us to shame.

"It has been a real thrill to work with these young people. It has also been almost a full-time job! Our home is open every Saturday night to them, and the basement is equipped with ping-pong and table games. Now we've added some outdoor play equipment for the summer months. We always have refreshments and devotions at these Saturday night meetings, and the young people help with both. We

covet for some of you the joys we've had in working with our young people here.

"To begin such a program as ours, besides a vision and your Bible you'll need a concordance, BYF programs from Ralph Colburn, 'Young People's Programs,' by Carol Carlson, 'Sunday Evenings With Jesus, No. V,' and a stack of old Power Sunday school papers for stories and illustrations. A 'Fun Encyclopedia' and other helps for games are useful;



and most important of all, you need a church which backs you with its prayers, and a pastor who is always willing to help in any way when you need help. It takes time and energy, but take it from us, it's worth it!"

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUTH MEET AT TRACY

The first Friday in May found the Tracy, Calif., church the setting for a youth banquet, attended by nearly 100 people, and a rally following which filled the church. Pastors and young people from Chico, Manteca, Modesto, and other points were present. An impromptu preachers' quartet entertained at the banquet, after a fine dinner and good singing.

Buford Karraker led the singing and was master of ceremonies for the program upstairs, where special numbers from several churches were enjoyed. Youth Director Ralph Colburn brought the message which climaxed the program.

The Chico group was entertained overnight by the host church, and they, with some of the Tracy youth, enjoyed some morning sessions before heading for home. It made a wonderful beginning for the youth director's schedule in the Tracy, La Loma, and Brethren Center visits that week.

Where Were His Parents?

On May 22 a 14-year-old boy was shot by a policeman in Van Wert, Ohio, who was trying to fulfill his duty. The boy was not killed, but he may bear a permanent injury.

This boy with his 16-year-old brother and another 14-year-old boy were from Detroit, Mich. In that city they stole a car and drove it to Toledo, Ohio, where they abandoned it and stole a second car. This one they drove to Findlay, Ohio, and deserted it for a third car. Driving this third car without lights as they were passing through Van Wert, they were asked by the officer of the law to halt. Instead they fled until they mired the car in the mud, and then they started to flee on foot with the policeman still in "hot pursuit." The man of the law had no other course of action than to shoot, for he was authorized to see that the laws were obeyed.

"Rulers [officers of the civil law] are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid: for he beareth not the sword [instrument of defense and judgment] in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil" (Rom. 13:3-4).

The boy was only 14 years old and yet he was shot as a breaker of the laws of the land. One cannot help but wonder: Where were the parents of these boys at this time? How was it that these boys could be away from school, for this event took place in the middle of the week? Who is to blame that this boy with the other two were engaged in such deeds of evil? It is time for the citizens of this country to answer these questions honestly before God.

Neutrality Is an Impossibility

The president of Texas Christian University, Dr. M. E. Sadler, declared that any school which does not teach the existence of God "is actually teaching atheism." In a message which he gave in Chicago recently he further stated:

"Our schools have proceeded on

the entirely false assumption that if they did not teach religion they would be neutral. As applied to our education, we have interpreted the great principle of religious freedom to mean freedom from religion, and have permitted the development of an educational system which has produced a secularized, materialized society.

"A system of education which does not teach religion nor strengthen faith in God would have been most displeasing and disquieting to those who wrote our Constitution."

These words ought to be noted very carefully by all who have anything to do with the modern educational system—teachers, parents, and the people who support the schools.

Neutrality is an impossibility in these matters. Upon one occasion the Lord Jesus affirmed: "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" (Matt. 12:30). That is a decisive statement from the Son of God who spoke out of the wisdom of eternity. It must be concluded then that any educational system that does not magnify the name of the Lord Jesus is against Him—neutrality is an impossibility.

Hazards of Trip to Moon

Beyond the atmospheric area surrounding the earth, if one were to travel to the moon, he could expect to encounter the hazards of poisonous ozone, cosmic rays, and the boiling of one's own blood, declared Dr. Clayton S. White. In an address before the joint meeting of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences and the Cleveland Academy of Medicine, at Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. White, who is research director of Lovelace Clinic in Albuquerque, N. Mex., warned those who contemplate the penetration into and through outer space that they must be able to cope with these dangers before they could reach the moon or any of the planets.

Beloved, we know of one who has dealt with this problem and He has conquered it. In fact, He knows more about the problem than does Dr. White, and He knew about it long before it ever entered the consciousness of the gentleman. Concerning Him Dr. Luke wrote:

"And when he had spoken these

things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9). Indeed, the Lord Jesus passed through outer space and met these hazards—if they really exist.

The Apostle Paul declared that we too shall pass through this area without any harm coming upon us, but it will be only when we have received our resurrection bodies: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:16-17).

However, we shall not remain in the air, but we shall pass with Him into the eternal home He has prepared for us (see John 14:1-3).

Insanity Is an Urgent Problem

There is far more insanity present in the world today than most people are able to realize. This is one of the signs of the times in which we live.

State Senator Floyd Stevens, of Sidney, Ind., head of the local county drive of the Indiana Association for Mental Health, said: "Mental illness strikes one person in every ten and fills more than half the hospital beds in the State." He further claimed that insanity in its various forms is "our No. 1 health problem."

Dr. Luke, deeply interested in all kinds of health problems, told of the Gadarene who was possessed of a legion of demons, perhaps a severe form of insanity was involved in the case. One day, however, he met the Great Physician who drove the demons out of the man and permitted them to enter into the swine. Dr. Luke recorded what happened following this in these words:

"When they that fed them [the swine] saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils [demons] were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus,

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1952 Commencement Activities

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake, Ind.

The activities of the 15th annual commencement at Grace Theological Seminary came to a successful conclusion with the graduation exercises on Friday evening, May 23, at 7:30 o'clock. The occasion was held in the spacious ground floor auditorium of the seminary building and was witnessed by a capacity crowd.

The academic procession formed on the main floor of the new building and marched to the scene of the service to the strains of music played by Mrs. Maxine McIntyre, wife of one of the seminary graduates. The procession included all the students of the school. The graduates took their places on the platform, where they were seated for the ceremonies to follow.

Graduation Service

The invocation was offered by Rev. Stewart Bain, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Goshen, Ind. After the singing of the hymn, "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues," under the direction of Donald Ogden, instructor of music in the school, the Scripture lesson was read by Rev. Ronald Robinson, pastor of the Peru, Ind., Brethren Church. The annual seminary announcements were made by Rev. William A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., and president of the seminary board of trustees. Rev. Malcolm R. Cronk, pastor of the South Side Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., offered the evening prayer after which the seminary quartet, composed of Russell Irwin, Dean Risser, Gene Witzky, and Roy Clark, sang, "Stand Up For Jesus."

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, executive vice president of the seminary, then introduced Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, president of Dallas Theological Seminary, who delivered the graduation address on the subject, "I Have Yet Many Things to Say Unto You." Immediately following the address by Dr. Chafer, Clair Brickel, president of the Senior class, presented a Bell and Howell movie sound projector to the seminary on behalf of the graduating class. The collegiate graduates also presented a class gift in the form of a crisp \$100 bank note, this money to be expended for maps

for the school. Leonard Uhrich, president of the class, made the presentation. Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr., responded to these gifts on behalf of the faculty and the administration.

Dr. Paul Bauman then announced the honor graduates in both the collegiate and graduate divisions. Those in the collegiate division are Carl E. Sechrist, first honor, and Robert Gordon Clouse, second honor. Honor students in the seminary are Glenn E. Smouse, who received the award *summa cum laude*; Evan M. Adams and Lester W. Kennedy, who re-



Dr. Kent

ceived the award *magna cum laude*; and Louis A. Sprowls and John S. Teeter, who received the award *cum laude*. Prof. Ralph Gilbert spoke in recognition of these honors.

This was followed by the presentation of candidates for diplomas and degrees by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean of the seminary, after which the conferring of the same took place by Vice President Bauman, assisted by Dr. Homer A. Kent, registrar, and Prof. John C. Whitcomb. Those receiving the Associate of Arts diploma (collegiate division) were Harold H. Aday, Jr., Jack Edward Berlin, Robert Gordon Clouse, Gilbert Eugene Hawkins, Carl E. Sechrist, and Leonard A. Uhrich.

Seminary Diplomas and Degrees

Next appear the names of those receiving diplomas and degrees in the graduate or seminary division. Ralph S. Burns, Dora Elaine Christy, and Lois Kennedy received the Christian Education diploma. Mary-Ann Jeanette Habegger, R.N., and Gail LaVern Jones, R.N., received

the Bachelor of Christian Education degree. Mabel C. Hamilton, B.C.E., and Vivian Ruth McBride, B.S., received the Master of Religious Education degree. John Paul Miller received the Theological Diploma *in absentia*, being in California due to the illness of his wife.

There were seven students who received the Bachelor of Theology degree: Martin Murray Garber, Richard Jackson, Jr., J. Clarence McKillen, Lynn Daniel Schrock (in absentia), William Wayne Smith, Glenn Ellsworth Smouse, and Louis Allum Sprowls.

Fourteen students received the Bachelor of Divinity degree: Evan Morris Adams, Stephen Herbert Bess, Clair E. Brickel, John Robert Dilling, John Thomas Drury, Richard Earl Grant, John Willard Harper, Lester W. Kennedy, Robert Earle McIntyre, Walter Smetana, Lester Olin Smitley, John Samuel Teeter, Maynard G. Tittle, and Howard Dale Vulgamore.

Four students were given the Master of Theology degree: Ralph W. Gilbert, Benjamin A. Hamilton, George Mahlon Heaney, and Homer Austin Kent, Jr. Two students were granted the Doctor of Theology degree, namely, James Leroy Boyer, teacher and financial secretary of Grace Seminary, and Robert Duncan Culver, professor in Trinity Theological Seminary of Chicago. The above groups constitute the largest number ever to take diplomas and degrees in the seminary division.

The graduation service was concluded with prayer and benediction by Rev. Ord Gehman, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church of Berne, Ind., after which the graduates appeared below the platform at the front of the auditorium to be greeted and congratulated by their relatives and friends. President Alva J. McClain, who is absent on sabbatical leave, had sent a letter of congratulation to the graduates, which was read by Dr. Bauman shortly before the benediction was pronounced.

Pregraduation Activities

The days immediately preceding graduation day were filled with ac-

tivities. They were introduced by the collegiate division banquet, held Saturday evening, May 10, at the Eskimo Inn. It proved to be a most pleasant affair, carefully planned and executed, and climaxed by an address by Rev. A. V. Hayes, pastor of the First Christian Church of Mishawaka, Ind., who spoke most helpfully in harmony with the theme of the occasion, "By Life or by Death."

The Middler-Senior banquet was held the evening of May 16, also at the Eskimo Inn. This affair, which has come to be the outstanding social event of the seminary year, had about 214 present at the tables. Following a sumptuous turkey dinner, a splendid program was enjoyed by the enthusiastic group. This was highlighted by an appropriate address by Rev. Lloyd Fesmire, pastor of the Village Church of Western Springs, Ill., and director of the "Songs in the Night" radio broadcast.

The annual class day service was held in the chapel of the seminary in conjunction with the Sunday morning service of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, May 18. The graduating class had full charge of the service and appeared in their academic regalia. The message upon this occasion was brought by William Smith, a member of the graduating class and president of the student body. He preached from Joshua 3:4—"Ye Have Not Passed This Way Heretofore."

The baccalaureate service was conducted in the evening of class day in the ground-floor auditorium in the presence of a splendid congregation of local and visiting folk. The sermon of the occasion was delivered by Rev. John M. Aeby, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pa., who emphasized the kind of a man the minister of the Gospel ought to be.

A special communion service was held at the seminary on the evening of Tuesday, May 20, for all the graduates and their families, and the faculty. It was a blessed occasion, a fitting conclusion to the work of a busy year.

Thus another year of seminary work is concluded. This has been a memorable year in that it is the first spent in our new building. We have rejoiced in our new home. "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psa. 126:3).

Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

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clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid" (Luke 8:34-35).

We believe there would be far less insanity today if more people would only come to the Lord Jesus, for He alone can cause one to be "in his right mind." Brethren, let us be ever more busy in bringing sinners—people who are not in their "right mind"—to the Lord Jesus for full salvation.

World Understanding Needed

President Miguel Aleman, of Mexico, at the opening session of the 43d convention of Rotary International on May 25, in Mexico City, called for a greater "world understanding" among the nations of the world. He blamed "obstructive misunderstanding" for the current tension everywhere, and then declared that "universal peace will take form only when the values of the spirit, of justice, and of right prevail."

The world can have and will have this "world understanding" and "universal peace" only when the people thereof give proper place in their lives to Him who said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). It is He who alone bears the name of "Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

"Get Thee Behind Me, Satan"

One Saturday in May a burglar entered the home of a preacher in Texas. He slashed the screen to get into the house and then he ransacked it throughout, as could be determined by his tracks and disturbed things in every part of the house.

At last he entered the pastor's study where he saw on the desk a sermon the pastor had prepared for the following day. This particular sermon began with Christ's words to Peter: "Get thee behind me, Satan" (Matt. 16:23).

Evidently the would-be thief followed the admonition of the text, for he took nothing from the house. Instead he wrote a note and placed

it alongside the preacher's sermon. The note contained these words: "You look like church folks, so I won't take anything."

Friend, when tempted to do wrong, follow the advice of this text and declare with decision: "Get thee behind me, Satan."

No Agreement for Unlikes

Gen. Matthew Ridgway recently asserted that "it remains uncertain that an agreement can be reached with the Communists except by sacrificing essential principles which the UN command will not do."

We hope the general is right in maintaining that the UN will not sacrifice any "essential principles" which it has not already yielded. It appears to some students of world conditions that this body may have already given up far too many "essential principles."

Unless there is a change on the part of one or the other of the two parties there can be no agreement. Many centuries ago God asked sinning Israel: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). Israel had been making the false claim of walking with God while sinning against Him. Hence, the Lord asked this question to which there is but one answer—two cannot "walk together" unless or until they are agreed with each other. This is true among nations as among individuals—the "free" part of the world cannot "walk together" with the "slave" part thereof. These two parts have nothing in common that would make possible walking together.

What Religion?

Moody Monthly states: "Thirty-three inserts of material relating to religion and religious subjects were introduced into the appendix of the Congressional Record during the first quarter of this year. The inserts were made by Congressmen of both parties and of all major faiths."

One cannot help but wonder as to what religion and religious subjects were introduced. Religion is not enough. The world is full of religions, but they are of no value. Only Christ Jesus and His salvation can bring to man those things he needs.

Remember These Requests for Prayer in June

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—

Pray for—

1. The physical well-being of all our missionaries and their families, especially for Mrs. J. Paul Miller, that she may be restored to full health and strength.

2. The Don Miller and William Samarin families. Their time of language study in France is drawing to a close and they expect to leave for Africa at the end of June.

3. Those returning to their fields of service. Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt and family expect to sail from New York for Argentina on July 10. According to present plans, Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber, Lois, and Allen expect to leave for Africa around the middle of July.

4. The missionaries who will be participating in various youth camps and district conferences during June and July, that their messages and activities may serve to win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as acquaint the hearers with missionary endeavor on the field.

5. The Carson Rottler family as they get settled in Huinca Renanco, Argentina, that the Lord will enable them to learn the language quickly.

6. The work in Tijuana, Mexico, and the other activities of the Haag and Howard families, that a strong Brethren testimony may be established and national believers trained to witness to their own people.

7. The 10 missionaries under appointment for Africa, that outfit needs, visas, boat passage, and all other needs may be supplied so that they may be on their way during August and September to France for language study.

BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL—

1. Pray for the Patterson Park Brethren who are constructing a new church building in Dayton, Ohio, that the necessary materials and funds will be available to complete the building in the shortest possible time.

2. Pray for the Kingsport, Tenn., work that the new families interested in the church will soon join in helping to establish a Brethren testimony in that city.

3. Pray that the Lord will give wisdom in the planning for a new church building in Denver, Colo. Praise God for directing the pastor, Bro. Lowell Hoyt, to a home nearer the lots.

4. Pray for the children in the Brethren Navaho Mission School who accepted Christ as Saviour, that they may continue to grow in grace during the vacation period, and that they may be the means of reaching their parents for Christ. Continue to pray for each member of the mission staff.

5. Pray for the daily vacation Bible schools held in our various



home mission churches, that through the children many new prospects will be reached for Christ and the church.

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—

1. Praise the Lord for the largest graduating class in the history of Grace Seminary. Pray for the 35 members of the Senior class as they look forward to service for Christ in various places throughout the world. Pray also for the six graduates of the collegiate division as they face the next steps in their preparation.

2. Praise God for the way He has directed so many young people to our school. Pray earnestly for young people who are now facing the decision as to the college or seminary they will attend. Pray especially that many of our own young people may be directed of the Lord to our school in Winona Lake.

3. Praise the Lord for the way He has so abundantly cared for the financial needs of Grace Theological Seminary. Pray diligently that the Lord will lay a real burden for these needs on the hearts of His people, even during these summer months. The need is urgent.

BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD COMPANY—

1. Praise the Lord for all of His past and present blessings upon this phase of the ministry of the Brethren Church.

2. Pray that the message of the publications of this company will always be positive, personal, and powerful, because directed by the Holy Spirit Himself.

3. Pray that every member of the denomination will feel his personal responsibility for the welfare of this company, especially in the giving of gifts for this missionary enterprise during the months of June and July—the months set aside for the publication interests of the church.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL—

1. Praise the Lord for the fine response to the major WMC offerings this year.

2. Pray for the WMC members who will be serving in D. V. B. S. and other child evangelism work this summer.

3. Ask God to guide each local WMC as they elect officers next month.

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA—

1. Pray for the national officers as they plan programs, goals, and projects for the coming year.

2. Pray for the work in the African field, each individual missionary, and their needs.

3. Pray for a closer spiritual walk with the Lord for each SMM girl.

BRETHREN YOUTH COUNCIL—

1. Pray for the summer camps of each Brethren district, that they will go well, and be fruitful in spiritual results.

2. Pray for the youth director as he works in the California churches and camps, and then heads for the Northwest camps and churches in July.

3. Pray for the rather acute financial needs of the Youth Council at this time.

4. Pray for our national youth camp, Camp Bethany, that it may be used of God to really stimulate our Brethren young people to greater things for the Lord.

Browsing Among the Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

THE RADIO PALS MAROONED,
by Charles Ludwig. Van Kampen Press. c1952. 80 pp. Cloth. \$1.00.

Station W7ZZZ may not have been in the 500,000-watt class, but it played a prominent role in the lives of Tom, Jim, and Porky Perkins, sons of the local minister. This adventure really gets under way when the sprocket chain on the man (boy)-powered generator broke and forced W7ZZZ off the air due to a power failure. The necessity for money with which to purchase a new one sent the boys off on a fishing trip which proved to be more than expected.

A storm at sea sent them adrift. The experiences of the next few days—the lack of food and water, the seasickness of one member of the crew—will make your heart ache for the boys. Help came at last when a motor launch drew up and took the boys aboard. Or was it help? Soon the boys realized that they were kidnaped and being held for ransom. How the Lord delivered them by a most ingenious S O S message will make interesting and thrilling reading for our younger readers. You will not be able to lay the book down till you learn how it all comes out. We heartily recommend it to you.—B. S.

THE MYSTERY OF THE MARSH,
by Paul Hutchens. Van Kampen Press. c1952. 160 pp. Cloth. \$2.00.

Those who know Paul Hutchens will need little more inducement for reading this addition to his list of Christian fiction. Two young people had grown up in the same community, they had many ideals in common—in fact, they were deeply in love, but the realities and experiences of life revealed the fact that romantically they were miles apart.

Jon, a promising young writer, was in love with his career and not his companion, Lile Fae.

When death overtook Lile Fae's father he had been writing a message to her, leaving an unfinished sentence behind. What would have been the rest of the sentence if he could have completed it? It was a most important message, for the father was telling the daughter where the secret of happiness could be found. It took months of time and many miles of traveling before the secret was discovered in the most unusual way.

Here is a Christian novel which can truly be called different. You will find it enjoyable reading and it does have a testimony which many books lack. This is perhaps the best of Mr. Hutchens' books which we have read and we recommend it to you for your pleasure and profit.—B. S.

THOUSANDS FOR MISSIONS

The historic Park Street Church, of Boston, Mass., of which Dr. Harold Ockenga is the pastor, pledged \$176,466.98 for missions during its 13th annual missionary convention which closed on April 27. The program included 55 missionaries from 27 foreign and three home mission fields.

At about the same time the People's Church of Toronto, Canada, held its missionary conference, with more than 300 missionaries present from 27 fields. At this convention \$258,000 was raised and pledged for missions throughout the world. Dr. Oswald J. Smith is pastor of this church.

The members of these churches are sinners saved by grace who have a desire to have all sinners come to Jesus Christ for salvation and eternal life.

The Christ for Everyone crusade scheduled for the month of October 1952 is gaining new adherents each month. It is estimated that 15,000 evangelical churches throughout this nation and Canada will be joined together in seeking to win the lost to Christ during October. Already several Brethren churches are working in the movement. Thousands of individual workers have volunteered to participate.

Dr. Charles E. Fuller is chairman for the United States and Premier Ernest C. Manning, of Alberta, for Canada. For detailed printed material address the director of the campaign, Mr. Horace F. Dean, 542 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.

YOUTH CONVENTION PLANNED

The eighth annual Youth for Christ International convention is being planned for Winona Lake, Ind., June 29-July 13. Early registrations indicate that it will be the largest convention in the history of YFC, according to President Robert A. Cook. Last year there were about 24,000 people in attendance.

About 50 of the YFC leaders are expected to be present, and many of them will speak, including Dr. Cook, Dr. Torrey Johnson, Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Robert Pierce, Dr. Merv Rosell, Dr. Percy Crawford, and Dr. William Culbertson.

In announcing the convention Dr. Cook said: "But more than a crowd we need prayer for the convention. We are asking God once again to make our annual convention a tremendous thrust for world evangelization in this generation."

GOSPEL HERALD 50 YEARS OLD

The Gospel Herald, an excellent Christian paper published by the Union Gospel Press of Cleveland, Ohio, will issue on June 14 its special jubilee edition, commemorating 50 years of continuous service to the church of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Luther L. Grubb, speaking on "Tomorrow May Be Too Late," will be the speaker at the first session of the conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches on Monday evening, August 18, at Winona Lake.

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BIBLE SCHOOL AT COVINGTON, VIRGINIA

This picture of the Bible school of the First Brethren Church, Covington, Va., was taken on May 18. It was the closing day of an evangelistic campaign at the church under the leadership of Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There were 330 people present, which broke the former record of 322. Pastor Lee Crist and Evangelist Kriegbaum can be seen standing together near the center at the rear of the auditorium.

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Bro. Richard Jackson, Jr., may now be addressed at Box 67, New Troy, Mich. The new pastor's phone number is 77 (add in Annual, p. 68).

Wednesday evening Bible studies at the Glendale, Calif., church are being conducted by Mr. Norman Olson, beginning June 4 and continuing for 12 weeks.

At the Covington, Va., church six decisions were recorded during the meetings with Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which meetings closed May 18. Four of the decisions were to accept the Saviour. (See cover picture.)

At the Ashland, Ohio, church five people were baptized on May 18 and two were received into the membership of the church.

Bro. William Smith will be ordained to the ministry at the Washington, D. C., church on June 22. The pastor, Rev. James Dixon, will preach the sermon. Others helping in the service will be Rev. M. Leon Myers, Rev. Homer Kent, Jr., and Bro. Edward Smith.

Dr. Orville D. Jobson's moderator's address to the Brethren Church will be heard at the national conference on August 19, 1952, at 10 a.m. Make your plans now to attend.

At the Beaumont, Calif., church six people were baptized on May 11.

Bro. Homer Lingenfelter, who graduated from the Altoona Bible Institute on June 9, has been called as the first full-time pastor of the new church in Everett, Pa. (Add in Annual, p. 68.) He has been serving the church since its beginning last year, but now will give up his other

work to enter upon a 3-year term as pastor, beginning June 15. On June 8 he performed his first wedding at the Everett church.

The Leamersville, Pa., church has planned a Bible conference for June 15-19, with Dr. O. E. Phillips speaking the first four days and Mr. Walter Oliver speaking on June 19. This church received 33 new members since January 1, 1952.

Bro. Ben Sickel, father of Dr. Clarence Sickel, celebrated his 91st birthday on May 6 at his home in La Verne, Calif.

Miss Grace Byron, missionary on furlough from French Equatorial Africa, is having a few days of unwelcomed rest at Winona Lake, Ind., having contracted a light case of pneumonia.

At the Roanoke, Va., Ghent church seven people accepted the Saviour on May 25 and five were baptized on June 1.



Rev. Mark Malles, of Altoona, Pa., was the speaker at the banquet sponsored by the Altoona Calvary Baptist Church honoring their high school graduates on May 31.

Stephen Rodney Wysong was born to Mrs. Mary Wysong, Dayton, Ohio, on June 2. Readers of the Herald will remember that the husband and father, Rev. Rodney Wysong, died on January 4, while serving as pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, Bethany church.

The La Verne, Calif., church has purchased the lots across Third St. from the present location for the purpose of expansion.

Miss Bessie Jolliff, member of the Wooster, Ohio, church since 1947, died in May.

Rev. Kenneth Ashman, of Wooster, Ohio, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the Sterling, Ohio, high school on May 25.

The Whittier, Calif., Community church, of which Rev. Wayne Flory is the pastor, was awarded a plaque for having the largest number of

preregistrations for the young people's camps this summer.

Bro. Ralph Burns, from Philadelphia, Pa., and a graduate this year from Grace Theological Seminary, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Clay City, Ind., church. (Add to Annual, p. 66.)

Bro. Clair Brickel's new address is Box 105, Clayton, Ohio, where he is pastor of the church. (Add to Annual, p. 66.)

Bro. Scott Weaver, Grace Seminary student, has resigned as pastor of the Sharpville, Ind., church effective June 30.

Sunday school orders are coming in now from some of the churches. Be sure that your church gets its order into the Herald Company offices as soon as possible in order that the staff here will have time to fill all orders and have the material back to your churches in time for the next quarter.

The publishing interests of the Brethren Church have been given the months of June and July in which to make their appeal to the members of the denomination. Have you carefully read the contents of last week's Herald? If not, won't you please do so and then plan to give a generous gift to this phase of the missionary work of our church. June 29 is the date suggested for the presenting of these special offerings through the treasuries of the local congregations.

Bro. Charles Gantt was ordained to the ministry on June 1 at the Covington, Ohio, church, of which he is a charter member and its first pastor. He is now serving at the Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago. The sermon was preached by Rev. Herman W. Koontz, of Winona Lake, Ind. Others helping in the service were Rev. Robert Betz, Rev. Clair Brickel, Dr. Homer A. Kent, Rev. Arthur Carey, Rev. Caleb Zimmerman, and the pastor, Rev. J. C. McKillen. Brother Gantt then preached the evening sermon at the church. The Gantts were involved in an automobile accident in returning to Chicago, the extent of the injuries have not been learned at this office.

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake, Ind., preached at the Covington, Ohio, church at the morning service on June 1.

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THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

Why We Are a Great Nation

Mr. Homer E. Capehart, United States Senator from Indiana, claims that this nation's greatness rests in its government. He said: "There is no substitute for our greatest asset—our system of government."

Speaking at the Midwestern Conference of the Controllers Institute of America, meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, on May 25, he said, "The undeniable fact is that our nation became great because the men who founded it believed in a system under which the tenant farm boy of today could become the landowner of tomorrow; the factory worker of today could become the factory owner of tomorrow; the boy or girl from the lowest economic or social level could become the state legislator, the governor, the Congressman, the U. S. Senator, or even the President of the United States."

May it ever be so! May we never come to the place where equal opportunities are not granted to all. Yet there are some today who would bring us to that place with their totalitarian ideas, be they called Communists, Socialists, or dictators, or by any other name.

If our greatness lies in our government let us go back to the principles held by those men who founded and established our nation. They were men who had the thought of God chief and uppermost in their minds. Many of them—perhaps most of them—came to the shores of this land because of their deep convictions that they should have opportunity to worship God without being molested by the powers of the state, which were in many cases controlled by dictators.

To remain great let us remember: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

Quakers Need the Saviour, Too

At the 271st Yearly Meetings of Arch Street and Race Street Friends in Philadelphia, Pa., the joint committee on temperance reported for the 128 local meetings and the 17,000 members as follows: "In a few cases, the replies indicated that total abstinence was the usual pattern; but in most cases, it was stated that only a few of the members were abstainers. . . .

"It has always been the committee's hope to prevent alcoholic indulgence rather than cure its effects. From our point of view the problem is increasing within the Society of Friends."

The Lord Jesus once said to a very religious man, Nicodemus by name: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:3, 7).

Perhaps some person ought to go to these Quakers and tell them the same thing. Once they experience the reality and the joy of salvation they will have dealt with the problem of alcoholic beverages at the same time.

Pay Day for Liars

Recently President Truman assailed the Communist rulers of Russia as liars, warmongers, and mass kidnapers of children on both sides of the Iron Curtain. He concluded with this question: "Don't you think that eventually they are not going to have to pay for it?"

Indeed, they and all sinners will pay for their sins. Many centuries ago Moses declared from his own experience: "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23). This truth applies to all who sin—not only to those who live behind the Iron Curtain. Liars, warmongers, and all kidnapers must come to their pay day some day, whether they live in this nation or in any other country. This includes every citizen of the land, even the President, if he is guilty of such conduct. It is still true that men reap in accord with their sowing (Gal. 6:7-8).

When John saw the glories of heaven he called attention to some who would not be there: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

Mankind Wants Peace

With the exception of a few men in high places who are there without proper qualifications for the offices they hold, most people want peace. Some men want it so much that they are willing to have it at any cost. This desire is natural to most men.

One means proposed to gain this desired end is to form a federal union of the nations of the world based upon the pattern of our union of states. Many believe that if some such league or union were established there would be no more place for warfare among men.

Philosopher Bertrand Russell, of England, is one of those who advocates such a world government. "When that happens," said he, "war will become practically impossible."

Mr. Russell and his followers fail to take into consideration one very important fact—the sinfulness of man. These "blind leaders of the blind" ought to read and reread many times these pointed words of James:

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not; ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain; ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not" (Jas. 4:1-2).

Indeed, sin and lust are at the bases of every war. World government will not remove these from among us; only the new birth can accomplish this end. Christ Jesus alone can bring universal peace.

Buying That Which Satisfies Not

Rev. S. Maurice Watts, moderator of the Free Church Federal Council of England, said in his moderator's address that the people of his land depend too much upon others for their livelihood, and that they have forsaken the doctrine of personal initiative. Then he added:

"This tendency is evident in the action of individuals. You have it in the words, 'I need not save because the state must look after my old age.' You hear it from people who complain of prescription charges in the National Health, but who

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II—THE APOSTASY

The Bible foretells the development and unfolding of *an* apostasy which will culminate in *the* apostasy. Apostasy means "falling away from," according to II Thessalonians 2:3. It means a departure from the revelation of God. But not every falling away from the Bible is apostasy. Not every backslider is an apostate. But every departure from the Scriptures which is an actual denial of them constitutes apostasy. Rejecting the revealed will of God in the holy Word of God contributes to the apostasy. There always has been *an* apostasy—it was working in the days when II Thessalonians 2:7 was written—but the Bible foretells the climax in *the* apostasy.

The passages from the Bible foretelling the apostasy are too numerous to quote in full on this page. We list some of them for you to read direct from the Bible: II Thessalonians 2:1-10; I Timothy 4:1-3; II Timothy 3:1-8; 4:3-4; II Peter 2:1-3; Luke 18:8; and Jude 4:8-19).

Denial of the Faith

The outstanding characteristic of the apostasy is denial of the faith. Jude felt the constraint of the Spirit upon him to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). Jesus asked the question in Luke 18:8—"When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Christ did not mean personal faith in Him, for there will always be those who have personal faith in Christ. God has never left Himself without a witness. Faith in Christ will never disappear. I think what Christ meant was *the* faith, the total content of the revelation in the inspired Scriptures, the body of revealed truth.

Foretelling the apostasy, our Lord's question could mean whether there would be any denomination, any local congregation, any group of believers who would maintain faith in the whole Bible! Would He find such living in "obedience to the faith among nations, for his name"? (Rom. 1:5). Would He find such standing "fast in the faith"? (I Cor. 16:13).

Would He find those denominations, local congregations which would be sincerely, consistently, constantly examining themselves, "whether [they] be in the faith"? (II Cor. 13:5). Would He find such continuing "in the faith grounded and settled"? (Col. 1:23).

As we proceed in our study of the apostasy, let us as a denomination, as members of the Brethren Church, examine ourselves and see how we measure up. I do not aim to bring charges against anyone, but I do aim to fearlessly face the facts and figures concerning the present state of the apostasy. If the Brethren Church is guilty, then let us repent and get back to the Bible! Our motto, our slogan before the world is, "The Bible, the Whole Bible, and Nothing But the Bible!" The New Testament especially is our sole source of authority for our belief and practice. By it let us measure ourselves and be judged. If we are not true to our motto, then there is no justification for our existence as a denomination—we have apostatized. We need to repent or else the Lord will remove our candlestick (see Rev. 2:5). Remember, the outstanding characteristic of the apostasy is the denial of "the faith." That can be in either doctrine or practice!

Denial of Verbal Inspiration

This phase of the apostasy begins often with the denial of the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. It twists the passage in II Timothy 3:16-17 to read, "All scripture, given by inspiration of God." In sly suggestion it plants the seed of suspicion that not all Scripture is given by inspiration. It really insinuates that if there is any inspired Scripture, it is profitable. It points to the numerous "translations" of the Bible—which in reality are interpretations and not genuine translations—as justification for denial of inspiration. Translations are not inspired! Footnotes in the Bible are human. God gave the Scriptures in the original languages verbally inspired of the Holy Spirit. Men have twisted and warped them

sometimes in their man-made translations.

The translation of the Bible into different dialects, so that people may have the Scriptures in their own language, is praiseworthy. But, beloved Brethren, we need to be very careful of putting our trust in these "modern translations" or "translations into modern language" in which too often the seed of the apostasy is found. If we examine some carefully we will find the earmarks of the National Council of Churches somewhere. I have recently examined some and found denials of the deity of Christ in them.

Roman Catholic Church Apostasy

The Roman Catholic Church denies the supremacy of the Scriptures. In a half-page advertisement in a leading magazine recently proof of this is found. This ad is headed, "No . . . The Bible Is Not Our Sole Guide." Then the Roman Catholic Supreme Council of Knights of Columbus proceeds to claim that the Catholic Church is "the Mother of the Bible." They claim that "the Bible is not and was never intended to be the sole source of Christian teaching and belief." Then this ad proceeds to at least suggest that the Roman Catholic Church is inspired in its teachings, on an equality with the Bible. This is an earmark of most of the false religions, namely, claiming additional revelations equal in authority and inspiration with the Bible. This is the very essence of the apostasy—denial of the supremacy of the Bible as the sole infallible authority for belief and practice.

"Shall He Find Faith?"

Here is a poem, the author of which we do not know. We pass it on, praying that it will make us think and pray.

"What shall He find when He cometh
Suddenly piercing the skies?
Calling His own to meet Him,
Bidding His dead arise?"

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The "I Am" cult claims to have found the cure-all for every spiritual and physical need. All one has to do is to say to himself, "I am the resurrection and the life," or any of the following, "I am well," "I am attractive," "I am popular," "I am prosperous," or "I am intelligent," and as a result he will become all these things. God is all things that exist and one must recognize himself to be a manifestation of the divine spirit; he must recognize the great god-self within. God cannot be sick, or poor, or a failure; so the follower of this cult cannot be any of these things either. If one will faithfully follow the practice of recognizing his true divinity by a repetition of these powerful phrases, there is no end to the marvels which will be accomplished in his life.

Attitude to Cults

Thus reads the literature of this blasphemous cult. One need not look far to find many other cults which also employ practically the same basic ideas of pantheism and the power of the mind over matter. We can take various attitudes toward them—we can ignore them, reject them, or investigate them to see why people turn to their teachings and whether there is any truth in them. When we remember that cults are sweeping the country it is foolish to ignore the subject. Often they do appeal to the natural desires of the human heart. Men want to be well, prosperous, and attractive. Even Christians want these things, for they are not necessarily wrong, but rather good. God wants us to have physical blessings.

Satan Twists the Truth

The Devil is a very intelligent person and he can see truths that we are passing up entirely in our application of the Bible. Naturally he cannot use them as they came forth from God—all truth is God-centered. So Satan twists these truths sometimes and makes them accomplish his own ends. He does this by suggesting to man that he make truth to be man-centered, which brings about Satan's desired results.

Truth, to be truth, must be God-centered, as Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." So

when one makes religion center in man it is no more truth.

Jesus said: "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). So let us try to figure out what the truth is which is being distorted, yet is workable enough to attract many adherents.

Pantheism Is a Perversion

First of all in regard to pantheism—it is a perversion. Pantheism says, "God is everything and everything is God." It is true that God is the creator and sustainer of the universe, that "in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28), but to



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make God an impersonal being equal to all of creation is falsehood.

Now for a man to identify himself with God gives him a feeling of power and security. A firm faith, even though falsely placed in himself as the expression of the Infinite, reacts favorably and he becomes self-confident, releasing latent natural powers. Then he becomes more healthy, his judgment becomes better, he becomes prosperous and attractive, too.

Mind does have great power over matter—not that nature is completely subject to human mind; far from it. The work of the faith healers (?) and psychiatrists does demonstrate that the right mental attitudes are important in living a normal satisfying life. These cults have recognized this and are taking advantage of this principle of life. The sad thing is that they have warped the truth so much that it can no longer work in the way God intended.

Christian Basis for Security

Do we, as Christians, have a basis for security in the Word? The Lord

Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore" (Matt. 28:18-19). Paul added his testimony in these words: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). In Christ Jesus "dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him" (Col. 2:9-10). In light of this great fact the Lord Jesus admonished His followers: "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me" (John 15:4).

God has given us abundant grounds for perfect trust. Our worries and fears should slip away completely as we abide in Christ. Do we not have union with God Himself through the Lord Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit? Yet how many Christians are living in defeat! They are thinking wrong thoughts—thoughts of powerlessness, of envy, of pettiness, and of fear. Their thoughts are set on obtaining small things when they could have the great things. Does not Paul remind the believers that "all things are yours"? The Apostle Peter added his testimony in these words: "His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness . . . [and] given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature" (II Pet. 1:3-4).

Think on These Things

Think on these things! Make it a daily practice of repeating the promises of God to yourself and through faith lay hold on them. Practice mental and spiritual discipline, like a good soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ. Trust the Spirit of God who dwells within you—count on Him. He will not and cannot fail you, and you will find peace and security in Him and through Him.

Writing to the Philippian believers—and hence to us—the Apostle Paul summed it up thus: "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understand-

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DAYTON, OHIO, CELEBRATES BUILDING ANNIVERSARY

The church building located at 1900 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio (known to its members and friends as "First Brethren"), celebrated its 40th birthday on Sunday, May 25, 1952. First Brethren, as a church, was actually started in Dayton 60 years ago, but the present building was dedicated on May 12, 1912.

This was sort of a progressive party, with the first stop being Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. The whole Sunday school, with the exception of the cradle roll department, met together for the opening exercises, with the beginners, the primary, and the junior departments presenting part of the program. Mrs. Ivah Patterson taught the Sunday school lesson to the combined adult classes.

Rev. Norman H. Uphouse, of Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn., was the speaker at the morning worship service, with special music by the choir, and Mr. Warren Driver and his violin.

Following the benediction 164 persons, old and young, proceeded to the social rooms for the birthday dinner (someone called it "lunch," but it looked like a "banquet" to me).

One of the features of any well-organized birthday party is the birthday cake—this one was a three-decker with 40 candles. Two of the members of the church, with the most years of continuous membership, Mr. Ed Smith and Mrs. Lottie Walters, were given the honor of lighting the candles. Mrs. Walters was presented with a white corsage, and Mr. Smith was presented with a necktie (not quite as "loud" as some Rev. Steffler wears).

While the tables were being cleared, the group sang several old familiar hymns, led by Mr. Paul Coblentz and accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Bonnie Ashton, daughter of Mrs. Belle Ewing, one of the founders of First Brethren.

The "keynote" of First Brethren was sounded by Miss Zella Soward, choir director, when she sang, "I Love to Tell the Story," with organ accompaniment by Alva Steffler.

Mr. Owen Hacker gave a short talk about First Brethren and called attention to a coincidence. The number of names on the Sunday school roll on May 12, 1912, was 317. Exactly the same number, 317, was

shown on the Sunday school register at the front of the church, as being the number of those present for Sunday school on May 25, 1952, 40 years later. In the meantime four Brethren churches have been started by former members of First Brethren.

It is also customary at birthday parties to have a few games, and this one was no exception. Mrs. Hazel Diehl, wife of our Sunday school superintendent, had charge of this part of the program. She pretended she was a certain person (male and/or female) who had had a great many years of continuous service with the church, and gave a few details in their lives and then asked us



to guess who she was. As each party was identified they were presented with a red rose.

Among those who were honored as having the most years of continuous service with First Brethren were Mrs. Bonnie Ashton, Mr. Wesley Baker, Mrs. Ivah Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harn, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haller, Mrs. Mary K. Hacker, Mrs. Bertha Stull, Mrs. Della Goehring, Mrs. Emma Gearhart, Mrs. Ethel Russell, Mrs. Ruth Comer, Mr. Owen Hacker, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Lynch, Mrs. Lottie Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Grubbs, Mr. Ralph Zimmerman, Mr. Paul Coblentz, Mrs. Kate Abbot, Miss Margie Bolender, Mrs. Pearl Hole, and Mrs. Effie Baker.

Then the officers and teachers of the Sunday school and church were called to the platform so we could see who they were, and they were asked to sing, "Take My Life and Let It Be." Then the audience was asked to stand and sing, "Work, for the Night Is Coming."

Our pastor and his wife, Grandpa William and Grandma Harriet Steffler, were presented with a beautiful basket of flowers in honor of their 28th wedding anniversary.

We sang, "Blest Be the Tie That

Binds," Rev. Steffler pronounced the benediction, and we then proceeded to go home to recuperate for the final part of our birthday party, which was the worship service at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Steffler's theme for the evening was, "The Value of Church Membership." The special music was furnished by the Orpheus Male Chorus, led by Mr. O. E. Gebhart, a former music director of First Brethren.

Mr. Ed Smith, the grandpa of those present when it comes to church membership with First Brethren (having been a "First Brethrener" since 1890), must believe in church membership, and we hope that Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gibson, who are mere infants (their church membership being only 1 week old), will always feel the same way.

The committee working with Mr. O. E. Hacker, chairman, in planning and carrying out this 40th birthday party, were Mrs. Ivah Patterson, Mrs. Hazel Diehl, Mrs. Bertha Zimmerman, Mr. Charles Campbell, Mr. Paul Coblentz, and Mr. Ronald Grubbs.

It was a full day—physically, mentally, and spiritually. May the Lord watch between me and thee for as many anniversaries as He sees fit to leave us here.—*Mrs. Ruth Barnes, secretary, Boethian Class.*

Allentown, Pa.

It was a God-given privilege to be called to Allentown, Pa., to assist Bro. William Gray and his people in a revival meeting. The warm Christian atmosphere in the Allentown church was a real indication of the work of the Holy Spirit through Brother Gray. He certainly is leading the people to a high spiritual plane.

There were results. Twenty-two people came forward, and among these were four first time decisions for Christ. These figures do not include a number of children who raised their hands at the Sunday school hour of the last Sunday of the meeting.

It was a pleasure to work with Brother Gray for the third time. Our home was with the Grays, and everything possible was done for our comfort and enjoyment.

It was good to greet the Aeby

family at one of the evening services, and night after night someone from the Philadelphia Third Church was present to give encouragement.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the work of the Allentown church choir, which sang a special number each night. I honestly believe this is the best choir, in quality and faithfulness, it has ever been my privilege to work with in a meeting. Throughout the entire meeting the choir members were faithful to their God-given duty.—William A. Steffler, evangelist.

Rev. William A. Steffler, of Dayton, Ohio, was our evangelist in the revival that closed here in our Allentown church on May 11. This was our best meeting in the last 6 years. There were 22 public decisions, 4 of which were first-time decisions. These four people were baptized and received into the church. The congregation was also greatly helped by the meeting.

This was the third time that the pastor has had the privilege of working with Brother Steffler as the evangelist, and it was a time of real fellowship in the Lord. Brother Steffler will find a warm welcome awaiting him at any time he returns to the Allentown church.

During the campaign a number of delegations attended the meeting from the Third Brethren Church of Philadelphia. Rev. John Aeby, of the First Church in Philadelphia, also visited the meetings.—William Gray, pastor.

PLAN CONGRESS ON PROPHECY

The first International Congress on Prophecy is being planned for November 9-16, 1952, to be held at the Calvary Baptist Church, New York City. Speakers are being invited from this country and from other countries of the world—men who are known for their definite stand on the prophetic Scriptures. The interdenominational committee of arrangements is headed by Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of Watchman-Examiner.

The rapid and dramatic march of world events in our times has caused many people to turn again to the prophecies God has given. For that reason it has been thought wise to hold an international gathering featuring the study of these great truths in God's Word.

THE APOSTASY

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Cometh—at dawn, or at even;
Cometh—perhaps at noon;
Cometh—today it may be!
Cometh—it must be soon.

He will find eyes that watch not;
Lamps burning faint and dim;
Hearts that His own heart broke for,
Caring so little for Him!
The world that He suffered and died
for
Gone mad in its race for fame
And men that He laid down His life
for
Denying His holy name.

He will find singing, and sighing;
Laughs with a sob underneath;
He will find selling and buying,
Fightings and feasting and death;
Marrying and given in marriage,
Laughter and music and mirth;
Nevertheless, when He cometh,
Shall He find faith on the earth?

Help us, oh help us, dear Master,
To watch for Thee day by day—
Surely Thy footsteps already
Echo not far away!

Oh, when Thou comest, dear Master,
Breaking in on earth's sorrow and
mirth

In the hearts Thou art teaching to
trust Thee
THOU SHALT FIND FAITH ON
THE EARTH!"

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ing, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:6-8).



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never say a word about prodigal personal expenditure."

Mr. Watts went on to indicate that the average prescription charges amounted to about 6 cents per week for a family of four, while each family in the land spent almost 9 dollars a week on drink, tobacco, and gambling. The annual tobacco and drink expenditure alone amounted to about four billion dollars in that nation, "almost the amount of the rearmament program which we think we cannot possibly afford."

The ageless question of Isaiah again comes to mind: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness" (Isa. 55:2).

This applies to the people of the United States of America as well as to those who live in England, or who live in any other nation in the world.

War Preparations Continue

Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, a man who should know whereof he speaks, has indicated that "it seems doubtful that the army, within our generation, will ever be less than three or four times its prewar size."

Again we remind the readers that this is a sign of the times in which we live. Joel put it this way: "Proclaim ye among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up . . . assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen [nations], and gather yourselves together round about" (Joel 3:9-11).

WCTU TO MEET IN ST. LOUIS

The 78th annual convention of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union is scheduled to meet in the Centenary Methodist Church building, St. Louis, Mo., September 26-30, 1952.

A TESTIMONY FROM OHIO

"I appreciate that you stand for the old-time Gospel." This is the testimony of Pearl A. Rodabaugh, Bluffton, Ohio, in renewing her Herald subscription.



“Occupy” IN STEWARDSHIP

By Rev. Harold Etling, Akron, Ohio

A little while ago a young man was asked to define the word “stewardship” in a youth fellowship meeting, and he replied, “Stewardship? Why anyone knows what that is; it’s just a high-sounding name for taking up the collection.” I suspect that many a grown-up is of the same opinion and would give stewardship the meaning of “another name for taking up the collection.”

The Meaning of Stewardship

What does it mean when we talk of stewardship? The word occurs in the Bible four times, while “steward” appears 13 times, and “stewards” five times. Luke uses “stewardship” three times in Luke 16:2-4, and applies it to the office of administrator of the property of another. The Apostle Paul uses it once in I Corinthians 9:17 to show the responsibility which God had entrusted to him to preach the Gospel to the world. Hence, in the New Testament, the word “stewardship” means more than taking up the collection, or even the matter of material possessions. The word itself is formed by adding “ship” to the word “steward,” and tracing it back, we discover that in the Anglo-Saxon language the original steward was the keeper of the pigsty or the protector of the cattle. Not a very wonderful word, but it rose in dignity until it came to mean the person in charge of the affairs of another, particularly the household affairs; the keeper of an estate, or the holder of a position of public trust. To that, add the word “ship,” and remember that all words ending in “ship” imply a definite relation between two persons or things.

What then is Christian stewardship? The man or woman who is “born again,” and thus becomes a Christian, has a new relationship. The Lord Jesus has become his Master and Lord. There has come to be a definite program for all of life. Paul said, “Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price.” God has given to every one of us the whole of life—personality, time, talent, material

substance, influence, all of life. They do not belong to us, they are His property. We have become only stewards. We are in charge of these things, and have the privilege and responsibility for their administration.

The Illustration of Christian Stewardship

How can we best learn to administer that which God has entrusted to us? I think that here, as in every other realm of the Christian life, we need to learn from Jesus Himself, for He is the perfect illustration of a true “steward.” Christianity is based upon Christ, and Christian stewardship must rest upon the same foundation. There are three verses of Scripture that seem to sum up His very attitude in the matter. The first is very early in life when, at the age of 12, being found by Mary and Joseph in the temple, He said, “Wist ye not that I must be about my Father’s business?” Then in John 6:38, in the midst of His ministry, He said, “For I am come down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.” And in Matthew 20:28, “The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Administering as a Christian

Christian stewardship, as Jesus lived it, is not the offering of the odds and ends of our time, talent, and material resources to God, but the whole-time administration of all our powers and possessions for God. What is God’s will for us as His stewards, particularly in the administration of our material possessions?

Paul says there are two essentials which are basic in all our stewardship of giving: (1) We must “give ourselves,” for He says in II Corinthians 8:5, “First [they] gave their own selves to the Lord.” The person is of more value than any gift he can give. God wants the person first. (2) Then we must have love. Paul says in I Corinthians 13:3, “Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity [love], it profiteth me nothing.” When these basic elements are present then God is ready to reveal to us the principles upon which we shall move in administration. We want to suggest three of these principles.

1. Our giving must be as stewards and not as owners. How often we have heard men talk as if they owned the

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world, but the wealth of the world is God's. Too often, even as Christians, while we talk of God's ownership we live and give as if we were the owners.

2. Our giving must be as stewards rendering unto God the "things that are God's." One of the first lessons the Hebrew children had to learn was this: that they were to bring the "firstfruits" of the harvest and the "firstlings" of the flock to God. We who are Christians ought to accept the lesson. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Surely in the matter of giving, as we occupy as good stewards, we ought to give God's portion first. This does not mean simply that we are to give His portion, but we should do it intelligently. These are the days in which all kinds of calls are coming for our gifts. Hardly a day goes by but that an appeal or two comes to our desk asking for help in the name of the Lord Jesus. We should study the needs carefully, and then intelligently. Since we are Brethren, it is not selfish to say that God has given us a particular and peculiar ministry in the world, and the first needs that ought to be supported by Brethren people are the needs of the Brethren Church, both locally and denominationally. Our home and foreign boards of missions, our

school (Grace Seminary), our Brethren publications, Sunday school board, as well as the various district projects and local church work, should receive our gifts.

3. Then, of course, our giving ought to be systematic and proportionate. Money represents life, for it comes to us through the expenditure of time, talent, and energy. It is therefore a holy thing, and ought not to be administered in a haphazard manner. Giving a bit of loose change that we find in our pockets is not Christian stewardship. Neither is giving what we have left over after we have bought what we need or think we need. We should know what we are giving, and why we are giving it. It ought to be in proportion as God hath prospered us (I Cor. 16:2). The tithe ought to be the minimum, and after that as much as we can possibly do. As our income rises, the proportion we need for ourselves ought to diminish, thus leaving a larger proportion for God.

"Occupy until I come"—in stewardship. What a challenge! Stewardship is not just handling the change, but rather it is concerned with changing the handle, establishing a new attitude of heart toward God's gifts, putting a new dynamic inside. We are God's stewards, and it is required of a steward that he be found faithful.

"As His Own Body"

WHERE AND WHY CHRISTIAN HUSBANDS FAIL

By a Christian Husband

We are living in a day when the failure of the home has become startlingly and painfully apparent. The rising generation is reflecting the trends of the times—away from God and the things that make for sterling qualities of character. This laxity and lack of stability among the juniors is traceable to the same among their seniors. Hence Christian parents must face the question: "To what extent are we contributing to this condition?"

One concrete, challenging instance comes to mind. In a large eastern city a survey was made of morals in the high schools. Some 10,000 girls were interrogated. Only 1,100 could claim to have retained their virginity; 89 percent had fallen into the looseness of modern immorality. How many of these came from Christian homes? How many of these reflected the failure of a Christian father? or mother? or both? Is it food for thought? Yes, indeed; serious thought—and action. Husbands, you are the head of the home.

Where Christian Husbands Fail

What we say on the matter will not be exhaustive, but merely suggestive, in the hope of being truly helpful.

1. *Lack of Consideration.* There is a Scripture, Philippians 4:5, which may be rightly rendered, "Let your considerateness be known unto all men (and women)." If to all men, how much more to those in our own household. Men generally should always be considerate of the fair sex. How much more husbands—considerate of the wife's tastes and distastes, of her cherished plans and aims in life, of her every fault and frailty. Mr. Man, you

did not marry a perfect woman, any more than she married a perfect man. You have no right to expect perfection or anything approaching it. Moreover, God made her "the weaker vessel." Wherever and whenever you are lacking in gracious consideration, you fail as a husband.

2. *Lack of Cooperation.* A young mother, asked where husbands fail, replied, "In not assuming their share of responsibility for the training of the children." Husbands and fathers, you may be startled, in reading your New Testament, to discover that it loads the entire responsibility upon you as the head of the home: "Fathers, provoke not your children," etc. (Eph. 6:4 and Col. 3:21). Mothers aren't even mentioned. Suppose you begin right now to function, merely delegating your God-given authority in part to your wife. Don't fail in this.

3. *Lack of Appreciation.* If there is one thing that eats out the heart of a dear wife, this is it. Love naturally expresses itself in appreciation. Love is sustained by the assurances of appreciation. Where are the flowers, the bonbons, the meaningful glances of courtship days?

IF YOU COULD ONLY KNOW

If you could only know, dear,
How deep the harsh words sting;
If you could only know, dear,
How their echoes ring;
I think that you would leave unsaid
The words you sometimes say,

If you could only feel the pain—
The pain naught can allay.

If you could hear the tones, dear,
The tones you sometimes use;
If you could see the frown, dear,
I think you could but choose
To put away such cruelties
That wound a heart of love,
And use the blessed gentleness
"That cometh from above."

For should the one you love, dear,
Be summoned from your side,
And you be left alone, dear,
In loneliness to bide—
Oh, sow not seed of vain regret,
But fill each passing hour
With gentle kindness, and thus
Make happiness your dower.

—Fannie Herron Wingate.

Why Husbands Fail

Of the many reasons space allows us to draw but a threefold picture. You, my friend, can enlarge it at will.

1. *Unsanctified Selfishness.* Life naturally revolves around self. What we want is our uppermost thought. Our tastes and desires dominate and determine our way of living. If any woman is to be pitied, it is she who tries to live with a selfish, self-centered man. (Could that be your wife's lot?) But the Christian faith changes all this. We have taken Another into our hearts; life henceforth revolves—or should—around Him. Read II Corinthians 5:14-15. So marriage is a beautiful symbol of the Christian life. Read Romans 7:4. We have taken a dear one into our hearts and homes. So the home becomes the Christian's proving-ground—proving by his unselfish devotion to a dear wife and companion that he is no longer living for self but for the One, his Saviour, who has changed the whole course of his life—has unselfed it: "No longer I, but Christ."

2. *Unpardonable Preoccupation.* We live in a busy world, and that world is the enemy of the home. Husband becomes so engrossed in his business. He is ambitious to succeed. He has an enterprise he wants to put across. He must give his utmost to it. Unconsciously, before he realizes what has happened, his home is neglected and the wife who trusted herself to him, love for love, has taken a secondary place. Oh yes, you pride yourself on being a good provider: food, clothing, a home, a car, maybe, everything—but love. Every obligation met but one—to love supremely. Is your wife one of the thousands thus left with the void of an empty, aching heart?

3. *Unrealized Relationship.* The basic "why" is the failure to recognize the divine purpose in Christian marriage, namely, to reflect the relationship of Christ to His church and of the church to Christ (Eph. 5:21-33). Please read. While the wife stands to her husband as the church to Christ, in loving submission, the husband stands as Christ to His church, loving and giving Himself for her. And as the church is His body, so the husband is to love his wife as his own body. "He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church" (vss. 28-29). Friend husband, what a long way we have to go to fulfill the obligations we assumed at the Christian marriage altar.



WMC has started on the last lap of its 1951-52 race. With gratitude and humility we praise God for seeing fit to use the women of the Brethren Church in so much missionary work. We have been truly MISSIONARY.

It might be a good thing to check on the results of our national work to date. To Brethren home missions we gave better than \$2,400. The goal was \$2,000, but we meant business with the Lord. For the Grace Seminary offering Brethren women gave over \$2,100. We looked at the goal of \$2,000 and leaped right over. At this writing it is too soon to know what was given to Brethren foreign missions. That report will be in the next WMC Herald. But if I know Brethren women and can remember past offerings for foreign missions, we will surely top our \$2,000 goal.

WMC is a relatively small group as to numbers—146 councils over the brotherhood reported 3,251 members in August of 1951. Therefore, a \$2,400 offering means that the giving averaged 75 cents per member. By uniting efforts and resources we have accomplished so much more than a single council could do.

Starting this month, June, our national offering will go to the general expenses of the national WMC organization. Each individual council and district depends on the work of its national group as its tie to united effort and accomplishment. The national executive WMC board has representatives from each district, from YOUR district. No national officer receives any financial remuneration for her work. Each one does it as unto Him for His honor. But these officers cannot efficiently carry out the work of WMC which has been entrusted to them without some money. The biggest item of expense is this Herald which comes to you once a month and which none of us would want to do without. The WMC Herald serves as a common meeting place for the entire group of councils. Another item of expense is your monthly program packets. These have been a boon to the work of WMC, but they cost. Without the leadership and "rallying place" of the national organization the WMC of the Brethren Church could not do as effective a missionary work as she has done. Offerings for foreign and home missions, for Grace Seminary—indeed, for all the varied projects of WMC—would definitely be limited in accomplishment if each group or council worked independently.

June, July, and August are months designated for the general expense fund offering. Costs of printing, paper, postage continue to mount. There are more than 3,200 members of WMC across the country. If this offering would average one dollar per member your national officers could really lead out into wider spheres of service. WMC as a national group has been wanting to support a missionary personally on the foreign field. Perhaps this fund can get its start out of the general expense offering being taken now. Whatever is over and above running expenses for the year's WMC work could be used to start our "SUPPORT A WMC MISSIONARY" fund. How about it? Let's go! We CAN reach the \$3,000 mark.

Letter From Mary Cripe

Bekoro par Paoua, May 12, 1952.

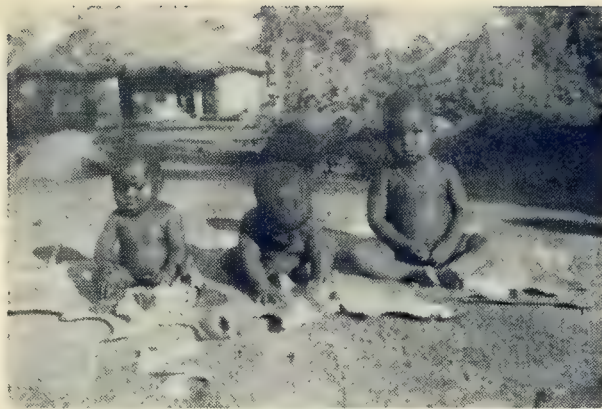
Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas and my birthday have been past a long time now, but my thanks goes to each of you for helping make them so enjoyable. It also is good to know that you are remembering us in your prayers each day. There have been times when we know that we have been sustained by your prayers. Each day finds us meeting with some different kind of experience it seems.

One thing here, we never throw away any old clothes. There are always women on the waiting list for any that we want to discard. One day two women came up to inquire whether I had an old dress to trade for a chicken. Yes, I had one, so I gave it to Anna. She was pleased, but it was a little short for her, so I promised to make a ruffle to sew on the bottom. The other woman didn't say anything, so I didn't think she wanted one. Later on in the day I saw her again. This time she ran out to the car with 100 francs (about 60 cents) in her hand. "I want to buy that dress you are wearing because it is so pretty." I was rather astonished. That happened to be a new dress I had just made. I thought it rather pretty myself, being a splurge of yellow, green, and red. So I told her that I wanted to wear it a while longer myself. Well, I guess it's a woman's prerogative to choose what dress she wants isn't it? Although I didn't know I was running a dress shop.

Of course, one thing every country has in common is its babies. They are just as cute and lovable here as at home. Sometimes when we walk through the village they all stick out their little hands to greet us, but other times they seem frightened and run quickly to their mothers. You know the story, "If you don't do what mother tells you a big fat black man will get you!" There is an African version of this, too. "All right, swallow your medicine, or Mademoiselle will take you home with her." "Stop crying right now or a white woman will come and get you." Human nature and reasoning are about the same everywhere. But I always tell the parents it's much better to punish their children than to use me as a stick to scare them.

One day in my women's class I noticed several children playing. One was the mother and she was looking vigorously through a smaller girl's hair to rid it of any pests that might be there. Her little nimble fingers made a good search. At last she found one and quickly pinched it with her fingers to keep it from getting away. She wasn't quite as gentle as she might have been, so the baby started to protest. A little boy came and put his foot on her stomach to hold her there. Then she showed the dirty little critter to her baby. Of course, it was all play, but it shows how much children mimic their mothers. What are their mothers teaching their children? Our responsibility is to teach them God's Word and instill a real desire in their hearts to please God. Then they will have something real to give to these children. There is still a high percentage of the women that can't read. To teach them is a real challenge, but it also requires patience. You can just imagine what a class of 40 or 50 women, and most of them with nursing babies, would be like. But it is worth while. It is necessary to safeguard these precious children for the Lord. It is



Above—Three of
Africa's Jewels:

Gracie, Theresie,
and Dembetie.

Below (left to
right)—Alberta

Dunning, Nancy,

Bobbie, and Eliz-

abeth Ann Hill,

Jimmie Beaver.



commanded in our Lord's, "teach all nations—every creature." Pray for this work.

Oh yes, while I'm on the subject of children, I thought you might be interested in one of the missionary children's pastimes at conference. While mammas and daddies were sweating over the weightier matters of the "law," their children were busy licking out the pudding bowl. Believe you me they are a lively bunch and keep things from getting dull, but a real joy to everyone's heart. Here we have Alberta Dunning, Bobbie, Nancy, and Elizabeth Ann Hill, and Jimmie Beaver sampling the pudding. I will close for now and request your continued prayer for the coming year that we might together accomplish things for Him.

In His service,

Mary Cripe.

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Your thank offering for Brethren Jewish mission work should have been in the hands of the national financial secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Chester McCall, by the 10th of June. If your council's hasn't been sent yet PLEASE do so at once. Be sure to tell Mrs. McCall that the money you have sent is your thank offering, and BE SURE to tell her the name of the council sending it. Thanks! By paying careful attention to these details you can be of great help to Mrs. McCall in keeping the accounts straight. Send your thank offering to Mrs. Chester McCall, 3421 W. 82d Pl., Inglewood, Calif.

Your offering starting with this month, June, goes for the general expense fund of the national WMC. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." Will you be a cheerful giver?



Africa—

Rev. Charles Sumey.....August 13
Dr. Floyd Taber.....August 16
Miss Ruth Kent.....August 21
Rev. J. P. Kliever.....August 21
Miss Elizabeth Tyson.....August 25

Argentina—

Mrs. Lynn D. Schrock.....August 17
Rev. Jack B. Churchill.....August 20
Aldo Elwyn Hoyt.....August 21, 1950
David Roger Dowdy.....August 23, 1939

France—

Mrs. P. Fredrick Fogle.....August 7

On furlough—

Miss Estella Myers.....August 9
(Williamsburg, Iowa)



Dear Mrs. Miller,

The Bible Brethren Women's Missionary Council, Baltimore, Md., was started on September 22, 1951. At this time the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Thelma Hinegardner; vice president, Mrs. Janet Kerns; treasurer, Miss Edna Hollins; secretary, Mrs. Ethel Hinegardner. We have three committees, as follows: program, Miss Celesta Hooks; membership, Mrs. Lady Webster; project, Miss Rosie Bowers.

Our meetings are held once a month, at which time we endeavor to follow as closely as possible the program arrangement provided by the WMC. We begin with a song service followed by Bible and mission study and closing with our regular business meeting. We answer our roll call by giving a Bible verse.

One of our projects at the present time is the collecting of clothing for the Navaho Indians. We hope to send our package next week. We sent our November offering to the Jewish missionary work which is headed by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Button. Part of our January and February offerings is going to be sent to the seminary at Winona Lake.

At our last meeting we started on three new projects: (1) Compiling information about our missionaries, such as their names, addresses, birth dates, etc., so letters and greeting cards can be sent to them; (2) a committee of two is chosen each month to be sent to visit the sick and also recruit new members for our church and WMC; (3) beginning a small library consisting of books written by our missionaries. We are going to try to make it possible for each member to either read them or hear reports given on these books.

Although our group is small at the present time—consisting of only 17 members—we have great hopes of enlarging during this coming year.

Sincerely yours,
Ethel Hinegardner, *Secretary, WMC.*

STORM

God washed the world last night
With sweet, refreshing rain;
His thirsty earth reached out to drink
Of that life-giving gain.

God washed my heart last night
With tears both bitter, sweet;
He probed in hidden corners dark,
And flushed it clear, complete.

"My child," His voice spoke soft and low,
"I want thee clean and white;
To polish thee the storm I sent,
Thy tears to make thee bright."

So bowing low in humble prayer
I cried, "Thy will be mine;
Take all I have and all I am,
To be forever Thine."

—Althea S. Miller.

"IN HIS VINEYARD"

SISTERHOOD OF MARY and MARTHA

"FOR WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD..." I Cor. 3:9a



SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR JULY

SINGING TIME—A well-planned song service gives life to your meeting.
PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE—Psalm 8.

SHARPENING YOUR TOOLS—"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God."

TESTIMONY TIME.

AFRICAN VINEYARD—"Stranger Than Fiction."

Senior—"Eventful Years."

Junior—"Back in Africa."

OTHER VINEYARD—"India."

CIRCLE PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

THEME CHORUS—Sing prayerfully.

BUSINESS MEETING—See "The Grapevine."

SUGGESTED BOOKS FOR GIRLS—By Mrs. Conard Sandy

THE HOMEWARD TRAIL, by Joyce Berggren. \$2.00.

From out of the western part of this nation comes this stirring story full of adventure. The call to the West was heard and answered by Gunnar. Therefore in this book we travel with Gunnar, Hildur, and their daughter, Christine, into the wilds of the Indian territory by way of the wagon train.

When Christine first saw "Duke" she thought he was the handsomest man she had ever seen. From the beginning, though, there seemed to be another fair lady calling for his attentions. It was some years before the tangled threads of romance were straightened, but true happiness does come to Christine.

The story is divided into three parts: Part I, Christine; Part II, Gunnar; Part III, Giannina. Each part will hold the reader's interest as the author weaves the story of the lives of these immigrants into an adventure of dangers, sorrows, heartaches, and trials. Joy and happiness are here also as one sees "miracles" wrought in the lives of the people in this story. Indeed, this book is excellent reading for all SMM girls.

NOTE: The address of your national vice president is now Box 475, R. D. 1, Conemaugh, Pa.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray for the plans of SMM as they are being made for the new year; pray for the officers as they make them according to the Lord's guidance.
2. Pray for our missionaries as they faithfully proclaim the Good News of salvation, that many souls will come to know Jesus as Saviour.
3. Pray for the millions of unreached peoples in dark lands all over the world that they will be given the light of the Gospel of Christ.

INTRODUCING YOUR OFFICERS



MARY ANN BRINER

Literature Secretary

I thank the Lord that salvation was presented unto me one day. At the age of 10 I was seeking something to satisfy, for I was getting ready to plan for real fun in life. It was then that I heard the true explanation of salvation and when I heard it I knew that only this would give me real satisfaction. I accepted Christ and now I can say He is truly my Lord and personal Saviour. His blessings are rich and full, and I can't thank Him enough for the joy He gives to me in trusting Him. I wish that every young person could experience this gladness.

It has been in the past few years that I have really seen the need for more Christian young people. We are the ones that could bring the message of salvation into the schools and activities of the youth. Real revival could be started. There is much to be done, and my prayer is that I might be of greater service for Him, for the time of His coming is near at hand.

THE GRAPEVINE

National offerings and statistical blanks are due soon. Offering for the general fund and offering for the chapel in Kentucky are to be sent in to the national treasurer, Betty Armstrong by July 31. Be sure that you designate the various offerings and tell whether yours is a junior, senior, or combined Sisterhood. Statistical blanks are to be sent to the general secretary, Helen Small; the national president, Isobel Fraser; and your district secretary by August 10. For your convenience the statistical form appears in this month's Herald.

August 10 is also the deadline for reporting the girls in your SMM that have memorized and repeated Philipians to the patroness and pastor and are therefore eligible for an award. The blank for reporting this appeared in the May 10 issue of the Herald.

Have you sent in two postcard items to the general secretary telling of activities in your SMM?

Bandages should be sent to the bandage secretary, Mary Bauman, by July 31.

August 18-24—National Conference at Winona Lake, Ind. We'll be looking forward to seeing you at Bethany Camp and the Sisterhood sessions. District president (or your representative) and district patroness, remember that you are a member of the national Sisterhood board. Details about time of meeting will be given to you shortly, so plan to attend.

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD

By Rev. Ralph Colburn

It is said that many years ago Napoleon met with some of his military leaders for a conference on board a ship in the Mediterranean. It was late when the conference was ended, and the conversation turned to other things beside military strategy. Eventually the subject of religion was introduced and the men were expressing themselves as to their belief in God. One man spoke very strongly against the existence of any gods, and doubted that there was any force higher than the force of the strongest armies and weapons. Some agreed with him, while others were a bit more reverent. Finally one of the men turned to Napoleon, who had been silent, and asked: "And sir, what are your beliefs in this matter?" Silently Napoleon rose from his place and led the men to the deck of the ship, where they gazed into the star-studded skies. Finally the little man spoke: "Any man who can behold all the majesty of the heavens and deny the existence of a God, is an utter fool."

With that the Bible agrees! The psalmist declared: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" (Psa. 19:1). Nowhere is the omnipotence and majesty of God more clearly seen than in the immensity and order of the created universe.

The best watches that man can make vary at least a fifth of a second per day. Yet the heavenly timepiece set in order by God has been keeping much more accurate time than that for centuries, without apparent cleaning, winding, or repairs!

Back in the days of Jeremiah a Greek astronomer estimated the number of stars at 1,022. Those visible to the naked eye today exceed this number, totaling about 3,000. Yet many centuries before the telescope, Jeremiah said that the stars of the heaven were innumerable (Jer. 33:22). A few years ago one astronomer roughly estimated their number to be one hundred billion. Still another said, "All the nebulae between them must contain about as many stars as there are grains of sand on all the seashores."

One of the amazing things about the stars is that they are all moving, many at terrific speeds, and in different directions. Yet they keep their order, time, and formation perfectly. Arcturus, whose light was used to start the World's Fair in Chicago in 1933, is about 1,000 times larger than our sun, and sometimes can be spotted in the heavens because of its reddish light, is racing through the heavens at a speed of 5,000 miles per minute! Another great star, Groombridge, is said to be traveling 200 miles per second!

Did you ever wonder where all the stars and constellations got their names? Most everyone knows the names of a few stars, and a few of the 12 signs of the zodiac. But the constellations of stars in the zodiac are by no means the only ones known. Job speaks of the Mazaroth, 48 constellations, which is almost all that are known to man today. There are the 12 zodiac groups,

each with three others around it. These constellations have been known and named from earliest times, and the amazing thing is that the names have been the same in Egypt, Arabia, India, and most of the other ancient nations! How can you explain this, except to agree with the psalmist, when he said, "He calleth them all by name" (Psa. 147:4).

God must have had a hand in the naming of the stars and constellations because, in a very unique way, their names suggest much of the story of the Gospel. An entire book, "The Gospel in the Sky Scroll," by J. A. Seiss, points out that many of the names indicate some features of the person and work of Christ long before He came to earth. Virgo, the Virgin, seems to speak of Mary, while Como, the Desired One, seems to point to Christ. Serpens, of course, points out Satan. Even the names of individual stars in these constellations are related to spiritual and Biblical truths.

I have trouble even conceiving the shapes that ancient astronomers saw in the star groups. They not only saw them but, as if divinely guided, named them in keeping with the message of God's written book, the Bible! No wonder the Bible speaks so vividly and positively concerning the testimony of the heavens!

When we consider the immensity of the universe—the astronomers with their tremendous new telescopes have found no limits yet—and its beauty and efficiency, we must acknowledge its Creator. The creator is always greater than the thing created. The watchmaker is greater than the watch, the bridge-builder greater than the bridge. The Scriptures testify that it is Christ who made all these things; it is Christ, our Saviour, who "upholdeth all things by the word of his power" (Heb. 1:3), and "by him all things consist [are held together]" (Col. 1:17).

This same Christ, wonderful Creator, is so concerned about you and me that He gave His life at Calvary for us. He is concerned about the daily details of our lives, that we might have happy, victorious, useful lives, lived to His glory (Col. 1:18). It is impossible for our human minds to conceive how one so great as He can also be concerned with the minute details of our lives. But it's so, and I'm glad, aren't you?

THE TOOL CHEST

WHAT TO MAKE: Your own greeting cards—birthday, get-well, Christmas, Easter, etc.

MATERIALS NEEDED: 2c post cards, pictures, and designs from old cards, and gummed Scripture texts, paste or glue, pen and ink or colored pencils.

WHAT TO DO: Personalized greeting cards are often more appreciated than those you buy, and they are cheaper, too. So plan to make your own. Paste the picture, design, and/or Scripture text that you desire on the post card. Write an appropriate verse, poem, or your own greeting on it. That's it! If you would like to send some to our missionaries and their children, each month you will find a list in the WMC section of the *Herald* of those whose birthdays are near.

Three more girls have learned the Book of Philip-
pians and they are all from one SMM, Covington, Va.
They are Nancy Thomas, Bettilou Kemper, and Max-
ine Kemper.

STATISTICAL BLANK FOR SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA

Date

Name of congregation

Address

Is your SMM: ☐ Junior, ☐ Intermediate, ☐ Combined.

What is the age range of your SMM? to

How many girls are in your SMM? Number gained Lost

Is your Sisterhood an "Honor SMM"?

What organization goals did you fail to meet?

Did your Sisterhood roll bandages?

Has your Sisterhood been an "Honor SMM" for the last 5 years?

What local projects did your Sisterhood have part in?

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What are some of the Martha goals that the girls in your Sisterhood completed?

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What other benevolent work did your Sisterhood do this year?

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Did your Sisterhood give an offering to the National General Fund?

Did your Sisterhood give to the National Project?

Did your Sisterhood give to the Birthday Project?

New officers for 1952-1953:

Patroness Address

President Address

Secretary Address

Treasurer Address

Names of girls in your Sisterhood eligible for the diamond award:

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Names of girls in your Sisterhood eligible for the emerald award:

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What are your suggestions for the coming year? (use other paper).

Please answer all questions as completely as possible and send before Aug. 5 to Helen Small, Winona Lake, Ind.

Note: Send another copy of this same blank to the National President, Isobel Fraser, 527 N. Harper, Los Angeles 48, Calif., and also to your District Secretary:

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Northwest—Mrs. Glen Welborn, 940 E. 4th Ave., Albany, Oreg.

INDIA

By Ruth E. Reddick

The preceding articles of this series have been concerned with fields of missionary endeavor where the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church has spheres of activity. This article deals with a field where other missionaries of the cross are serving in various sections, and where many, many more are needed—the land of India.

As a result of something heard in childhood, whenever I hear or see the word "famine" I think of India. There must be a reason for such an association and for the fact that it did not evaporate along with certain other ideas of childhood. There is still famine in India, and recently from that land there came a tragic story of ten million people in acute distress and threatened with starvation. Someone has given a vivid description of the condition there in the following words: "Throughout the stony countryside are men and women with little more life in them than dry twigs. The neat tiled villages are emptier of food and water than the casual mudwalled homes of northern India have ever been. The close connection between the big Communist vote in the late elections and hunger is inescapable."

Not only is there hunger of the body in India, but there is the far more vital and tragic hunger of the soul. Millions in that land have never even heard of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Saviour. It is a land filled with religion, but the many religions cannot heal the heart hunger of the soul. Many people are becoming dissatisfied with Islam and Hinduism, and on all sides there is an increasing indifference and carelessness toward their various religions and lack of spiritual power. It is evident to one who, as it were, has his ears to the ground that India is at the crossroads. Which way will she take—Christ or Communism? Indications are that the country is fast going Communistic from within. Communism generously promises to meet and solve the problem of the hunger of the body, but it will only add to the tragic hunger of the soul. The spirit of unrest which is manifest in India will find a resting place one of these days. Evangelical Christians have an opportunity at the present time to spread the Gospel to these soul-hungry people.

The latest census of India shows an estimated population of almost 362,000,000; that there are almost 10,000,000 more men than women; and that there are 7,500,000 displaced persons in India. The total increase since the last census is 13.4 percent. The challenge to evangelize these rapidly increasing millions is one that has not been adequately grasped.

Food for India's millions must come from her own soil. But before that soil will produce there must be careful preparation and sowing of the seed. Even so the spiritual hunger of the millions of that land must be met through the efforts, for the most part, of native Christians.

There are various evangelical missionaries working in

Seniors—

XI. "Eventful Years"—Chapters 25-27.

A. Chapter 25—"Furlough of 1931-32."

1. The trip to America (pp. 196-198).
2. Dr. Gribble from Africa (200-203).
3. Her Physical Examination (204-205).

B. Chapter 26—"Years of Testing"

1. Return to Africa (207-208).
2. Bekoro and Daniel Dotar (210-212).

C. Chapter 27—"An Eventful Furlough."

1. Events at Rotterdam (215).
2. Surprise Meeting (216-217).
3. With Marguerite (217-220).
4. Back to the Field (220-222).

Juniors—"Back in Africa."

Last month we learned about the furlough that Dr. Gribble spent with her daughter, Marguerite, in France. Shortly after Marguerite left France to return to America, Dr. Gribble welcomed the Floyd Tabers to Paris. Brother Taber and his family were to spend several years in France studying medicine before they would go to Africa. The time had now come for the doctor to return to the place where God had called her to serve Him. Read pages 187 to 190 and tell about the following things that happened when she returned.

1. About Dr. Gribble's new personal boy (p. 187).
2. Of the rebellion of Chief Yaloke and of the false teachings of the witch doctor (187-188).
3. What happened to Joseph and Paul and to Dr. Gribble (188-189).
4. Why the government blamed the missionaries for the rebellion (190).
5. How the Lord made it possible for the missionaries to prove they were not to blame (190).

India today and they need your prayers. In spite of the dark picture which one usually sees there is much cause for rejoicing and encouragement. In some parts of India missionaries bear an extremely heavy load because professing national Christians are indifferent and give no evidence of changed lives. From other parts there come encouraging reports of an awakening concern for the lost. In certain sections young people are taking the initiative in village evangelism, and in one area a keen Indian evangelist has been greatly used of God to stir up the hearts of Christians, as well as to reach the so-called uninterested Hindus. One of the encouraging changes brought about by India's independence is the freeing of native states, many of which are now open to the Gospel message for the first time.

The plea of the missionaries working in that land today is for more men missionaries and for continual prayer in behalf of all needs.

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Home Missions Bearing Fruit in Alexandria



1949—A Vacant Corner Lot

1950—The Building Started

1951—The Basement Completed

1952—Finishing the Interior

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Morning Worship

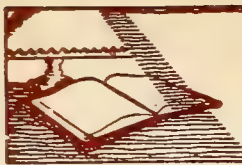
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As the Editor Sees It

By L. L. GRUBB



PRAYER BILL SIGNED

Reportedly, when Billy Graham visited President Truman some months ago and strongly suggested setting aside a day of prayer, he was met with a definite refusal.

However, as a result of the Billy Graham meetings in Washington, D. C., a resolution has been presented to and passed by both the House and Senate and has now been signed by the President.

The text of the resolution is:

"Resolved, (by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. S. in Congress assembled) that the President set aside and proclaim a suitable day, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."

We are hoping to have word from the President soon as to the time set aside for this day of prayer. The resolution will be of no avail unless it is carried through. Letters to Congressmen may help to speed this spiritual emphasis.

WHO WILL DO THE EFFECTIVE PRAYING?

Unfortunately there are many who profess to be Christian and yet who are not on speaking terms with God. Such individuals have either not been actually born again, or they are so far out of the will and way of God as His children that the Father's fellowship has been lost.

Thousands in modernistic churches who are depending on church membership, good works, baptism, etc., may lift their voices in prayer, but will not be heard because God hears only the prayers of those who can pray through Christ.

The effective praying will be done by dedicated children of God who know the promises of the Word and by faith lay hold upon them in prayer.

HOME MISSION DIVIDENDS IN ALEXANDRIA, VA.

The Lord is manifesting His power in a wonderful manner in our home mission church at Alexandria, Va.

The figures you see with the pictures on the front page tell a thrilling story of God's blessing in growth.

Recently the Atlantic Fellowship District Conference held its sessions in this home mission church. Great spiritual power was manifested in this conference and the delegates went home stirred and inspired for new service in the Lord's vineyard.

Bro. Kenneth Teague, the pastor, reports that the main church auditorium is gradually being completed through money raised by a weekly envelope system.

This is a fine sample of how the Lord is using your home mission dollars for His glory.

We need a great volume of believing prayer for our nation in this very critical hour. In the past decade America has been on the threshold of disaster many times and has been saved only by the intervention of the grace of God. The prayers of God's children have brought help from the Lord at the right time.

These potential dangers are still looming large on the horizon of our national life. In the recent seizure of the steel industry there is the strongest indication of the trend toward dictatorship; the centralization of power in the hands of the executive department of our government. The national debt is soaring toward astronomical heights near the 280 billion mark. Crime increased 5.1 percent in 1951. Communists are increasing their control of industry and are infiltrating into positions of governmental authority. Tragically enough the church is either asleep or is beating the air in its efforts to meet these needs. While the most pressing need of our nation is a spiritual one the church's emphasis is almost exclusively on the social and physical aspects of life.

Such danger signals should send us to our knees in prayer for the church and also for our government.

SUPPORT THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD COMPANY

The printed page has been one of our Lord's most effective ministers of the Gospel of Christ since the first page of printing was produced many years ago.

Realizing the great importance of carrying the message of God's grace in print, the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches assists in supporting our Brethren Missionary Herald Company. This support makes possible not only the issuing of our magazine but also the printing of other Brethren literature setting forth the doctrinal position of our church.

Each Brethren church should have a substantial part in the offering which is to be received for the Herald Company during June and July.

COMMUNISTS DON'T WANT TO GO HOME

Out of 170,000 war prisoners at Koje 100,000 said they would forcibly resist repatriation to their own land. They don't want to go back home. Some of them know that this attitude means sure death for the members of their families, but in spite of everything they will resist being returned to their homeland.

No doubt many of these prisoners remember what happened after World War II when literally thousands of Russian war prisoners were sent home and shot down in cold blood because they had surrendered to the enemy. One such general was beheaded and his head paraded through the streets of Moscow as a lesson to those who surrender.

The cruelties and barbarities of the Communist regime

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are without precedent in history. Even Nero was no match for Stalin and his henchmen. The end absolutely justifies the means with these atheistic God-haters.

When one thinks of the fact that those who have known the American way of life only in a prisoner-of-war camp, yet refuse to go back to their former position, it would certainly seem that this lesson would be learned easily by those Americans who are even slightly sympathetic with the philosophy of the Kremlin.

Where God is ignored and ridiculed, all the vilest pas-

sions of the human heart come into evidence. Men cannot control their wicked desires. As a result there is bloodshed, heartbreak, death, and sorrow.

The Kojé prisoners of war have by their attitude actually given Americans a vivid lesson in appreciation of our own way of life. And they have emphasized for each child of God the need of spreading the Gospel of Christ which has made possible such a way of life. The basic difference between Russia and the U. S. A. is *Christ and His power*.



Home Missions Travelog

BY THE SECRETARY

INDIAN MISSION SCHOOL GREAT SUCCESS

While on the Indian reservation some time ago we had the privilege of seeing what wonderful progress had been made in our Indian mission school.

Through the teaching of Miss Angie Garber, the 20 boys and girls in the school not only learned many of the essentials of our education but they were able to memorize the 23rd psalm in English. As we heard them repeat this psalm, which speaks so vividly of the work of Christ, we thought how well it illustrated the fine work in general which has been accomplished on the Navaho compound.

Each child in our Navaho school received Christ as Saviour at some time during the school year. As they returned home they did so with a testimony for the Lord Jesus.

The property about our mission has been greatly improved by the work of Brother Martindale, although many improvements are still needed.

Certainly our Lord has been pleased to place a special blessing on this work among the pagan Navaho Indians.

VISIT TO HELL-FOR-CERTAIN, KENTUCKY

Recently we enjoyed a visit with the folks at our new mission station in Hell-for-Certain, Ky., and had the opportunity of showing them some pictures of our work elsewhere in the nation.

The next day an extensive search was launched for lots where we might have a little chapel-type building in this community. The work has been extremely difficult for our missionary, Miss Evelyn Fuqua, because of the lack of building space. After some time lots were found on a high spot overlooking the little valley and later were purchased. Money for the purchase of these lots was given by an interested Brethren layman, and already funds are coming in for the construction of the little chapel building.

As we did at Clayhole, some time soon we hope to have a "Hell-for-Certain week" when Brethren preachers and laymen alike can use their tools and help us construct this building while also enjoying fine fellowship.

Pray for this difficult work being done by Miss Fuqua.

FELLOWSHIP AT CLAYHOLE

The same evening we enjoyed a meeting with the Landrums and several of the Clayhole brethren who met with us in the mission home to see home mission pictures.

The Lord has certainly opened a wonderful door for us in the Kentucky schools where our missionaries go each week and present the Gospel of Christ.

There are still hundreds in these mountains who are without Christ. The task is a challenging one.

Pray for capable helpers in this work with the Landrums.

NEW CHURCH GROWING IN ROANOKE, VA.

In the Washington Heights section of Roanoke, Va., a new church is rapidly becoming a very definite force for the Lord.

Some weeks ago we met with the pastor, Bro. Carl Miller, and a group of the members. Plans were made for the future in widening the scope and effectiveness of the work and for a new church building.

The group has been meeting in a rented house for some time and has had the usual inconveniences incidental to such a situation.

The Ghent Church in Roanoke, together with its pastor, Bro. Robert Miller, has contributed largely to this church and its establishment. In fact the basic nucleus of believers consists of former members of the Ghent church. This is as it should be. Many more churches could be started by the same method.

The Brethren laymen in this area have purchased and paid for a fine parcel of corner property where a new church will be constructed just as soon as possible.

Pray that God will meet the needs of this new Brethren Church and give wisdom in the type of building to be constructed.

KINGSPORT A GREAT CHALLENGE

The great and growing city of Kingsport, Tenn., is indeed a great challenge to us. With very little of the true testimony of the Word of God available, the need for a growing Brethren church in this area increases.

However, the going is difficult. The pastor, Bro. Warren Tamkin, is working part time to make a living because funds are not available to support him full time. In addition there is a great need for a church building

where the group can meet and have adequate facilities for worship.

We need your definite prayers for this church and pastor.

JOHNSON CITY CHURCH GROWING

The new church in Johnson City, Tenn., is showing definite signs of growth under the leadership of Bro. John Burns.

Several members have been added to the church recently and the building facilities have been greatly improved. Soon it will be necessary for us to plan a new structure here to meet the growing needs of the Bible school.

These growing Tennessee cities certainly constitute a great challenge to Brethren people, for there are many without a strong testimony for Christ.

Our great desire also is to reach deeper into the southland and establish a chain of Brethren churches.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Recently the executive committee of the Brethren Home Missions Council met for its regular midyear session to lay plans on the basis of the offering received this past year.

We had much for which to praise the Lord because of the fine increase in our home mission offering. Even though this offering did not reach the total amount of our expanded budget, we decided that we would trust the Lord to send in the difference during the year.

Each individual point was carefully considered and plans for advances made. Several new points were considered and a small amount of help allotted for some of these new areas.

The Brethren Home Missions Council is looking forward to the greatest year of church expansion in our history as we face the multiplying opportunities for new Brethren churches.

BLESSINGS AT TROY, OHIO

Not long ago we enjoyed a blessed time of fellowship with the Troy, Ohio, congregation, which has been pastored by Bro. Arthur Carey, who has resigned as pastor of the church.

Under Brother Carey's leadership this group has constructed a basement building on the edge of the city and an effective spiritual testimony has been given.

Plans are now under way for the expansion of that church and the prayers of the Lord's people are solicited for wisdom and guidance.

NEW CHURCH IN SIDNEY, OHIO

Recently we were called by Bro. Jesse Bowser, a former pastor in the Church of the Brethren, and invited to meet with a group of people who have separated themselves unto an uncompromising Gospel testimony in the city of Sidney, Ohio, about 45 miles north of Dayton.

We showed home mission pictures to this group and enjoyed a great time of fellowship with them. We are looking forward to the time when we shall have a fully organized and growing church in this city. PRAY!

GOD'S BLESSING MANIFESTED IN FREMONT

This former home mission church in Fremont, Ohio, is showing wonderful signs of growth together with assuming the full weight of its financial responsibility. Souls are being saved. The Bible school is growing. The community is awake to the fact that the Gospel is

REV. MARTINDALE LEAVING NAVAHO MISSION

Bro. Raymond Martindale, who for about 1 year and 8 months has been our missionary among the Navahos, recently resigned as of May 31. Brother Martindale, Mrs. Martindale, and Miss Lillian Deshnod left the mission station as of this date.

The Brethren Home Missions Council is deeply grateful for the effective ministry of these missionaries during past months. Brother Martindale, while ministering spiritually to the Navahos, and leading quite a few to a saving knowledge of Christ, has also done much construction and material work about the mission station. Mrs. Martindale has been an effective missionary as well. Miss Lillian Deshnod has been an excellent interpreter and helper around the mission station and in camp work.

Brother Martindale reports that he plans to return to the business world, at least temporarily. Both Brother and Sister Martindale have been in ill health for some time and plan to rest as much as possible.

Let us pray for their continued testimony for Christ.



Ray Martindale

NEW MISSIONARIES TO THE NAVAHO

The Brethren Home Missions Council is happy to announce that beginning in June of this year Brother and Sister Evan Adams are to become our new missionaries to the Navaho Indians.

Brother Adams recently graduated from Grace Seminary and feels definitely called to this type of work. Both he and his wife are from Mansfield, Ohio, and Mrs. Adams has been a member of the church there for some time.

All Brethren churches and organizations should take note of this change in the missionary personnel.

Mail should be addressed to Rev. Evan Adams, Brethren Navaho Mission, Cuba, N. Mex.

Miss Angie Garber will continue as teacher in the Navaho school.

Pray for our staff at the Brethren Navaho Mission as they carry the Gospel to lost Navahos.



Evan Adams

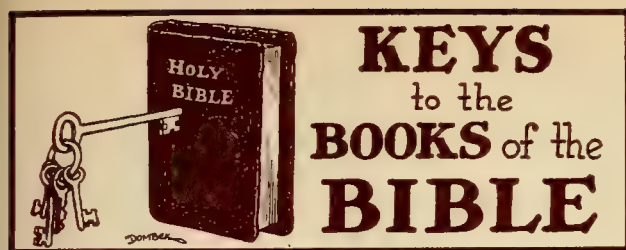
preached here in all its power by the pastor, Bro. Lester Pifer.

Here is another outstanding dividend for your home mission gifts and prayers.

DETROIT A GREAT CHALLENGE

While in the area we traveled to Detroit, Mich., with Brother Pifer, and met with a young man who is pastoring a group of people who are tentatively planning to associate with some denomination. We greatly enjoyed the fellowship with this fine young man. Again we were impressed with the great need for new churches in the Detroit area where there are many thousands of new homes.

Pray for a Brethren church in Detroit!



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C. S. Zimmerman

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

I. Presents "the things Christ began to do after He was received up." The beginning and continuance of the church.

II. Key Words.

- A. Began—the things recorded in Luke 1:1.
- B. Until—carries over the force of "began" into the Book of Acts, 1:2.
- C. Alive—we serve a living Christ (1:3).
- D. Power (1:8) (manifest throughout the book).
- E. Witnesses (1:8; 2:32; 3:15; 5:32; 7:58; 10:39, 41; 13:31).
- F. Witness (1:22; 4:33; 10:43; 14:17; 22:15; 26:16).
- G. Resurrection (1:22; 2:31; 4:2, 33; 17:18, 32; 23:6; 24:15, 21).
- H. Baptized (1:5; 2:38, 41; 8:12, 13, 16, 36, 38; 9:18; 10:47, 48; 11:16; 16:15, 33; 18:8; 19:3, 5; 22:16).
- I. Persecution (8:1; 11:19; 13:50).
- J. Preached (3:20; 4:2; 8:5, 25, 35, 40; 9:20, 27; 10:37; 13:5, 24, 38, 42; 14:25; 15:36; 17:13, 18; 20:7).

III. Key Persons.

- A. Christ.
- B. Holy Spirit.
- C. Peter.
- D. Paul.

IV. Key Verses.

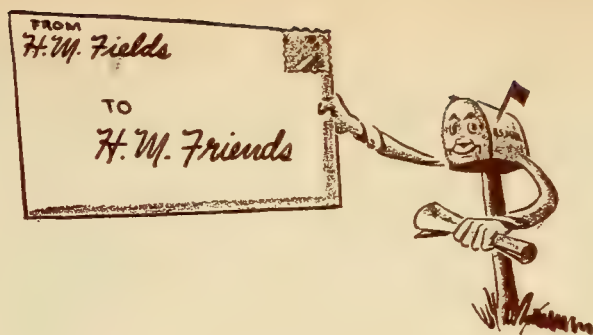
- A. 1:8—"receive power . . . ye shall be witnesses."
- B. 8:4—"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word."
- C. 9:15—"For he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel" (cf. 15:13-18).
- D. 16:31 (cf. 4:12)—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

V. Key Outline.

- A. Introduction (1:1-12).
- B. The witnessing church in Jerusalem (1:13-7:60). Church organization.
- C. The witnessing church in Judea and Samaria (8-9). Home missions, or expansion at home.
- D. The witnessing church to the ends of the earth (10-28). Foreign missions, or expansion abroad.

VI. Key Thoughts for the Day.

- A. The risen, ascended Lord is the living center of His church.
- B. "In this book we see the race springing from the racial First-born; the brotherhood resulting from the representative Brother; the redeemed kinsmen resulting from the redeeming Kinsman" (G. C. Morgan).
- C. "The abiding appeal of this book consists in the



Riverside, Pa. (Ralph C. Hall)—

We praise the Lord that we have found a house which we can rent in Riverside. It will be vacant June 15, and we plan to move in a short time after that. We will have more room than here at the present location and will be located only three blocks from the church. The church is now incorporated as the Riverside Brethren Church and has been granted a charter.

Beaumont, Calif. (Cherry Valley) (Gene Farrell)—

This past month found eight more entering the waters of baptism after several had made public confessions. Our communion service, held on May 27, was the largest yet with 58 attending—all our own people. The stucco is on our building and the upper auditorium is being wired. The highlight this month in the building program was the miraculous supply of a \$500 check sent to us by a stranger living in a nearby city who passed by the work and admired its progress. I wish I could include his letter. It appears now that our foreign mission offering will reach near the \$800 mark.

Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights) (Carl Miller)—

Praise the Lord! There are a number of blessings in the work I must convey to you. On Sunday, May 18, there were three rededications and the next Sunday one girl accepted the Lord, with another making a first-time public confession. The building fund stood at \$319.95 at the end of the first quarter and in less than two months has now reached \$917.90. We are daring to trust God for \$1,250 by July 1, half of the goal for this year. We are planning for a D. V. B. S. from June 16 to 27.

Artesia, Calif. (Adam Rager)—

Our attendance has been on the increase in Sunday school and in the morning church service. We have had a standing goal of 175 set for Sunday school for some time. Last Sunday there were 174 present. Our average attendance for May was 160, which exceeds the April average, including Easter Sunday. We praise the Lord for bringing them in and are trusting Him to honor His Word.

fact that it teaches us that the master passion of the church must be that of the glory of God" (G. C. Morgan).

- D. "The inclusive principle of the church's activity is that of loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, whose passion is that of the glory of God" (G. C. Morgan).
- E. "The sufficient power of the church is that of the Holy Spirit; sufficient for the life of likeness to the Lord in order to the revelation of God; sufficient for direction in work for the glory of God" (G. C. Morgan).



The above pictures are of groups and individuals who helped support a Navaho child in the mission school. (1) Willing Workers Class, Sidney, Ind., (2) Adult C. E., Bellflower, Calif., (3) Jr. and Sr. WMC, Rittman, Ohio, (4) Michael and Rene Bailey, Sabina, Ohio, (5) Mr. and

Mrs. William Mitchell, Dayton, Ohio, (6) Mrs. J. Leffingwell, Mrs. W. Course, and Mrs. J. Poston, Bellflower, Calif., (7) Mrs. Jay R. Stunkard, Waynesboro, Pa., (8) Mr. and Mrs. Edison Yoder, Dayton, Ohio (Little Tommy, a Navaho boy), (9) WMC, Flora, Ind., (10) Jr. ➡

New Church in La Crescenta, California

Under the leadership of Bro. Robert Dell, a new Brethren church is developing in the growing community of La Crescenta, Calif.

A fine able group of people have purchased a former community building located in a new area of the city and are repairing and renovating this building for use as a place of worship.

La Crescenta is one of the most rapidly growing communities in the northern Los Angeles area, with hundreds of new homes recently constructed and many more under construction.

Pray for the rapid and substantial growth of this church.

WE CELEBRATED OUR SECOND ANNIVERSARY AT PATTERSON PARK, DAYTON, OHIO

Sunday, May 25, 1952, was the day set aside for this celebration. Though officially we were not 2 years old until May 31, we selected the Sunday preceding as our Anniversary Day.

The records of the day show the following: attendance in Bible school, 67; attendance in the morning worship, 90; offering for current expenses, \$63.01; offering from Bible school, \$13.98; offering for building fund, \$325.08; offering for foreign missions, \$333.05; offering for home missions, \$2.00; offering for Missionary Herald, \$10.00.

The attendance at Bible school set a new high in the records of our school, the former high being 61. Of the 90 in attendance in the worship service, 25 were visitors and the remaining 65 were our regular attenders.

A male quartet from the North Riverdale church furnished us with special music, and a poem written especially for the day was presented by Mrs. B. R. Foulk, of our own congregation.

A word about our new building. We have the hole dug in the ground, the footers poured, and the work of framing the forms for the foundation is moving along rapidly. All of us have been looking forward with keen anticipation to this new building, and many of you have been making it possible by your prayers and your offerings to the Home Missions Council. We covet your continued interest in the work here.

To our Lord Jesus Christ goes all the glory and praise for all that is being done here. We have seen Him work out many knotty problems and iron out the rough places. He is doing marvelously!—C. S. Zimmerman, pastor.



Top—The new Mountain Brethren Church, La Crescenta, Calif. Middle—The vast housing project at La Crescenta. Bottom—Charles Brown, layman, Mrs. Robert Dell, and Rev. Robert Dell.

WMC, Mansfield, Ohio, (11) WMC, La Verne, Calif.

The following also helped, but pictures were not available: Mrs. R. E. Fremion, Fremont, Ohio; Jr. S. S. Dept., South Pasadena, Calif.; Young Married People's Class, Kittanning, Pa.; First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.; First Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ervin, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Virts,

Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Earle Cole, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gonawein, Fremont, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. George Drahman, Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Wray Davis, Mrs. Estella Rohrer, Mrs. William Siefer, and Mrs. Ruth Waymire, Clayton, Ohio; Mrs. George Diefer, Allentown, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Biettey, Englewood, Ohio.

ISRAEL CALLS!

"THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER . . ."

By Bruce L. Button

Every born-again believer has at one time or another desired to deal with a Jewish person or, at least, listen while another deals with a Jewish person concerning Messiah. I suspect many have never had that desire fulfilled. For this reason I thought the following letters would be of interest. The first letter is a response to a contact made in door-to-door visitation. At that time "The Mediator" and an appropriate tract were placed in the hands of the housewife and a brief testimony given. The response, in the form of a letter from the husband, clearly indicates the erroneous information possessed by Jewish people regarding Jesus, the Messiah, His followers, and the New Testament, as well as their ignorance concerning their own faith, i. e., "traditional Judaism."

My reply was made with the view of inciting this Jewish man to an earnest investigation of the Old Testament prophecies concerning Messiah and a consideration of that which is set forth in the New Testament. My letter, due to lack of space, is only produced below in part. The balance will be published in next month's "Israel Calls." It is the prayer of all here at the mission that this letter will enable the child of God to pray more effectively for the salvation of "the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

To whom it may concern.

Tonight I read your paper on the article you distributed by messenger. If you are particularly concerned with individual feeling, I was deeply moved. But if you are smiling, let me explain. I felt pity, yes pity, for you lost souls that have to create faith and belief through misconception. I suggest that instead of trying to turn happy, religious people into fanatics of Christian Science that you turn to yourselves and try and create a better and more sensible way of life in your own class.

I also wish wholeheartedly that you attend one of your so-called empty synagogues and witness a ceremony of belief and realism. You are a lot of fanatical screwballs that will some day turn your face to your *false god* and get it slapped by *facts*.

Please don't ever again come to my house and try and present your fable of falsehoods to me or my family. I would rather see you donate your time to the betterment of your community. Please go to your own church and pray for forgiveness to the one and real God for He is your only Salvation.

Thank you,

N. R.

Mr. N. R.

— North La Jolla,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. R.:

Thanks for your recent letter. I certainly am interested in the individual feeling or reaction of those who read "The Mediator," for it is only as we consider and try to understand the feelings of other people that we can begin to know and appreciate them. I must say I admire your broadmindedness in reading the paper, for

all too often today we find people are prone to express an opinion without reading and investigating that of which they are to speak. At least you did read!

On the other hand, from the trend of your letter, I am quite sure that you have not read *extensively* regarding the belief set forth in "The Mediator" nor have you *investigated* into it in any way. Had you done so you could not have made the statement, "you lost souls that have to create faith and belief through misconception." I and others of like belief are not responsible for the faith and belief in Jesus, the Messiah, but rather the *Jewish* people are responsible. The *Navim* or prophets of the T'nach all spoke of the Messiah and *they set forth certain signs or events by which He could be recognized!* During the time Jesus of Nazareth walked the earth His followers were *Jewish people*. *Not one* of His disciples were *gentile!* And those men who later set down the facts concerning Jesus, the Messiah, in writing were *Jewish men!* They knew the T'nach as few Jewish men of their time or any time before or since knew it, and still they claimed the signs and events set forth by the *Navim* as indicative of Messiah were fulfilled in the Person of Jesus of Nazareth.

If I and others like me are "lost souls" then *Israel* is responsible! First, because Jewish men first set forth this belief as truth. Secondly, because in the 19 centuries following the spread of the Messianic belief among the *Goyim* (gentiles), *not once* have the *Jewish* people, *who deny this belief*, made an attempt to dispel our "ignorance." Strange, is it not, that a people who profess to love God and have the truth concerning Him can let the majority of mankind go on in their "lost" condition without making even *ONE* effort to set them aright? And stranger still when you consider the words of God to Israel through the prophet Isaiah, "Ye [Israel] are my witnesses" (Isa. 43:10). And again, through Ezekiel, Israel is told that, *should they fail to warn the wicked man* so that he turn from his wicked way, or *fail to warn the righteous man* who has turned from his righteous way, these men shall die in their sin but, says God, "his blood will I require at thine [Israel's] hand" (Ezek. 3:18-20).

Again you fall short in your reading and investigating when you charge me with "trying to turn happy religious people into fanatics of Christian Science." Let me say *I am not a Christian Scientist*. Christian Science is *not* based on the T'nach. Rather it is the teachings of a neurotic woman. I have no part with it! That which I hold to be truth from and about God is to be found in the T'nach, or Old Covenant, or Torah, Navim, Kathuvim, and the Brith Hachadosho, or New Covenant, or Testament, and in these books alone. The Talmud, commentaries, etc., are not the Word of God and are full of foolishness and error!

As for my turning a "happy, religious people" to *any* belief—that is impossible! Only God is able to turn the heart so that it is in agreement and fellowship with God and such is the message God gave to Jeremiah for Israel when he said, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord,

that I will make a *brith hachadosho* (a new covenant) with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith the Lord. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jer. 31:31-33).

You will note there is promised in this passage of Scripture a "*brith hachadosho*," a new covenant or testament for Israel and Judah. It was to be different from the one given to Moses and the fathers, for this new covenant was to be a thing of the heart, caused by, not the law, but by the grace of God! Physical birth was not to cause it; another man's words or action could not cause it; even *you* cannot cause this change through *your own* strength. It is only as God influences and directs you, changes your personal desires, that the change takes place. Jesus, the Messiah, put it another way: "Ye must be born again [from ABOVE] (i. e., of God!)" (John 3:7). Let us be honest with ourselves when we ask the question, "Has there been such a change evident in Israel or the *goyim*?" To answer the question let us go into the shops, stores, restaurants, and streets of the Fairfax Avenue District of Los Angeles. Listen to the language used, the stories told. True, we hear God's name mentioned continually, not with reverence but as a vain, common, empty, ugly curse word.

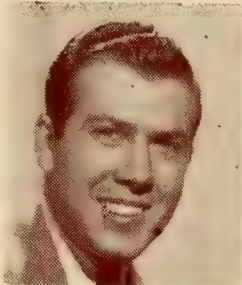
Even the name of Jesus Christ does not escape use. And the stories we hear—are they of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, or the other great men and events in the nation of Israel? *They are not!* Rather, they are the traveling salesman-farmer's daughter variety. Or they are tales of sorrow, of pain, of despair. And we hear no better from the *goyim* that are there. Is *this* the happy, religious people you have reference to? Would hearts changed by God react as these react? I think not! Jewish people along with the *goyim* need a changed heart and a renovated life! They need to be cleansed from their sin! They need a savior from their sin!

I assure you I am not a stranger in the *shule*, or synagogue. I regularly attend. Let us not try to deceive each other. The *shule* of today is *not* well attended! We might as well admit it. Jewish people are no more interested in the things of God than the unbelieving gentile. And they react to their places of worship much the same as the professing Christian. *They do not attend them!* This condition is further emphasized when you consider the many theaters and amusement halls that are rented to hold the great overflow crowds that attend Jewish worship services only during the Yom Kippur season. Within five blocks of the Beverly-Fairfax intersection there are *four* theaters so used each year. And there are many other theaters all over this vast city that are rented for this purpose each year.

Pray tell me, where are all the Jewish folk that fill these places *only* on Yom Kippur during the other 364 days out of the year? Let me tell you where they are. They are amusing themselves in the theater, golf club, night club, and other places of amusement. They are not interested in the things of God, nor do they have God in their hearts any more than any other unbelieving people or they would give evidence of it by attending

NEW PASTOR AT PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

The Lord has given us a fine new church in Parkersburg, W. Va., within the past few weeks. A group of approximately 25 people have been meeting in the Civic Building each Lord's Day for Bible school and worship.



Lester Smitley

The Lord has called Bro. Lester Smitley, who was graduated from Grace Seminary this year, and who has been a member of the Bethel Brethren Church at Berne, Ind., to become the first pastor of the Parkersburg church. The people have issued a unanimous invitation to Brother Smitley to minister to them.

This young pastor will work to support himself until it becomes possible for the Home Missions Council to support him financially.

This is a vital matter for the prayer list of each child of God. At once these Brethren will need lots and the first unit of a church building for worship, and growth will be impeded until they have it. Pray earnestly for God's blessing on the work.



The Parkersburg, W. Va., group.

MEDITATIONS

We need courage today as we look out upon a chaotic world—a dangerous world. The person who lives by sight instead of faith has as his constant companion uncertainty, gnawing fear, an ever-increasing sense of futility.

We need to examine afresh the words of the psalmist, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Faith is needed when visibility is poor, for blind flying. Let us rest in God and trust Him.

From the midst of the evil days in which Christ lived, He spoke these words, "Let not your heart be troubled." The fulfillment of this admonition is accomplished only by believing His word and acting on it. Only then comes the flow of His peace over troubled mind and spirit.—G. Cole.

at God's house of worship. The reason they attend *shule* once or twice a year is the same reason gentiles attend church at Christmas and Easter—to *salve a guilty conscience!*

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At the Canton, Ohio, church two were baptized on June 1, one of the two joining the church.

Mrs. Jesse Hall underwent surgery at a Canton, Ohio, hospital on June 6. Remember her in your prayers.

Rev. Glenn O'Neal, pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif., First church, will teach on a part-time basis this fall at the Biola Bible College and Seminary. He expects to receive his Master of Arts degree from the University of Southern California this summer.

Four decisions for Christ were made at the Roanoke, Va., Ghent church on May 25, and one on Monday, May 26.

The Dayton, Ohio, First church received four new members on June 1.

Bro. Ralph Burns moved from Winona Lake to Clay City, Ind., on June 9, at which time he began his ministry at the Clay City church. Rev. Don Bartlett, of Sharpsville, supplied the pulpit of this church since last October.

At the Whittier, Calif., church Mr. Tommy Harris, of Pomona, spoke on June 8 and Dr. Charles W. Mayes spoke to the men's meeting on June 10.

Rev. Clyde Flick, member of the San Bernardino, Calif., church and pastor of the Wrightwood Chapel, Wrightwood, Calif., was granted the B.D. degree by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles at the spring commencement.

Rev. and Mrs. Galen Lingenfelter, of Buena Vista, Va., became the parents of Charlene Kay on June 5.

The Altoona, Pa., Grace church observed the third anniversary of its new building on June 8. Rev. Robert E. A. Miller, of Roanoke, Va., was the speaker for the occasion,

which in turn became the first service of a Bible conference conducted there by Brother Miller, June 8-13. Rev. Phillip Simmons is the pastor of this church.

Recent speakers at the Compton, Calif., church have been Rev. T. H. Miller, Mr. Ed McCully, Rev. Claude Pearson, Mr. Bill Price, Rev. Ralph Colburn, Rev. J. Paul Miller, and Mr. Al Kruis.

Rev. Mark Malles, Altoona, Pa., spoke at a meeting of young people at the First Church of the Brethren of that city on June 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Adams, candidates for work among the Navaho Indians, became the parents of Laurel Joan on June 7.

Miss Beverly Page, member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church and a recent graduate of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, left for Cuba on June 3, where she will engage in missionary work.



The Sampleville, Ohio, church was given two offering plates by Mr. and Mrs. George V. Smith, of Dayton. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Flowers purchased for the use of the church a Lowery Organo, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blair, of Brookville, installed a pump and pipe in the parsonage. The Sunday school secured a dozen chairs. On June 1 the Sunday school attendance was 65, with 56 people in the morning service, 41 in the evening service, and 32 in prayer meeting the week before.

Bro. William Smith, to be ordained at his home church, Washington, D. C., on June 22, will be the evangelist for special meetings at the Roanoke, Va., Ghent church June 23-29.

The Waynesboro, Pa., church received seven new members on May 18. On May 11 eight had been baptized by the pastor, Rev. Dennis Holiday. Recent speakers at the church included Rev. Gerald Polman, of York, and Evangelist Roland Cagle, of East Orange, N. J.

Rev. Lewis Hohenstein, of Waterloo, Iowa, will deliver the Bible lecture at the 10 o'clock hour Wednesday morning of conference at Winona Lake. His general theme will deal

with a prophetic message on the signs of the times. Remember, the national conference meets a week earlier this year—August 18-24. Something worth while has been planned for every day of the conference.

One person was baptized and received into the membership of the Harrisburg, Pa., church on May 25.

The Wooster, Ohio, church received five people into the membership by baptism on June 1.

The Everett, Pa., congregation will dedicate the newly decorated church building on June 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Rev. R. I. Humbert will conduct a Bible conference June 22-27 at the Tippecanoe, Ind., Congregational Christian Church, of which Bro. Bernard Ward is pastor.

The Altoona, Pa., First church has a new lighted bulletin board which was made for the church by Bro. Merle Shaffer.

The Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church voted to construct as soon as possible a Sunday school annex on the north side of the present church building.

At the Martinsburg, W. Va., church five people made decisions to renew their vows with Christ on May 25, and one person united in membership with the church. Rev. M. Leon Myers is pastor of this church.

Miss Grace Byron is greatly improved in health and expects to be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

At the New Troy, Mich., church one person accepted the Saviour on June 8.

The Middlebranch, Ohio, church, of which Rev. Edward Lewis is pastor, has set July 13 as the day for the dedication of its remodeled building.

Rev. Burton Hatch, pastor of the Seal Beach, Calif., church, graduated from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles at its recent commencement exercises. Brother Hatch was honored by his classmates in being chosen the speaker for class day. His subject was "Faithful in Message."

Herald Months—that is the designation that has been given to June and July in the calendar of Brethren churches throughout the land. Pray especially during this time for your company at Winona Lake and give a generous offering for this phase of God's missionary program.

Interesting Books for July Reading

Early in June the Brethren Book Club received this communication from California: "I believe that we'll finally become a member of your fine Book Club. Don't know why we haven't done it before! . . . Have enjoyed the previews very much. Think this is a very important section of the Herald."

Enclosed with this was a check and an order for the first-choice book in the June list. We are happy to receive another member into the club and wonder at the same time why so many have put off so long the matter of joining this club, organized and specially commissioned to help the readers of the Brethren Missionary Herald to have access to some of the very best books coming from the presses these days.

Becoming a Member

One can become a member very easily—just decide which of the following two books you prefer, after you have read the reviews of them, and then send to the Brethren Book Club, in care of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind., your order for the book and money to cover the price as listed. The company will send you the book and include you as a member of the club. In addition, you agree to stay in the club at least until you have bought four books.

As a premium for joining, the club will give you your choice of the following books: "Stranger Than Fiction," by Dr. Florence N. Gribble; or "Out of the Night," by Dr. O. E. Phillips; or "The Biography of Robert Murray McCheyne," by Dr. Andrew Bonar. After you have bought and paid for four books you will receive another premium or dividend book, and so on for every four books purchased through the club.

Notice to Members

Those who are already members need do nothing if they desire the first-choice book for July. The book will be sent about the 10th of July. However, if you desire the second-choice book or no book for July you must notify the Brethren Book Club before July 1.

July Selections

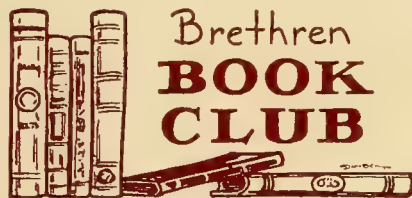
The first-choice book this month is "In Prison . . . And Visited Me," by

A. Roy Beasley, as told to Ewart A. Autry (\$2.50). This book will open the reader's eyes to what goes on in the average state prison. The second-choice or fiction book is Sallie Lee Bell's "The Queen's Jest" (\$2.50). Read the review of this book and decide whether you want it or the first book.

IN PRISON . . . AND VISITED ME

By A. Roy Beasley, as told to Ewart A. Autry

Have you ever wondered what happens to a person who has been found guilty of some crime and has been committed to a state prison? Have you wondered about the spiritual life of such a person? Here is a book to answer some of the ques-



tions you may have had concerning state prisons.

When Rev. A. Roy Beasley asked for the privilege of being chaplain at Parchman Prison, the state prison for Mississippi, he had already been a preacher of the Gospel for more than 30 years in the Methodist denomination. Yet he wanted to help the men and women who were being neglected by the average church and ignored by the average Christian.

In spite of all that he knew about preaching and about people he never was able to anticipate what he was to meet as a chaplain behind the walls with men and women who had forfeited their privilege to live as and with free people. Nor was he able to anticipate ahead of time the great responsibility that was to come to him, nor the great avenues of service in which he could serve the Saviour and the sinner.

This book gives ample evidence to show once and for all that a sinner needs far more than reformation—he needs regeneration as the only solution to his sin problem and character. Mr. Beasley tells of many who

were dismissed from the prison with resolutions on their lips to never return, but their resolutions were not strong enough to hold them. However, those who had accepted the Saviour had new power that enabled them "to go straight" in life in the "free world."

If the price of this book were double or even triple what it is, yet it should be in every home and read by every person in this country, especially by the Christians. This reviewer has never read a novel that was as interestingly written as this book.—*Conard Sandy*.

THE QUEEN'S JEST

By Sallie Lee Bell

At an early age Stephanie Navarre came to know the reality of our Lord's words, "If they have persecuted me they will also persecute you." This story takes us back to the time of Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette and the deplorable days of their reign.

Because of the plotting of her supposed father Stephanie came into the court of the queen as one of her lady attendants. It was a real battle to maintain her Christian testimony in the midst of such surroundings and one can well imagine the attitude of the other members of the court toward her.

At a masked ball the queen became especially sociable with a young man, inviting him to the palace garden the next day, at which time she promised to meet him unmasked. Thinking to play a joke on Stephanie she made her meet the young man in her stead. Thus Stephanie and the young handsome traveler from the New World met for the first time, but not the last! Their times together until they were able to set out for America make compelling reading.

This is not a historical novel in the usual literary sense of that term, but a romance dating from this particular era of history. The style is clear and simple and the action rapid. It is the kind of a book one cannot lay aside until he has reached the end. Although only a story, it is a fine illustration of how God can care for His own, even under the most critical circumstances.—*Blaine Snyder*.

THE TWOFOLD APOSTASY

In the last article we declared that the outstanding characteristic of the apostasy was denial of the faith. This originates from denial of the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. This expresses itself in doctrinal denial.

Doctrinal Denial

II Timothy 4:3-4 foretells the time when "they will not endure sound doctrine." This means they will refuse to listen to it; they cannot endure to hear the preaching of sound doctrine. The people and the preachers will have itching ears, itching for praise, both of them. The preachers will preach for praise and the people will demand to be satisfied. The disease of spiritual itch is widespread today. Preachers spread the salve of smooth sayings on the itching ears of the people. The people spread the salve of praise on the itching ears of the preachers.

These doctrinal deniers are further described in Ephesians 4:14. The preachers are described as wind blowers and the people as fickle children, tossed to and fro, carried about by these puffs of wind. Jude describes them as wind clouds, destitute of moisture, carried about by winds (Jude 12). There's a lot of this foamy, frothy, sudsy preaching today. Many people are carried away by the wind of it. Such preachers are like Job's would-be comforters, "bags of wind."

If ever we needed to preach sound doctrine it is today! "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine" (Tit. 2:1).

Denial of the Person of Christ

The Bible foretells the time when there will be widespread denial of the essential deity of Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ was God! "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:1, 14). "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9). These and many other Scriptures declare the essential deity of Christ, eternally

existent with the Father. Christ claimed to be God! He claimed every attribute of deity and gave proof of the same. Christianity is dependent upon His deity.

There is widespread denial of the deity of the Christ today. "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?" (I John 2:22). This is that "spirit of antichrist" which is abroad in the world (I John 4:3). Years ago we spoke of the "divinity of Christ" and this was understood to mean the "deity of Christ." But today the false teaching of the "innate divinity of man" has brought that term "divinity" into disrepute. Let us therefore witness to our faith in the deity of Christ, essential deity, the very God of God.

Denial of the person of Christ involves denial of His humanity as well as His deity. The doctrine of Christ includes the deity and humanity of Christ according to I John 4:2-3 and II John 7-11. Jesus Christ was Immanuel, God manifest in the flesh. He was the Son of God and the Son of man in one undivided and indivisible person. To deny either His deity or His humanity is a part of the apostasy.

Many cults today are promoting the apostasy in denial of the person of the Christ. Recently we inspected the translation of the Bible put out by Jehovah's Witnesses and the marginal reading for those Scriptures which teach the deity of Christ is, "not God." On every hand our Lord is being denied thus.

Denial of Blood Atonement

Another outstanding mark of the apostasy is denial of the blood atonement which Christ accomplished on the cross. In II Peter 2:1-3, in which we are warned against apostate teachers and teachings, it is foretold that false prophets and false teachers would bring in destructive heresies, "even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." This foretells

denial of blood atonement as a part of the apostasy.

We believe that Christ took the guilt and penalty of our sin in His own body on the tree; that He died in our place, as our substitute. We believe in substitutionary atonement. In fact, we cannot see how there could be any atonement other than this. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin." Christ became a propitiatory sacrifice (Rom. 3:21-26). Christ was made a "curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). Redemption through the blood of Christ is the only redemption (I Pet. 1:18-20).

An outstanding denial of the apostasy is denial of blood atonement. The result is the curse of unsaved church members. There are "crusades for members" aplenty, just to add names to the church rolls. There are "preaching missions," under the direction of the bloodless National Council of Churches and affiliated puppets, preaching a bloodless false gospel.

Denial of the Holy Spirit

II Timothy 3:5 foretells a denial of the "power of godliness." The Holy Spirit is the power of godliness today. He indwells every regenerated believer. He is the internal power of all spirituality. He is the secret and source of victory over sin, of living the godly life of separation from the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Many today are almost totally ignorant of the Holy Spirit. They should say in the words of Acts 19:2, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit." Many others know about Him, but do not permit Him to infill them for godliness. They are destitute of the Spirit's power in their lives. This is practical denial of the Holy Spirit. It is a part of the apostasy today.

Denial of Authority

Another element in the apostasy is the denial of authority—in other words, lawlessness, revolt against constituted authority. Jude 8 puts

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LITTLE KENT'S VIEW OF LIFE

Mothers and daddies are such queer people sometimes. Take me, for instance. (When Mother gets exasperated with me she says she'd let someone take me—at least for a couple of hours. Daddy says she'd not hold out for two small hours before she'd be after me. I don't know quite what they mean by all that talk, but I do know they love me here at my house.) But back to my subject—parents are funny—and I don't mean the ha-ha kind of funny. I'm 4 years old and to me life is one great, wonderful adventure. There is SO much to learn and see that not a waking moment hangs heavy on my hands. I almost never get tired. If I do feel a bit heavy-eyed I fight the sleep like a soldier. I fall asleep protesting the edict which sends me to bed. But Mother says she and Daddy are so tired they'd like the opportunity to go to bed. What I can't figure out is why they don't go and let me stay up. She says they have work to do after we get to sleep which they can't do when we children are under foot and into things that don't concern us.

Mama says the very first thing all her children must learn is obedience. I don't see why this is so important because there are lots of times when I just can't agree with her. Daddy says that's how lots of grown-ups are with God. They don't agree with God's way of dealing with them so they fuss and argue with the Lord, then finally do as they please. If they have to suffer for their disobedience the way I do, I feel sorry for them. Daddy says they do have to pay for their sin and disobedience. Sometimes they are foolish enough to think they'll get away with sin, but eventually God deals with His sinning children. After I get caught in some disobedient act or wrongdoing I always tell Mama I'm sorry. Then is when she says to me in a very disappointed voice, "It is a good thing to be sorry for your sins, Kent, but we all would be so much happier if we'd learn the truth of God's Word: 'To obey is better than sacrifice' (I Sam. 15:22)."

One day when Mama had taken a good many of us children with her to the store a man started to talk to us. I like to talk to people and ask them lots of questions. Suddenly the

man looked at Mama and asked: "Is this collection yours?" Mother looked at him with a smile and replied: "This is part of my brood, but they are not a collection—they're my offering." The man looked at Mama kinda hard, then smiled and answered: "I don't quite understand you. What's the matter with a collection? Don't collections help pay preachers' salaries?" (This man was the store manager and he knows my Daddy is a preacher.) "A collection is most often a giving of what is left over, if there is anything left, or a giving of what one thinks he can spare. An offering is a presentation of one's best with no thought as to



the sacrifice involved. An offering comes from a heart of love and has some thought in back of the gift. It would be hard to give an offering grudgingly."

"I think you have something there, Mrs. Miller," the store man said, "but I never thought of giving to my church in that light. You sound as though you believe that Christians should give to the Lord rather than to the church." "That's the idea," Mother told Mr. Manager. "An offering of small amounts, either of substance or life, given to the Lord out of a heart of love will be multiplied by God to greater fruit than a collection of a million dollars." By this time the conversation was too dry for me, so I took Althea and headed for the coloring books the store provides for the shoppers' children. In a little while this nice man came to our table and ruffled my hair as he asked: "Are you going to be a preacher like your Daddy when you grow up? Your mother told me she hopes all her children will serve the Lord."

"I'm going to blow a horn like Bob does when I grow up and preach for Jesus, too. Why don't you preach for Jesus?" Mr. Man didn't answer

me. He just walked off, shaking his head, and muttering half aloud, "Remarkable family. Maybe a big family wouldn't be such a headache after all." Mama gave us all an extra hug as we got into the car that day. She said we behaved real well for a change, and she is so happy to have such a blessed offering to give to the Lord Jesus. I told her I didn't understand what she was talking about but I do love Jesus. "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac . . . accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead" (Heb. 11:17-19).

When Daddy and Mama went to New York last winter they took baby Ardyth with them. She was just 7 weeks old and beguiled everyone who saw her. I even think she is sweet. I can make her smile when no one else can. One day they ate in a wonderful restaurant patronized mostly by Jewish people. The head waiter gave Mama a place to lay Ardyth and she soon became the center of attention. Two very nice Jewish ladies made a big fuss over the baby and Mama joined them in admiring her. Daddy says she has fussed over us all the same way. One of these ladies asked: "Is this your first baby?" Now when people ask that question Mama always gets a special gleam in her eye because she knows that most folk about faint when she tells them she and Daddy have eight children. These ladies were surprised, too, but they thought it was wonderful that gentiles should have such a large family. They asked Daddy where we live and then with a puzzled expression on her face one of the ladies asked: "Do you have a whole house?" Mother said she thought to herself, "Who ever heard of a half-house?" But she soon remembered that so many big-city dwellers live in apartments. Mama calls them cliff dwellers and says she prays the day will never come when she'll have to live in an apartment and be perched atop one of these "cliffs" some 10 or 15 stories from the street. But I would just love to live up real high above the street. We'd have such fun looking at all the people and cars as they dash to and fro on the streets.

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Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

—By Conard Sandy—

Prisoner Wants Freedom

In 1947 a man was sentenced to the Indiana State Prison for crime committed in Fort Wayne. He wrote a letter the other day to the judge, William H. Schannen, who presided at his trial. The prisoner has had enough of prison life and would like to have his freedom. He said:

"It's a bit desperate being here with the long years ahead. . . . No prisoner can look to the future without a deep and sober regard for the judge who sent him away to a so-called house of vengeance. . . . And tomorrow and tomorrow I'll still be marking time, still feeling lost in this house of no return. . . . Maybe you will hear my plea. You see, I would like to get home."

It is too bad that this man did not think of some of these things before he committed his crime. Throughout eternity many people will want to get out of the hell in which they find themselves, but then it will be too late. The reason why they will be there is because they did not give proper consideration to the Lord Jesus Christ in their earthly life of opportunity.

The Word of God declares: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). If you want a true picture of what it will be like in hell at the end of a Christless life read the words of the Lord Jesus on the subject as recorded in Luke 16:19-31. Hell is indeed the "house of no return." Don't go there by refusing to accept the one and only Saviour, the Lord Jesus.

Sin at Our Doorstep

Rev. Jack Shuler, of Los Angeles, Calif., was invited to Anchorage, Alaska, this spring to hold evangelistic meetings. While there he observed the conditions of that town which is a part of our national responsibility. Writing in the *National Voice*, he said, among other things:

"Anchorage has become a sort of 'Manchuria' for liquor barons, gamblers, prostitutes, and dope peddlers. The influx of thousands of military

personnel . . . together with a lack of enforcement and a glaring weakness of the courts to administer justice, have afforded the racketeers a choice breeding ground. The three or four nights following soldiers' pay day here give the underworld practically enough to retire on. . . .

"Anchorage has 11 saloons for every church and 20 bartenders for every clergyman. . . . The books here show 306 of the 940 business licenses to have been granted to the liquor industry."

Centuries ago Solomon declared: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1). Evidently we have many unwise men in governmental positions in that they permit such a condition to prevail in a territory subject to the laws of our nation.

Note further the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him" (Isa. 5:21-23)! It is high time that the people of God awoke to their responsibility of pointing men and women to Jesus Christ for His eternal life.

A Dead Sacrifice

To the church at Rome the Apostle Paul wrote: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

On June 9 a preacher in the Ozark hills of Missouri presented his own dead body unto the Lord—we are assuming that he was a saved man, as he claimed, though his actions make us wonder about it. The man was Rev. J. J. Ivie, a 57-year-old minister of the Assembly of God at Cherryville, Mo., and father of six children.

Mr. Ivie fasted for 51 days and then died. His reason, as he said: "I am seeking the more perfect will of

God for my own life and asking God to show me why the signs do not follow my ministry as Jesus said they would." Think of it, a preacher who claimed to know the Word of God enough to preach it to others, did not know it enough to know that God does not want dead sacrifices.

The way to learn the will of God is to read His Word, not by fasting unto death. Whatever Mr. Ivie learned through his fasting he is unable to use for the welfare of either himself or of others for he is now dead—dead at his own hands. As Paul wrote of the Jews this man had "a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" (Rom. 10:2). What a travesty this man has made of Christianity in the eyes of many who will not take the time or spend the effort to look into the Word of God to find His will for men in this age!

World Unrest Will Continue

Sir Oliver Franks, British ambassador to the United States, said that he believed the world unrest would continue for a long time.

In an address at the 183rd commencement of Dartmouth College at Hanover, N. H., on June 8 he said in part: "It seems unlikely that for many years the world can become a comfortable place. Yet we do not believe war is inevitable."

As he continued his message to the graduates he made direct reference to the present situation in the world in these words: "We are ready to talk with the nations on the other side of the Iron Curtain when they are ready to do so. We believe the time will come when they will feel constrained to seek for areas of agreement because they have ceased to be able to impose their will."

Of course world unrest will continue for a long, long time. The reason is that men refuse the Prince of Peace and "there is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked" (Isa. 48:22).

Only those who know the Lord Jesus Christ as "our peace" (Eph. 2:14) will be able to enjoy peace while here on the earth. Christ alone can give that righteousness that is necessary to the possession of genuine peace.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS GROW

Mr. J. P. Edmunds, secretary of the department of survey, statistics, and information of the Southern Baptist Sunday school board, in his report to the last convention of his denomination, at Miami, Fla., said: "It took Southern Baptists 28 years to reach their first million; 34 years to reach their second million; 13 years, their third million; 12 years, their fourth million; 8 years, their fifth million; 6 years, their sixth million; and 4 years, their seventh million. Our present membership of 7,373,498 indicates that we should reach our eighth million in 3 years, by the close of 1953." In the last 25 years this denomination increased 98.8 percent in membership.

Youth Rally Held at Listie, Pennsylvania



Speakers' table at the banquet—(l. to r.) Rev. Paul Mohler, Listie; Rev. Fred Walter, Aleppo; Rev. Robert Cessna, special speaker, Philadelphia; Rev. William A. Ogden, Johnstown; Rev. Clair Gartland, Conemaugh (Pike); Rev. John Neely, Conemaugh; and Rev. Wayne Baker, Jenners.

MOODY DAYS AT WINONA LAKE

The third annual Moody Bible Institute conference will be held at Winona Lake, Ind., July 14-20, immediately following the Youth for Christ International convention.

Among the speakers expected are Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Torrey Johnson, and Dr. Merv Rosell, all of whom have been active in the field of evangelism and in the Youth for Christ movement. Other speakers include Dr. S. Maxwell Coder and Rev. Philip R. Newell, of the Moody Institute faculty, and Dr. Carl Arm- erding, of the Wheaton College faculty.

MORE PLANS FOR YFC MEET

At the present time the ground at the rear of the Billy Sunday Tabernacle at Winona Lake, Ind., is being cleared of trees and is being leveled in preparation for the erection of a large tent to be used for personal counseling and prayer for those who make decisions during the forthcoming Youth for Christ International's eighth convention, June 29-July 13. The sections in the tabernacle that were formerly used for this purpose will be available this year for the use of the many people who are expected to attend the convention.

The district mission board of the Northern Ohio District Fellowship has voted to give its financial help to the new work in Findlay and to withdraw its help from the work in Wadsworth.

A very successful East District Youth Fellowship Rally was held at the Listie, Pa., church May 9-10. Approximately 250 young people, with their leaders, registered for the rally that began with Friday evening services and closed with a banquet and program at the noon hour on Saturday.

Rev. Robert Cessna, pastor of the Third Brethren Church of Philadelphia, in the Atlantic District, was the special speaker, delivering three addresses on these subjects: "Youth at

the Crossroads," "Youth That Are Genuine Spiritually," and "Rewards for Christians."

Rev. John Neely, of Conemaugh, was in charge of the music, Rev. William A. Ogden, of Johnstown, presided, and Rev. Paul Mohler was the host pastor.

Special musical numbers and other features were presented by the young people from various churches of the district.—Allen Zook, reporter and photographer.



The Avery Sisters (Eileen and Shirley), from Jenners, singing a special number.



Delores Weimer and Dick Heist, from Listie, singing a special number.

GIVE HEED TO THE CHILDREN

Some unknown writer gave expression to some timely suggestions concerning our children. Here are the words as they appeared in The Outlook:

They are the persons who are going to carry on what you have started.

They are to sit right where you are sitting, and attend when you are gone, to those things you think are so important.

You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends upon them.

Even if you make leagues and treaties, they will have to manage them.

They will assume control of your cities, your states, and nation.

They are going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations.

All your work is going to be judged and praised or condemned by them.

Your reputation and your future are in their hands.

All your work is for them, and the fate of the nation and of humanity is in their hands.

It might be well to pay them some attention.

THE TWOFOLD APOSTASY

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it in these words: they "despise dominions." This means a loss of respect for authority. There is denial of the authority of the Bible. There is denial of the authority of the church. There is a loss of respect for the authority of parents. The world is in the grip of a universal rebellion against authority. "The mystery of iniquity," the "mystery of lawlessness" has always been working, but it is becoming more violent in these days. Every person wants to be a "law unto himself" today. That's the reason there is so much confusion and conflict in our churches. Each member wants to be the "big

shot"! We are getting back to the first and original sin which was the anointed cherub's revolt against God (Ezek. 28:11-19). He headed the revolt against God; his destiny is the lake of fire.

Problem No. 1 in the average church today is "Big I." It is self lifting its ugly head, to be head and shoulders above all others. The disease of perpendicular pronounitis is in the bloodstream of so many today. This is revolt against authority, the mystery of lawlessness, an earmark of the apostasy.

Fulfillments

The skeptic and scoffer openly deny. The heretic twists the Bible with his corkscrew methods on interpretations (II Pet. 3:16). The fanatic brings the cause of Christ into disrepute with fanatical extremism; he is the distortionist. The modernists combine all of these and more in their brazen apostate teachings and attitudes. Keep your eyes and ears open and you will see plenty of fulfillments of the forecasts of the twofold apostasy.

LITTLE KENT'S VIEW OF LIFE

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Mama says the only time she wants to live high above the earth is when the Lord Jesus comes for His own. She says that will be a grand "going up." Daddy says he longs for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He often speaks of that part of the Bible which says: "But we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (I John 3:2-3).

'Bye for now. I hope these ramblings of mine which Mama has put down on paper will be a help to you. Sometimes big people can learn much "out of the mouth of babes." There's one thing sure they should learn: little boys like me are "all ears" many a time, even though our faces have a most guileless expression!

Temple City, California

We are glad to report that 11 people were recently baptized and received into the membership of the Temple City, Calif., church.

Our goal for foreign missions was \$1,000, but we have gone well over the \$1,200 mark.

The young people held a retreat at the mountain cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Frick, their sponsors, over the Memorial holidays.

To welcome our pastor, Rev. Leo Polman, home after several weeks' absence, a slogan was adopted—"O. P. 125"—which interpreted means "Operation Polman and a goal of 125 in Sunday school." A fellowship dinner followed the morning service on this Sunday.

In the absence of Brother Polman the pulpit was filled by Mr. Al Kruis, Rev. Claude Pearson, Mr. Don Ulrich, Dr. Robert Evans, Rev. Alan Pearce, Rev. Ralph Hatton, and Dr. Russell Barnard. The services were in charge of Dr. Francis Altig and the music in charge of Mr. Maxwell Brenneman.—Mrs. Elsie Dilly, reporter.

Chambersburg, Pa. (Pond Bank)

This is a little late, but circumstances are and have been of such a nature that time has been scarce. I would like to express my gratitude to the men of the East District who took time away from their own charges to take part in the 2 weeks of evangelistic services here. The people at Pond Bank were blessed and strengthened spiritually.

We praise the Lord for enabling us to complete the basement of our church building and we expect to be meeting in it by August. The cornerstone laying has been planned for June 15, with Rev. Russell Weber, of Harrisburg, as the special speaker.

At a recent business meeting it was decided, among other matters, that henceforth we shall be known as the Grace Brethren Church of Pond Bank.—Edward Clark, pastor.

The Brethren Missionary Herald



Upper—The 1952 graduating class of the seminary. *Left center*—Rev. John Aeby, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, speaker at the Baccalaureate service. *Center*—Graduates of the collegiate division. *Right center*—Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, president of Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas Tex., speaker at the Graduation service. *Lower*—The combined seminary and collegiate graduating classes.

EDITORIALS

Alva J. McClain and Paul R. Bauman, Editors



Word From the McClains

Dr. and Mrs. McClain during the past few weeks have been located at Greer, Ariz., near Phoenix. At the present time, however, they are in Oregon, where they have gone to see Dr. McClain's sister, Mrs. Georgia Bennett, who is very seriously ill. Let us pray that the Lord may minister very graciously to her at this time. Pray also for Dr. and Mrs. McClain and the other loved ones who are there. The McClains expect to return to Arizona for several weeks, after which they will be leaving for Winona Lake. They plan to be home around August first.—P. R. B.

Report of Seminary Offerings

Elsewhere in the magazine this month appears a condensed report of the funds that have come in to date for the 1952 seminary offering. Dr. Boyer, our financial secretary, has so prepared the report that a comparison with your church's 1951 offering may be made at a glance. A little reflection will show that any proper comparison of the offerings has been extremely difficult to make, due to the fact that the 1951 report includes the offerings that came in throughout the year as a part of the building fund campaign and the offerings for the running expenses of the school. This year these offerings were combined into one. While the total offering did not reach the goal of \$50,000 set by the seminary, it did reach the amount originally set in the seminary budget for this year. However, many of the items in this budget had to be set by a mere estimate during our first year in the new building. In some cases these estimates were not as high as they should have been. In a few cases they were too high. Then, some items of considerable expense in connection with the completion and furnishing of the building had to be cared for out of our general funds. The result has been that the school is facing a real crisis in the immediate future. This will be set forth more fully next month. In the meantime, will you pray very definitely for the work of Grace Theological Seminary and plan ahead to assist in meeting this urgent need?—P. R. B.

Seminary Annuals Available

The 1952 Charis (Greek word for "grace") is one of the most interesting yearbooks yet produced by a senior class of the seminary. It contains a wealth of information in attractive form which will be of genuine interest to the young people of your church who are looking forward to Christian service. Some extra copies of the annual were printed in order that they might be available to either churches or individuals. The price is \$3 postpaid. May we urge you to place a copy of the Grace Seminary annual in your church where it may be avail-

able constantly to your young people. Do this now! You may change the whole course of a life in so doing.

If your church does not possess a copy of the 1951 Charis, which contains a history of Grace Seminary from 1931 to 1951, we will be glad to mail one free upon request. We ask only that you write the name of the church in it and urge your young people to read it. Talk Grace Seminary among your young people!—P. R. B.

Word of Appreciation

An expression of our heartfelt appreciation is certainly due the members of our student body for the way they rallied to the needs of the school during the past 2 years. In addition to the special gifts, or projects, undertaken by the individual classes, the student body 2 years ago undertook the project of caring for the expense of grading the front campus. The task of grading down a fair-sized hill and moving the dirt into a hole of equal size proved to be nearly twice as expensive as the original estimate of \$1,000 for the job. When the faculty offered to join in the project, the students asked that they might be permitted first to see what they could do. All told, during the past 2 years, \$1,543.62 has been raised for this purpose by the student body. More than once we have marveled at the way the students give, especially in view of the fact that most of them have families, and most of them face a real struggle to support their families and attend school at the same time. We are grateful to them and trust that it may be said of them that their "zeal hath provoked very many" (II Cor. 9:2) to make sacrifices similar to theirs.—P. R. B.

Do We Know Ourselves?

The philosophic formula of Socrates was *gnothi seauton*—"know thyself." But that is not so easy as it seemed to the ancient Greeks. Modern psychologists, with exhaustive tests, have proved there is a great deal a man doesn't know about himself.

At Johns Hopkins University a machine has been devised by which investigators detect and measure "emotional reactions." A list of 50 words, carefully chosen, is read to the subject, and his reaction to each word is recorded by the machine. It is interesting to note that the person's own name excited the highest percentage of responses among those who were tested, and next highest were those words having a sexual connotation.

But now comes the most startling discovery. The results of these tests very often directly contradict the testimony of the person being tested. Several reported that the word "father" touched them, and yet the machine failed to register anything. On the other hand,

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STUDENT NEWS

RICHARD JACKSON, Jr., Reporter

"Well, it's all over but the shouting," was an oft-repeated phrase at the seminary during the week of graduation, and now even most of the shouting is over. Banquets, Baccalaureate, Class Day, all are over, and for the graduates all the shouting is now being done from the pulpits which have become their responsibilities. But let's review the events of the last few days and weeks of school.

VITAL STATISTICS—Our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kaiser on the birth of their daughter, Marilyn Anne. *Flash! . . . Special!*—Quadruplets born at Grace! This is probably the first time in history that a school building as new as ours became the birth-place for quadruplets, but that is exactly what happened some time during the week before exams. Yes sir, four baby robins were born on the window sill of the first-floor landing of the southwest entrance. The last this reporter saw of the family they were pushing each other out of a badly crowded nest. Anybody know of a good furnished apartment they can rent?

CHAPEL—The school year closed with a grand rush as always and as always there were an unnumbered multitude of last-minute announcements to be made in chapel. The last couple of student preachers were heard and finally came the election of the new student-body officers. Here are the results: president, Ivan French; vice president, Richard DeArmey; treasurer, Robert Thompson; secretary, Mary Dukeshire. The newly appointed editor of the year book is Jesse Humberd, who went to work immediately with the camera taking pictures of the last week's proceedings. If you want to see the good pictures he took of us handsome graduates then get your order for next year's annual in early.

CONSTITUTION—In one of the last chapel periods of the year the student body gathered together to hear and adopt a student-body constitution. Our thanks go to President Bill Smith, Glenn Smouse, and Evan Adams for their fine work in drafting a constitution that was presented to the student body and accepted with only a few minor changes.

COMMENDATION—The task of preparing a building for graduation exercises is not an easy one. I am sure that each member of the graduating class agrees with me that the job done by Bro. George Cone, Sr., was a job very well done. We thank you, Brother Cone, for your part in making our last week successful.

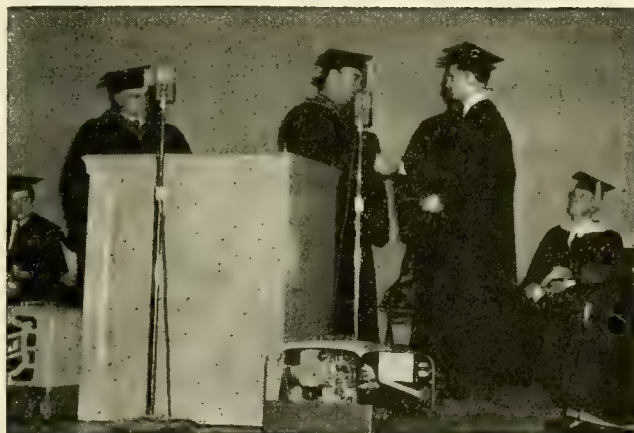
HABEGGER—When MaryAnn Habegger took those few steps to the front of the platform to receive her diploma a noise like a pistol shot rang out that caused quite a number of people to jump and look around. It was only a flash bulb bursting when a friend tried to take a picture of the presentation of the diploma. Yes, MaryAnn's graduation went over with a bang.

AN OLD FRIEND—It was good to see Dr. Robert Culver again. The graduating class was going to sing,

"Home on the Range," to him before the ceremony, but we didn't have time. Dr. Culver is now teaching at Trinity Seminary, Chicago.

GRATITUDE—The past Senior Class of Grace Seminary wishes to express publicly their thanks to the faculty of the school for their consistent and patient ministry in the field of teaching. We can never repay the professors and members of the staff for the time and effort they expended in our behalf. We can but say, "Thank you and God bless you in your future years of service for Him."

SENIOR BREAKFAST—The Senior Breakfast this year was in the form of a morning picnic. The class went to a park near North Manchester, Ind., for a few hours



Dr. Paul R. Bauman, executive vice president, congratulates Richard Jackson, Jr., as he receives his Th.B. degree. Note the units of the new Bell and Howell sound projector upon the floor on either side of the pulpit. This fine piece of equipment was given to the school by the members of the Senior Class.

of recreation and gab and a picnic meal. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

LAST ARTICLE—This marks the end of my brief but very enjoyable career as a reporter. I want to thank a very patient editor, associate editor, a very gracious typesetter, and an easy-to-get-along-with proofreader. It is my sincere hope that you who have read these pages will have received pleasure from them and a new attitude toward the school because of them. As I write this last article, while sitting in the study of my first pastorate, I realize anew what the school has meant to me and what the people of the Brethren Church have done for me and the other graduates who have left these halls. Our thanks to you and to Him who is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think. May we each one be used for His glory till He comes.

DR. McCLAIN'S LETTER TO THE 1952 GRADUATING CLASS

(The following letter was written by Dr. McClain to the 1952 graduating class of Grace Theological Seminary, and also to the students and friends assembled for the occasion. It is so splendidly written that we are making it available to all the friends of the school, for all can profit by its message.—P. R. B.)

To the Members of the 1952 Graduating Class:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to all the members of God's family at Grace Theological Seminary.

You who are being honored here tonight will be leaving these halls very shortly, and as I recall our blessed fellowship in Christ during the days of your sojourn here, I am constrained upon this happy occasion to express my feeling in words written by the Apostle Paul: "But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored the more abundantly to see your face with great desire. . . . For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy."

As you stand this day upon the threshold of a larger and more direct service in the Gospel of grace, as you contemplate the problems inseparable from all Christian work today, as you face the perils of the days in which we live, and the enemies of the church of God—let me remind you once again that our blessed Lord and Saviour is both the God of eternity and also the God of the present hour. We may indeed be weak and fallible men, but the Lord is strong, still seated upon His Father's throne in the heavens, and there is nothing too hard for Him. When all the captains of this present evil world are gone forever, and all the tumult and the shouting is past, Jehovah-Jesus will still abide; He will remain the same; His years shall not fail.

In the busy days ahead, do not forget for one moment that in the Gospel of Christ and the infallible Word of God you have the answer to every problem of the human heart. Therefore, I charge you to be faithful in guarding well that precious deposit in your care.

Often you will hear new voices which with smooth words will seek to turn your minds away from the truth as it is in Christ to other so-called "gospels." Enormous pressures will at times be brought to bear upon you.

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many denied any response to "sex" terms while the machine registered a definite response.

Such tests as these prove either that men are liars or else that they do not know themselves; probably both.

The psalmist, many centuries ago, prayed that God would cleanse him from "secret faults"; not meaning faults which were "secret" from others necessarily, but those faults which were hidden from *his own eyes*. It is a disconcerting fact that many of our faults which we ourselves cannot see are perfectly clear to others.

The Bible is very much up to date psychologically. We do not really know ourselves. We need to pray constantly, "Search me, O God . . . and see if there be any wicked way in me" (Psa. 139:23-24).—A. J. M.

Perhaps great material advantages may be held before your eyes. It may seem sometimes that you cannot further resist. In such an hour you must remember that in the ministry of the Gospel to compromise is to lose everything, and also that, as someone has said: "A hero is one who knows how to hang on for one minute longer." And so, walking by faith, moment by moment, the victory will be yours, and the glory will be Christ's.

Certainly, the tremendous events of our day indicate that the last days are near at hand. The return of our blessed Lord must be close. When we shall stand before Him, whose eyes are as a flame of fire, some things which seem attractive now will then be seen of little or no consequence. It will not matter, in His presence, how well spoken of we were by the lips of men of the world, or how large the salary was, or how great the pulpit we were called to occupy. What will matter supremely in that day will be how well and singly you have loved Him, how faithfully you have served Him, and how jealous you were for His own glory. May you be able to say *even now* with the great Zinzendorf: "I have but one passion; it is He."

"Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work" (II Thess. 2:15-17).

Your brother in Christ,
Greer, Arizona. Alva J. McClain.

STAFF MEMBERS GET DEGREES



Congratulations are in order to four members of the seminary staff who received advanced degrees this year. James L. Boyer, A.B., B.D., S.T.M., instructor in Greek and Science, received the Th.D. degree. Homer A. Kent, Jr., A.B., B.D., assistant professor in New Testament Greek, received the Th.M. degree. The accompanying picture shows his father, Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., registrar, changing the tassel upon his cap while Instructor Whitcomb adjusts the hood upon his back. This hood is emblematic of his degree. Ralph Gilbert, A.B., B.D., instructor in English, received the Th.M. degree, and Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton, A.B., B.C.E., our librarian, received the M.R.E. degree.—P. R. B.

SOME OBJECTIONS, QUESTIONS, AND PROBLEMS

(Concluding Installment)

In foregoing installments of this monograph, nine questions have been discussed and answered: First, What is the law? Second, Under what conditions could this law give life? Third, Why was the law unable to save men? Fourth, What was God's purpose in giving the law? Fifth, What was the relation of God's written law to the nation of Israel? Sixth, What was the relation of the law to gentile nations? Seventh, Is the Christian believer under the law? Eighth, What are the dangers of putting the Christian under law? Ninth, What is the objective standard of life for the Christian? In bringing the entire discussion to a close, I wish to state and answer some rather common objections, questions, and problems:

1. *The charge has been made that in affirming the believer is not under law we are rejecting a part of Scripture.* This slanderous charge has, of course, been already answered by the Biblical evidence presented earlier, but I wish to deal with it more specifically at this point.

First, we deny categorically any rejection of the law. On the contrary, we accept the law of God in Scripture in its totality, including all its elements—moral, ceremonial, and civil—not merely a small part of the law stripped of its penalties, as our opponents are accustomed to do. They, not we, are the real rejectors of the law!

Second, we accept this total divine law as a part of the inspired Word of God, and therefore "profitable" for all Christian believers; to be used under the guidance of the Holy Spirit for "doctrine," "reproof," "correction," and "instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16). No part of the Word of God (not even the ceremonial law) can be neglected in our teaching and preaching without spiritual loss.

Third, we accept this law of God as something "good, if a man use it lawfully" (I Tim. 1:3-11). For the meaning of the term "lawfully" (*nomimos*) see II Timothy 2:5, where it must unquestionably carry the idea "according to law." To use the law "according to law," then, must mean that it should be used as law, not emasculated of any of its elements or penalties. This proper use of the law is further elaborated in the passage under consideration: If used lawfully (that is, used strictly as law), "the law is not made for a righteous man." And since the Christian believer is "righteous" in relation to the law as law (because through the work of Christ the law was completely fulfilled and satisfied for us in all its demands and penalties), it is a wrong use of the law to put the Christian under it. To apply the law as law to the Christian is to deny the eternal efficacy of the work of Christ. On the other hand, argues the apostle, the law as law was made "for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners." And he is careful to point out that, in the long category of human wickedness which renders men subject to the divine law of external

restraint, all this is "contrary to [the] sound doctrine; according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God" (I Tim. 1:9-11). In this same context the apostle is careful to state the simple standard of life for Christian believers: It is "charity [love] out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned" (I Tim. 1:5). But even in Paul's day there were some who were not satisfied with this simple rule of life. These had "turned aside unto vain janglings; desiring to be teachers of the law [lit. *law-teachers*]; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm" (vss. 6-7).

To summarize: In relation to the Christian, the law, as law, having been completely fulfilled and satisfied in Christ, has been "done away." But as law it still remains to operate as an external restraint upon the ungodly. On the other hand, the law, as inspired Scripture, abides for all the unsaved and as such is "profitable" in all its parts. Only the soul saved by grace, understanding clearly what took place at Calvary, can truly delight in the law of the Lord. Such a one has seen in the cross the awful severity and doom of the law, and rejoices in the assurance that its demands have been satisfied to the last farthing by the Lamb of God.

2. *It also has been said that since many professing Christians are not living as they should, the law should be used to remedy this situation.* Here we must admit the problem, and we deplore the situation. Every faithful pastor faces it, often to a degree which is almost heartbreaking. But we also know that the remedy for this shameful condition in the professing church is not to turn from grace back to the method of law. The way of law has already been demonstrated historically as utterly powerless to make men good. "The law made nothing perfect" (Heb. 7:19). That is why the grace of God was manifested in Christ—to do "what the law could not do" (Rom. 8:3). The remedy for sin is not more law but more grace. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20).

3. *If you preach the grace of God for salvation, you will be warned that some may use the doctrine of grace as license to go on sinning.* Here again we admit the warning is often based on fact. Even in the early church there were some who actually had turned "the grace of our God into lasciviousness" (Jude 4). But in the case of such men, the basic trouble was not merely that they had broken the moral law (for in this sense all have sinned), but rather that they were "denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ" (Jude 4, A.S.V.). They were "ungodly men," Jude writes, not saved men at all, "before of old ordained to this condemnation." Distressing as such cases are, it will do no good at all to change our message from grace back to law. Such a retreat can only deepen the disaster. Certainly these high-handed sinners should be warned of their final doom, and urged to flee to Christ from the wrath to come. But we as preachers must never forget that the law can neither

regenerate men nor make them good. Only the grace of God in Christ can do that.

4. *Furthermore, if you preach this Gospel of God's grace, you are likely to be charged with antinomianism.* But this charge is nothing new in the history of the church. The Apostle Paul himself was accused of the same thing (Rom. 3:8). Therefore we need not be too much surprised to meet the same charge today. As a matter of fact, unless you are charged thus sooner or later, you are probably not preaching the Good News of God's grace as it ought to be preached. For it has been truly pointed out that only the true doctrine of grace can be caricatured as a form of antinomianism. You may be sure, as long as you are willing to compromise the message of grace with the smallest modicum of law, you will never be charged with antinomianism. *But the charge is false* when leveled against the preacher of salvation by grace. For in the Gospel of salvation by grace alone in Christ, we are honoring the law and establishing the law. By His death our Lord Jesus Christ satisfied in full all the law's holy and just demands. The real antinomians are the legalists, for they either take only one element of the law, or they strip it of its penalties, or they soften and relax its demands; to this extent they are *against* (Greek "anti") the law.

5. *You will also be told that, in refusing to put Christians under law, you are lowering the standards of the good life.* Actually, however, we are not lowering the moral standards, but *raising* them. The standard of law was, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," but the rule of grace as laid down by our Lord Jesus is, "That ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). The difference is almost infinite. It is not the law, but Christ, dying under the law for us and in our stead, who sets the standard of the good life in the Gospel of grace. Let all who may have any doubts about this matter turn again to the great passage in Philippians 2:5-11, reading it carefully and prayerfully. Here we have something that no mere moralist ever imagined—not only an infinitely high rule of goodness, but also an infinitely powerful incentive which ever lifts the sinner toward the goal of perfection.

6. *But, some will say, does not the Bible command us to fulfill the "law of Christ"?* The sole basis for this idea is found in the King James Version of Galatians 6:2. The Greek verb here is almost certainly a future indicative, not an imperative. Those interested in the textual argument will find it discussed in Ellicott's Commentary on the passage. Meyer accepts the indicative reading without discussion. In the influence of early legalistic tendencies, we can account for the scribal change from the indicative to an imperative. Thus we have in Galatians 6:2 a simple statement of fact—in bearing one another's burdens, *we shall* fulfill the law of Christ.

But more important still is the question, What is this "law of Christ"? In seeking an answer it should be noted that nearly all the commentators who deal with the question at all find a reference to our Lord's words in John 13:34 and 15:12. "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." John undoubtedly refers to this same thing when he writes in his first epistle: "And this is his commandment,

That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment" (3:23). Love for one's neighbor was nothing new—it was the second great commandment of the law of Moses. What was absolutely new was this obligation of loving others *as Christ has loved us*. This, then, is the "law of Christ"; not the Decalogue, nor even the Sermon on the Mount, but the law of love according to a new and divine measure, namely, that we should love one another as Christ loved us.

We should also notice that the New Testament treats this law of love as the fulfillment of all other divine law dealing with human relationships. Thus in Romans 13:8-10 we are exhorted to "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. . . . Love is the fulfilling of the law." And again in Galatians 5:13-14 the apostle exhorts us to "use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." That this is no reversion to a former legalism is clear from the context. For this life of love is to be realized as we "walk in the Spirit" (16); and "if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law" (18). Nothing could be clearer than Paul's word on the good life in his first letter to Timothy: The Christian life is to be a life of "love"; and this love rises in its ultimate source out of "unfeigned faith." It is not something worked up in any mechanical fashion. Furthermore, the apostle writes, this "love" is actually "the end of the commandment." It comprehends and sums up everything of value in the realm of Christian ethics, and beyond it there is nothing.

We close the discussion of this point by calling attention to a rather curious and striking thing: While we are commanded to love one another, and this love is the fulfillment of the law, *nowhere are we commanded to "fulfill the law"!* The proper Christian formula is set forth in Romans 8:1-4, A.S.V.: (1) We are told that there can be no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. (2) The reason for this exemption is found in our freedom from the law, which in fallen man could only stimulate sin and finally bring death. (3) What that law could not do, God in Christ did for us at Calvary, when He was made an offering for sin. (4) The moral result of this way of saving men is that the righteousness of the law is "fulfilled in us." The verb is passive, not active in form. "It is *not our doing*, though *done in us*" (Exp. Grk. N. T.).

7. *Perhaps the commonest objection to the doctrine of salvation by grace without the law is that such preaching may turn out to be morally dangerous.* People may argue, as some did in the days of Paul, that since the grace of God is always greater than all our sin, why not go on sinning that grace may abound? Is there not therefore a danger that men may say: "Let us do evil, that good may come"?

In replying to this objection we may say, first, that the doctrine of salvation by grace without the law may indeed be dangerous *for some people*. For that matter, all divine truth is dangerous to those who resist or reject or misuse it. The same Gospel which is a savor of life to those who believe, is also a savor of death to all who reject it (II Cor. 3:15-16). Surely it is folly to suggest that we should cease to teach divine truth because there are some who pervert it. The Apostle Paul had to deal with such people in his day, and his ultimatum was brief and

to the point—"whose damnation is just," he writes (Rom. 3:8). It is a waste of time and breath to argue with people who will stoop to pervert the truth in the interest of immorality.

But on the other hand, for the true Christian this doctrine of salvation by grace without the law is *not dangerous*. But anything else is dangerous, for the simple reason that only the grace of God in Christ can break the power of sin and transform our lives into the image of His Son. Reversion to methods of law can only compound the moral disaster, for "*the strength of sin is the law*" (I Cor. 15:56). Not that the law of God is evil. His law is holy and good. But we are evil, so terribly evil that even the holy prohibitions of divine law can only arouse the worst that is in us—"When the commandment came, sin revived. . . . And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death" (Rom. 7:9-10). Not the law, but only grace, can give us moral victory. "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14).

It is utterly false to argue, as some do, that the doctrine of salvation by grace alone will lead Christian people to go on sinning. Grace does not teach God's people to sin. Grace teaches them *not* to sin. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us [who believe] that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" Tit. 2:11-13).

NOTE ON I CORINTHIANS 9:20-21

Those who are legalistically inclined have leaned heavily upon this passage for support. It reads as follows in the common version: (20) "And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; (21) To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law."

This is the only text in the common version that seems to say that Christians are "under the law." Although the Greek is confessedly difficult, I feel that the translators could have at least indicated to the English reader that the Greek expression translated "under the law to Christ" is totally different from the ordinary formula. "Under the law" here represents but one Greek word, "*ennomos*," whereas the ordinary formula is "*upo nomos*." See verse 20, where it occurs three times and is properly rendered each time "under the law."

What did Paul mean when he wrote that part of verse 21 which is in the parenthesis—"(being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ)"? It is a matter of interest here that not only "under the law" but also "without law" represents only one Greek word—"under the law" is "*ennomos*," while "without law" is "*anomos*."

It is also generally agreed among the editors of the Greek text that the words "God" and "Christ" here are in the genitive rather than the dative case. Thus the passage might be rather literally translated, "Not being an out-law of God, but an in-law of Christ." It is not *where* we are, but *what* we are in relation to Christ.

Whatever the passage means, it cannot mean that the

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Opportunity for Brethren Young People

By Herman A. Hoyt, Dean

Due to the fact that Grace Theological Seminary has been operating as a graduate school since its organization in 1937, designed especially for those who have completed 4 years of college or its equivalent, many Brethren young people do not know that a collegiate division was added in the fall of 1948. This division, consisting of 2 years of regular college work, was organized to meet the need within the church for young people who have completed high school and desire to begin their training in a Brethren atmosphere and in a Brethren school.

During the past 4 years more than 100 young people have been enrolled in the collegiate division. Starting out with the regular seminary faculty, with several assistants from among the students in the seminary, the faculty has grown until it is now possible to operate almost solely with full-time faculty members, each one eminently qualified to direct the students in the field in which he is teaching.

Possibly one-third of those graduating from the collegiate division upon the completion of the 2-year course have been admitted to the seminary, and some of them were among the graduates this spring. Many others are still pursuing their work toward graduation next year. Another third went on to college after completing the 2 years in the collegiate division, and still another third went on to some 4-year college after completing 1 year, or will be going on in the future.

Almost invariably young people ask whether credits earned in the collegiate division of Grace Seminary are given full credit at other colleges. The remarkable thing is that from the very first these credits have been given full value elsewhere. In many colleges with an accredited ranking these credits have been received without question. This has been a real encouragement to Grace Seminary, and it has strengthened the position and academic rating of the collegiate division.

This spring, the dean and registrar of a nearby Christian college with an accredited rating asked for the privilege of reviewing our collegiate division. After carefully surveying all of our work and plans, they unhesitatingly assured us that they would take anyone of our 2-year graduates and enter him in their institution for the final 2 years of college. This is indeed a real boost for our school, and should be real encouragement for the young men and women of the Brethren Church who desire to begin their college training under Brethren supervision.

The faculty of Grace Seminary solicits the loyalty and the assistance of the pastors throughout the denomination for this coming year. It is our hope that young people from all over the brotherhood will be encouraged to begin their training at Grace this fall, whether they intend to go on for the ministry or toward some other objective. Here they will find teachers able to lead them, not only in the academic subjects which they desire, but they will also find teachers who are consecrated, and will do their best to anchor them in the Word of God and in the fundamentals of the faith.

Write for information and catalog to Dr. Homer A. Kent, registrar. Registration for the fall semester begins September 5.

Grace Seminary Comparative Financial Report for Ten Months

Note—While this report covers only 10 months it gives a reasonably accurate picture of the total seminary offerings for the year, since nearly all the offerings are probably in. A few churches have not reported, or have sent in an amount which suggests that it is not the total to be expected. A complete report for the fiscal year will be made after July 31. All offerings to be counted this year must be in our hands by that date. Building fund gifts are listed separately because many churches have so designated them, especially in the early part of the year when the building campaign was still on. Several have been continuing the monthly giving plan with very profitable results. This money goes toward making the monthly payments on the debt. The column headed "Special" includes the various gifts designated for a special purpose, such as the prayer room, office furnishings, etc.

Church	1950-51 Total	Ten Months: Aug. Gen.	1951-May Bldg.	1952 Spec.	1952 Total	Church	1950-51 Total	Ten Months: Aug. Gen.	1951-May Bldg.	1952 Spec.	1952 Total
Accident, Md.	\$17.00					Portis, Kans.	344.75	107.50			107.50
Akron, Ohio	834.65	433.25	160.86		594.11	Portland, Oreg.	170.60	47.00	5.00		52.00
Albany, Oreg.	37.50	26.30			26.30	Radford, Va.	44.00		11.00		11.00
Albuquerque, N.M.	49.79	5.00			5.00	Rittman, Ohio	753.59	224.00	5.00		229.00
Aleppo, Pa.			8.00		8.00	Roanoke (Cl'rb'k)	859.60	652.00	35.00		687.00
Alexandria, Va.	206.50	212.50			212.50	Roanoke (Cl'rb'k)	88.00	34.00			34.00
Allentown, Pa.	74.00	5.00	1.00		6.00	S. B'r'n'dino, Calif.	243.02	45.85			45.85
Alto, Mich.		67.00	2.00		69.00	San Diego, Calif.	421.00	76.00	46.00		122.00
Altoona, Pa. (1st)	338.50	91.50	5.00		96.50	S. Barbara, Calif.	25.00		25.00		25.00
Altoona, Pa. (Gr.)	308.34	137.00	5.00		142.00	Seal Beach, Calif.	35.14	15.00			15.00
Ankenytown, Ohio	734.20	79.30	5.25		84.55	Seven Fount., Va.	61.00				
Artesia, Calif.		59.57			59.57	Sharpsville, Ind.	50.00		25.00		25.00
Ashland, Ohio	759.63	641.63	8.00		649.63	Sidney, Ind.	940.88	370.00	12.00		382.00
Beaumont, Calif.	20.00	201.60	40.00		241.60	Singer Hill, Pa.	366.25	3.00			3.00
Beaver City, Neb.	130.92	21.00			21.00	South Bend, Ind.	249.00	122.68	64.00		186.68
Bell, Calif.	79.75	46.50			46.50	South Gate, Calif.	626.34	70.24	6.00	23.70	99.94
Bellflower, Calif.	95.85	74.05			74.05	S. Pasadena, Calif.	486.83	296.91	48.75		345.66
Berne, Ind.	1,195.00	248.00	21.00		269.00	Spokane, Wash.		88.92	5.00		93.92
B'r'n Sprgs, Mich.	41.00	47.00			47.00	Sterling, Ohio	193.10	80.00			80.00
Buena Vista, Va.	606.75	160.21	1.00		161.21	Summit Mills, Pa.	283.46	165.10	26.00		191.10
Camden, Ohio	34.00	11.40	9.00		20.40	Sunnyside, Wash.	1,154.21	10.00	25.00		35.00
Canton, Ohio	691.20		104.00		104.00	Arr'yo H'ndo, N.M.		1.74			1.74
Cedar Rpd's, Iowa	241.40	139.60			139.60	Taos, N. Mex.		3.22	2.00		5.22
Cheyenne, Wyo.	16.00	29.10			29.10	Cordillera, N. M.		2.00			2.00
Clay City, Ind.	766.50	179.00	15.00		194.00	T'mple City, Calif.	280.00	63.68		30.00	93.68
Clayhole, Ky.	36.19	22.82			22.82	Tracy, Calif.	141.00	13.50			13.50
Clayton, Ohio	336.49	73.84	36.00		109.84	Troy, Ohio	88.00	18.00	5.50		23.50
Cleveland, Ohio	98.00	31.09	1.00		32.00	Uniontown, Pa.	228.59	244.41	20.00		264.41
Compton, Calif.	399.10	167.62	46.00		213.62	Wadsworth, Ohio	15.00				
Conemaugh, Pa.	1,338.16	384.00	177.00	10.00	571.00	Washington, D. C.	3,109.10	738.50	197.41		935.91
Covington, Ohio	117.10	79.73			79.73	Waterloo, Iowa	2,007.90	593.93	486.00		1,079.93
Covington, Va.	435.25	206.41	23.00		229.41	Waynesboro, Pa.	1,741.88	489.52	145.00		634.52
Cuyahoga Falls, O.	75.81	61.11	10.00		71.11	Whittier, Calif.	2,473.00	584.00	25.00		609.00
Dallas C'n't'r, Iowa	1,495.65	423.00			423.00	Winchester, Va.	1,203.62	498.71	34.00		532.71
Danville, Ohio	256.75	75.00	21.37		96.37	Winona Lake, Ind.	3,621.25	999.18	263.00	289.74	1,551.92
Dayton, O. (Beth.)	72.00	104.40			104.40	Wooster, Ohio	577.92	160.33	518.00		678.33
Dayton, O. (1st)	2,700.67	1,011.88	436.00		1,447.88	Yakima, Wash.	284.15		10.00		10.00
Dayton (N. Riv.)	2,532.93	873.00	1,154.50		2,027.50	Yellow Creek, Pa.	218.50	111.50	6.00		117.50
Dayton (P. P.)	187.00	62.00			62.00	York, Pa.		50.00			50.00
Denver, Colo.		100.00			100.00	Total		26,094.29	9,218.99	623.44	35,936.72
Elkhart, Ind.	20.00		21.00	10.00	31.00	Isolated Brethren		240.00	1,388.00		1,628.00
Everett, Pa.		10.00			10.00	Non-Brethren		516.00	628.00	205.00	1,349.00
Fillmore, Calif.	149.10	46.75			46.75	National BYF			21.00		21.00
Findlay, Ohio		95.57			95.57	National WMC				2,167.29	2,167.29
Flora, Ind.	1,568.37	339.00	106.00		445.00	WMC of Bozoum.				10.00	10.00
Fort Wayne, Ind.	1,523.48	638.40	113.50		751.90	Breth. Miss. Herald (radio sponsor)				37.50	37.50
Fremont, Ohio	608.65	267.50	32.00		299.50	Dedication Day of-fering, misc.			272.84		272.84
Garvey, Calif.	202.07	10.00	18.00		28.00	Misc. desig. gifts..				37.00	37.00
Garwin, Iowa	309.98	116.00	10.00		126.00	For. Miss. Soc. (bldg. maint.)..		1,000.00			1,000.00
Glendale, Calif.	931.30	216.75	93.00		309.75	Winona Lake Br. Church (bldg.)..		1,500.00			1,500.00
Grafton, W. Va.	43.16					Total misc.		3,256.00	2,309.84	2,456.79	8,022.63
Hagerstown, Md.	2,071.28	790.29	142.00		932.29	Grand total ..		29,350.29	11,528.83	3,080.23	43,959.35
Harrah, Wash.	1,363.84	189.00		20.00	209.00						
Harrisburg, Pa.	263.00	259.32	35.00		294.32						
Holidaysburg, Pa.	245.00	75.00	10.00		85.00						
Hollins, Va.	1,013.25										
Homerville, Ohio	339.45	108.00	78.25		186.25						
Huntington, Ind.	90.00	80.00	10.00		90.00						
Jackson, Mich.		7.81			7.81						
Jenners, Pa.	152.95	28.50	1.00		29.50						
J'nson City, Tenn.	57.00	17.00			17.00						
Johnstown, Pa.	2,768.78	677.72	490.25		1,167.97						
Kingsport, Tenn.		5.00			5.00						
Kitt'ning, Pa. (1)	338.40	154.27	6.50		160.77						
Kitt'ning (N. Buff.)		16.00			16.00						
L'ke Od'ssa, Mich.	359.90	103.85	6.00		109.85						
Lanark, Ill.			50.00		50.00						
La Verne, Calif.	1,221.18	366.50	76.00	10.00	452.50						
Leamersville, Pa.	641.00	98.00	30.00		128.00						
Leesburg, Ind.	229.64	88.02	20.00		108.02						
Leon, Iowa	592.55	260.00	110.00		370.00						
Limestone, Tenn.	259.75	107.70	41.00		148.70						
Listie, Pa.	700.65	183.10	120.00		303.10						
Long Beach (1st)	10,534.31	4,151.13	1,096.00		5,247.13						
Long Beach (2d)	1,068.62	340.00	50.00		390.00						
Los Angeles (1st)	1,451.75	350.00	387.85		737.85						
Los Angeles (2d)	624.36	212.82	1,125.00		1,337.82						
Los Angeles (3d)	62.50	54.22	5.00		59.22						
Mansfield, Ohio	986.70	549.61	15.00		564.61						
Martinsburg, Pa.	335.00	93.50	64.00		157.50						
M'tinsburg, W. Va.	270.29	73.30	5.00		78.30						
Meyersdale, Pa.	198.68	52.00	10.00		62.00						
La Cr'sc'nta, Calif.		6.00			6.00						
Middlebranch, O.	287.62	92.00	2.00	20.00	114.00						
Modesto, Calif.	370.33	10.57	10.00	20.00	40.57						
Mundy's Cor., Pa.	620.08	260.60	12.00		272.60						
New Troy, Mich.	407.20		18.00		18.00						
N. English, Iowa	231.00	134.00	5.00	10.00	149.00						
Osceola, Ind.	738.50	243.25	30.00		273.25						
Peru, Ind.	314.50	48.00	80.00		128.00						
Philadelphia (1st)	1,832.93	335.00	334.00	180.00	849.00						
Philadelphia (3d)	526.50	161.50	10.00		171.50						

THE LAW AND THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER . . .

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Apostle Paul was asserting that he was "upō nomos"—"under the law." For, as I have pointed out above, not only does Paul not say this in the original, but in verse 20 he declares that he himself is "not . . . under the law"! See the verse in the American Standard Version. Although the clause does not appear in the common English version, all the Greek editors agree that the manuscript evidence is overwhelming in its support. Therefore the revisers included it without any indication whatever that there was any question. Why was the clause omitted from some manuscripts? The omission points rather strongly to a tampering with the text on the part of some legalistically inclined copyist. But the Word of God is living and cannot be bound. It arises to confound all those who would suppress or destroy it.

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Neil Peek, son of Rev. and Mrs. George O. Peek, of Long Beach, Calif., was married to Miss Diane Armstrong on June 13. The ceremony was held at the Long Beach Second church.

The Chico, Calif., church received two members by letter during May and installed a tower system for the playing of musical records. Most of the gifts for this system came from people not directly connected with the church. Recent speakers there included Rev. Leo Polman, Bro. Bruce Warner, and the Prairie Ambassadors of the Prairie Bible Institute of Three Hills, Alberta, Canada. Rev. Ward Tressler is pastor of this church.

Timmy Adams, the 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Adams, under appointment to minister to the Navaho Indians on our station at Cuba, N. Mex., was operated on for hernia on June 16 at a Columbia City, Ind., hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wahl, of the Meyersdale, Pa., church, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 15.

At the Roanoke, Va., Ghent church four people were baptized on June 1.

The Spokane, Wash., church heard Rev. Clay Cooper in the morning service on June 8, and a Gospel team from the Northwest Christian High School in the evening service.

Rev. William Schaffer, of Spokane, Wash., gave the closing address to the graduating class and student body of the Northwest Christian High School of Spokane on June 6.

The Compton, Calif., church called Bro. Norman Nelson as full-time pastoral supply for July and August. Brother Nelson has for some time been a singing evangelist with Youth

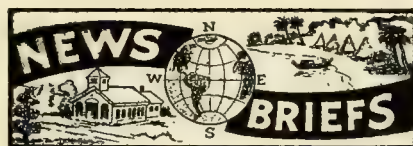
for Christ and recently united with our Los Angeles First church.

The Beaumont, Calif., church heard Bro. Roland Rasmussen on the evenings of June 8 and 15. Rev. Gene Farrell is the pastor of the church.

At the Ashland, Ohio, church two members were received by letter and two people accepted the Saviour publicly on May 25. Recent speakers at the church included two of its members who are students in Grace Seminary, Harold Morr and Donald Farner.

Rev. Miles Taber, of Ashland, Ohio, was elected a trustee of the Akron, Ohio, Bible Institute.

At the Long Beach, Calif., Second church six people accepted the Saviour and nine people were baptized and received into the membership of the church on June 1. Rev. George O. Peek is pastor of the church.



At the South Gate, Calif., church Rev. Henry Coray spoke to the Men's Brotherhood on May 23 and Rev. J. Paul Miller preached there on June 1. The congregation gave an anniversary gift to the pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Elias D. White.

At the Roanoke, Va., Washington Heights church 55 people attended Sunday school, 42 the morning service, 16 the youth fellowship, and 24 the evening service on June 1. Bro. W. Carl Miller is the pastor of this new work.

The Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church heard Rev. George Gardiner on June 15 and Dr. Nathan Stone on June 22, each speaking in an evening service.

A featured speaker at the conference of the Northwest District at Harrah, Wash., July 2-6, will be Rev. C. A. Risley, of Chicago, Ill., who will speak on matters pertaining to the Sunday school.

Rev. Jesse Hall, pastor of the Canton, Ohio, church, will deliver the Thursday morning (August 21) Bible lecture at the national conference at Winona Lake. His message will deal with holiness and Christian living.

The Los Angeles, Calif., First church heard Dr. Vincent Bennett

and Rev. Ralph Colburn on June 15 while the pastor, Rev. Glenn O'Neal, was visiting the Brethren Mission in Baja California.

At the Martinsburg, W. Va., church one person accepted the Saviour on June 1 and 71 people attended the midweek prayer service on June 4. The pastor, Rev. M. L. Myers, and a group of young people from the church conducted a Youth for Christ service in Frederick, Md., on June 7. On June 9 Brother Myers spoke at the Hagerstown, Md., church in honor of the members of that church who graduated from high school this year.

Rev. James D. Hammer, student in Grace Seminary, has been called as full-time pastor of the Fort Wayne, Ind., church effective June 8. Brother Hammer has been serving the church as supply pastor since February 1. The family plans to move to Fort Wayne as soon as a house can be found, though Brother Hammer plans to continue his school work at Grace.

Rev. Edward Clark, pastor of the Pond Bank church, has moved to R. R. 6, Chambersburg, Pa. (change Annual, p. 66).

Rev. Homer Lingenfelter, pastor of the Everett church, has moved to R. R. 2, Everett, Pa. (add to Annual, p. 68).

Edwin Cashman, son of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur D. Cashman, of Winona Lake, Ind., and Elizabeth (Bettie) Taber, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Miles Taber, of Ashland, Ohio, were married on June 14 at the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Bro. Arthur Cashman read the ceremony, assisted by Brother Taber. The young couple plan to live at Winona Lake and Edwin will enter the seminary this fall, having recently graduated from Bob Jones University with high honors. Bro. Harry Kirby, grandfather of the bride, and Miss Hazel Kirby, aunt, both of Long Beach, Calif., attended the wedding.

Rev. James G. Dixon was given a call to serve another year as pastor of the Washington, D. C., church at an increase in salary.

Bro. John Mayes, recently a student at Grace Seminary, was called to become the first full-time pastor of the Paramount, Calif., Brethren church, effective June 22. Brother Mayes will also teach on a part-time basis in the Brethren High School that meets in the same building used by the church.

IV—THE APOSTASY OF LIFE

The twofold apostasy is one of the outstanding prophetic signs of the times, indicating that the coming of Christ draweth nigh. Already we have presented the apostasy of doctrine; now we consider the apostasy of life, which is closely related to the former. Christian conduct has its source in doctrine.

In II Timothy 3:1-9 are presented at least 21 prophetic descriptions of the apostasy of life. We shall note them in order.

Self-lovers. In these "perilous times" the leading mark of the apostasy of life is self-love. "Men shall be lovers of their own selves." This is the root of all unbelief. It was the root of the sin of Satan; it was the root of the sin of Adam and Eve; it is the root of all sin. Self-love manifesting itself in rule or ruin is the cause of most church troubles. Diotrophes is an example (III John 9-10).

Covetous. The passage uses the word "covetous" as the second description of apostate living. "Covetousness . . . is idolatry" (Col. 3:5). Since the love of money is the root of every evil it must be the root of covetousness; "for the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (I Tim. 6:10). You see that the love of money is related to covetousness, and aids in leading one to err from the faith.

Boasters. The word means "empty boasters," having nothing to boast about, yet boasting anyhow. Job called his comforters "bags of wind," and we say, "full of hot air." The only beatitude some folks know is the man-made one, "Blessed is he that tooteth his own horn or it shall not be tooted." Man loves to say, "Behold what I have wrought!" Everything we have and everything we are we owe to the Lord. Why then should we boast?

Proud. This means pride of heart, self-preference, self-promotion, self-love. "Pride goeth before a fall." Many Christians have fallen because

of pride. The leaven of pride permeates the whole life and it takes only a little of it to leaven the whole lump of one's being.

Blasphemers. The word means "revilers." Jude describes those who will "speak evil of dignities" (Jude 8). I think this means those who revile sacred things. Today, as never before, we behold and hear blasphemy against the church and the ministers. In many a home on Sunday, instead of having roast beef for dinner they have "roast preacher"; then they wonder why the children rebel against going to church.

Disobedient to parents. The modern home breeds anarchy today. Instead of a haven it is a hell on earth many times. Lawless parents breed lawless children. The great revolt is on—the reign of lawlessness in the modern home. Instead of respect for parents there is disobedience to parents.

Unthankful. The grace of gratitude is very weak today. We take what the good Lord gives us as a matter of fact. We accept kindnesses from others as if they owed everything to us. The beautiful, fragrant flower of appreciation is fast disappearing from the garden of life. Praise belongeth to God, but thankfulness, gratitude, appreciation belongeth to man.

Unholy. This means "unsanctified," or "unseparated." It involves compromise with the world, the flesh, and the Devil; not maintaining the holy position of a Christian. On every hand today we behold church members compromising with sin. They live by compromise instead of by conviction. Their standard of conduct is policy instead of principle.

Without natural affection. Some are sinking below the brute beasts. Sometimes church members act worse than the natural men of the unregenerate world. The milk of human kindness is drying up in millions of human breasts. Think of it, not having even natural affection! Christians ought to live by supernatural affection, the "love of God . . . shed abroad in our hearts by the

Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5).

Trucebreakers. Promise breakers! Covenant breakers! Vow breakers! Peace breakers! There's been a fight between members of the church. A meeting of reconciliation is held and they promise each other to forgive and forget. Soon the scrap is renewed. Trucebreakers! There's been a church scrap. Members publicly come forward promising to put everything under the blood and leave it there. But soon some are dragging the sea of forgetfulness, digging up the old issues. Trucebreakers! Peace is changed to pieces!

False accusers. Liars! You know it is practically impossible to gossip and tell the truth. A false report may be small when it starts, but soon it has assumed huge proportions. It's not even easy to tell the straight truth and repeat a thing just as you heard it. A false report always grows.

Incontinent. This word means "unrestrained, unchaste, giving unbridled rein to one's desires." The controller of a Christian should be the Holy Spirit. He is the only One that restrains the Antichrist according to II Thessalonians 2:6. Self-control always fails; Spirit-control always gives complete control.

Fierce. Violent outbursts, angry words and actions, fierce expressions—how often we see these even among church members. They call it "crime" out in the world; the Holy Spirit calls it "fierce" among those who profess to belong to Christ.

Despisers of those that are good. Because some people are bad they actually hate those that are good. The good rebukes them and they hate it. Husbands come to despise the consistent wife because her life is a constant rebuke to their wickedness. In these days some despise the good and those that are good.

Traitors. How we hate that word! In governmental circles it is a word that stings with hatred. Judas was a traitor—a betrayer. Many there are today, too, who partake of the

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Three Brethren Girls Aiding in Work at Taos

Right up until the last minute it was two instead of four workers that we had been able to arrange for our Spanish-American missions in the Taos valley for summer work. The Horneys felt that four would enable them to conduct two and three daily vacation Bible schools at a time and thus not stretch that work out all through the summer.

Evelyn Vnasdale, of Fort Wayne (formerly of Mansfield), a student in Grace Seminary Collegiate Division, had been anticipating this work for some months. So had Fayth Ann Connor, of Roanoke, Va., a student at Bryan University. Both of them planned to spend most of the summer there. Then almost at the last minute, Evelyn Schumacher, of Osceola, Ind., who has been teaching in a Christian high school in Oregon, offered to go.

So now there are three of our fine Brethren youth giving their summer to the Lord's work in New Mexico. I say giving, and that's right! They have no guarantee of any remuneration. The Youth Council is undertaking to assure their room and board while there, and their transportation to and from the field, through interested people and groups in our churches. The Lord has supplied this in former years, and we're trusting Him to lay it on the hearts

of some of our people this year, too. Already some of the support has been assured.

But we know one thing. They are already having a great time serving Christ among the Spanish-Americans of the Taos valley, seeing our boys and girls come to Christ. We know something else, too: they'll come back with a greater missionary vision than ever before, and will be able to impart that vision to others through their experiences on that field. We strongly suspect that they'll have lots of fun with the Horneys and others there, too!

Pray for these girls as they labor for the Lord in that field; and if He should burden your heart for the need, contact the youth director concerning how much is needed to keep the girls there, and assure their support.



CALIFORNIA BOYS CLUBS DOING WELL

About half of our churches in California have some kind of a boys club, and we're happy to report that they're doing fine.

Bellflower has a rather new club, averaging around 15 boys, enjoying the construction of model airplanes under the direction of Don Kivrisiz. They are fixing the attic of their Sunday school building into a club meeting place.

Artesia is in the process of organizing a club, and has the prospect of a fine group of boys. A father-and-son dinner June 20 was partly for the purpose of getting the club launched.

Temple City just began their club a few weeks ago, but has an enthusiastic group of boys, and three or four fine men to lead them. Temporarily they are meeting in their church building, which also houses a Christian day school.

Compton has a fine group of boys meeting each Monday in the church basement, but is looking for men to assist in the club. Del Wren and Lee Johnson have assumed most of the load, but they have a couple more men who are helping, too.

Glendale has a very fine group of boys organized now under Christian Boys Brigade. Ted Franchino has been the leader of this group, and the church is now looking for some-



South Gate has a fine club averaging about 20 boys each Monday, organized under Sky Pilots. Here they are, with some of the kites they were building in their "hangar" behind the home of Squadron Leader Frank Coburn, seen at the right in back row. This club often plays ball in a nearby park before their regular meetings, too.

one to replace him when he moves away in a couple months. They have had more than 20 boys attending the meetings.

Boys of the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles are seeking to complete their club uniforms this summer. Most of them got shirts and caps last summer, and some are getting matching trousers this year.

Though not a large club, it is very active.

La Verne has a very active club, reaching a number of boys from a boys home nearby. Average attendance is more than 20. They play ball before every Tuesday-night meeting now, and enjoy an occasional dinner meeting with the men of

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National Tobacco Consumption

The National Government has reported that the per capita purchase of cigarettes during the year ending June 30 is 128 packs. This is a new record—up four packs per person over the previous year. Think of it, we averaged 128 packs of the weed per person during the fiscal year just ending. That means that the smokers consumed far more than that, for I did not use my per capita allotment which must have gone to someone else. That is also true of the vast majority of the readers of this column. Those who smoke cigarettes must have used double or even triple the 128 packs to make up for those people who used none.

An increase in the consumption of cigars was also noted during the year.

Brethren, the worldling knows no better than to use these things. But those who have taken the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour know that He died to redeem them and that now their bodies are the temples "of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:19-20).

No Honor for Parents

Many passages in the Word of God could be cited to show that God expects and commands children to be obedient unto and to honor their parents. Note these words from the Apostle Paul on the subject: "Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph. 6:1-2).

The Communists disregard this command of God, as must be expected, along with their rejection of all that is of God. This was shown again in what happened early in June in Communist China.

A young woman was appointed leader of a "cultural working team" in Kaiping, Kwangtung Province. When her father learned of it he made fun of her. The daughter promptly killed her father by hitting him over the head with a chair. The Communist security police exonerat-

ed the girl and even commended her for "not being blindly bound by family ties."

Beloved, this country of ours is not big enough for the Communists to dwell alongside the God-fearing people, for they have no respect for God nor for their fellow men. Let us introduce people to Christ Jesus before they fall into the hands of the Communists.

Not the Way to Peace

Former President of the United States, Herbert Hoover, is one of the leaders of our day who dreams of a time of peace when the nations shall have given up war as a means of settling disputes. Recently he declared: "There is one road to rapid recovery of the nation from our present burden of rearmament. That is to increase our productive power by new technologies and new inventions."

This view is more optimistic than the facts warrant. There will never be a time when the nation will be free from its "burden of rearmament," that is, not until the Lord Jesus shall come at God's command as the Prince of Peace.

However, many shall continue to build up false hopes among the people as in the days of Jeremiah, who declared concerning the false prophets and false priests that "they have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace" (Jer. 6:14). Even so today, many indicate that they have the solution to the war problem of the world and that peace will follow if their panaceas are adopted.

Beware of all false teachers who teach that which is not of the Lord. Turn to the Word of God for the answer to all your problems—the problem of war included.

The Food Must Be Pure

According to a recent news release the Federal Food and Drug Administration seized an average of more than 23 tons of food each working day during the last 6 months of 1951. This food was seized by the men empowered to inspect all food sold to the public because they found it un-

fit for human consumption. Therefore they removed it from the markets in order to preserve the physical health of the citizens of this nation.

Even more so the food for the spirit of a man must be pure. One should never partake of unfit spiritual food any more than he should eat of impure food for the physical body.

Note again the words of the Lord Jesus on this subject: "I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world" (John 6:48-51).

Brethren, let us share this "bread" with those who are hungry and in need of the pure food that God has supplied for the spirit of man.

The American Way of Life

Edward L. Bernays, writing in the Nation's Business for June, declared: "The American way of life is a set of ideas and values for which the United States stands. These values include the right to opportunity and work, to education, freedom, property, orderly justice, and security; the value of individuality against the state."

Writing in the same paper an anonymous writer said: "There is no more important task than to help re-inculcate the American ideal, to give the people a right understanding of the American system."

Mr. Bernays tells us what the "American way of life" is, and the anonymous author, writing in an entirely different connection, tells us that we need to regain that way or system. The inference is that it is something worth having, but that we have lost it or departed from it at some place in our history.

This is an election year in our national life—an excellent time to do something about these things. Again we turn the reader's attention to Solomon's words: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

Browsing Among the Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

The third quarter of this year—July-September—will be used by the Brethren Sunday schools to study the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. The three volumes here reviewed, though written some years ago, are among the best volumes available on the three Old Testament books to be studied at this time. If the teacher or pupil desires more help than that found in the Brethren quarterlies we suggest these volumes.

NOTES ON THE BOOKS OF EZRA, NEHEMIAH & ESTHER, by H. A. Ironside. New York: Loizeaux Brothers, Publishers. n.d. 350 pp. Cloth. \$2.25.

To those who know anything at all about the writings of the late Dr. H. A. Ironside little need be said about this volume of notes on three Old Testament books. Those who are not acquainted with the writings of this man of God could use this volume to great advantage in learning of the author and at the same time learn many of the wonderful truths of God's Word.

This volume is written in a lucid, interesting, and reverent style. The great truths of these three books are made clear and practical, with no fanciful interpretations. Here Scripture is compared with Scripture by one who loved God's Word and knew how to teach it.

No better volume on these three Old Testament books can be found. We recommend that this book be placed in the home of all who would "really study" the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.—*Conard Sandy*.

EXPOSITION ON THE BOOK OF ESTHER, by J. Vernon McGee. Wheaton: Van Kampen Press. c1951. 76 pp. Cloth. \$1.50.

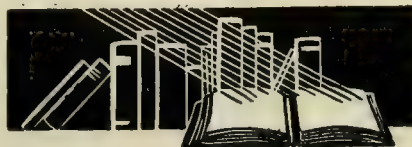
Here is a practical, easy-to-read exposition of this neglected Old Testament Book of Esther. The presentation is popular, plain, and devotional. The treatment is expository in nature, but not critical in method. Every part of the story is considered in the eight chapters of this volume.

Dr. McGee is the pastor of the Church of the Open Door and professor of English Bible in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. The messages in this book were given on eight successive Sunday evenings from the pulpit of his church, being well received by the congregation. This volume presents opportunity for these messages to have a wider audience as this scholarly and spiritual student of the Word gives this exposition of one of the Old Testament books with modern illustration and application. You will not go wrong in getting this book and reading it.—*Conard Sandy*.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS, by Carl McIntire. Collingswood, N. J.: Christian Beacon Press. 1946. 143 pp. Cloth. \$2.00.

This book is not a commentary in the usual sense of that word. While the writer does deal with each chapter in the Book of Esther, his primary purpose in writing is that of drawing applications for present-day experience of God's people rather than exegeting the book. You will find much in it that will interest you and help you to a better understanding of the Book of Esther. His discussion of chapter 9, concerning the "revenge" of the Jews, will be especially helpful. The teacher who is looking for applications for the lessons from Esther will find much suggestive material.

Generally speaking, the book is good and we recommend it among the few available ones on the Book of Esther. However, there are some features about it which we feel detract rather than add to it. One of these is the continual reference to the people of that age as Christians, and another is the references to and conclusions concerning the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.—*Blaine Snyder*.



YORK, PENNSYLVANIA

This is the first report from the York church since the pastor has arrived on the field. We came here April 24 and the Lord has richly blessed in every way.

The picture accompanying this article was taken of the group in its present meeting place in the YMCA



building in the city. Thus far we have only the morning services here, with no Sunday evening services as yet. The midweek services are being held in the various homes of the members.

Two more families have joined the group since the picture was made.

If any reader of the Herald knows of anyone living in York or the immediate vicinity who is Brethren or who may be interested in the Brethren Church, please send the information to the pastor at 731 Elm Terrace, York, Pa.—*Gerald Polman, pastor*.

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the church. Sid Colburn started the club, but since night work has taken him away, Henry Beebe is at the head, looking for more men to help in it.

Boys' sessions are planned in the summer camps, which will give opportunity for club promotion, ideas, and enthusiasm, too.

A couple boys in the club at Long Beach First Brethren are nearing the completion of requirements for the fifth (and top) rank of BBC. Of course, we're anxious to see just who will be the first Brethren boy to get that Swordsman rank! It requires a lot of work!

Other splendid clubs meet regularly in Second Brethren of Long Beach, San Bernardino, Tracy, Modesto, Bell, and Whittier.

What Are We Going To Do This Year?

By Rev. Robert S. Cessna, Philadelphia, Pa.

(Excerpts From the Moderator's Address, Atlantic Fellowship Conference)

As we live in this year of 1952 we are, without a shadow of a doubt, living in the darkest hour of the world's history. However, I would remind you that at the same time there never was a more glorious opportunity and challenge than that which faces the church of Jesus Christ in this present crisis.

Today men and women in every walk of life are concerned about the future. Businessmen, politicians, educators, and people in the world in general are reeling to and fro, not knowing which way to turn, while at the same time we who are God's children hold in our hands God's answer for these tremendous days. When men are asking for bread shall we give them a stone; while they cry for fish shall we give them a serpent?

The writer wishes to ask you personally and individually: What are you going to do this year to help meet the needs of those who are in bondage to sin? May God grant to the church of Christ a revival that will awaken us from our self-satisfaction and indolence, and transform us into a militant church according to the pattern presented in the Book of Acts.

Earlier we mentioned that men and women are concerned about the future, but let me remind you that they are concerned also about today—this present hour. Today they have fears, frustrations, worries, weaknesses, and wants. In the Word of the living and eternal God we find the answers to these. Listen to the Word! . . . But, brethren, how are the people without Christ going to know God's answers unless we take Christ to them? Our adorable Saviour is longing for us to take God's answers to those about us who have no knowledge of His Son. . . .

There are those today who think that mass evangelism is the key to the situation at hand. . . . We rejoice in the tremendous impetus that is being placed on mass evangelism today, and thank God for the many thousands of souls that are being saved from sin and an eternal hell;

but mass evangelism is not a substitute for personal soul winning. . . .

The Saviour is dependent upon His friends, such as you and me, to do His divinely appointed task. Listen to His words: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" (John 15:16). Let me ask you: What was He talking about when He said that "ye should go and bring forth fruit"? It



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is the fruit of winning men and women, boys and girls. . . .

It is strange that businessmen understand the importance of personal contact and the children of God have failed to learn it. . . . When will the church learn that the chief instrument, humanly speaking, for the winning of souls is by the personal contact?

In our churches in our district we have just one need and only one—it is that each individual church member be propelled by a dynamic passion for winning lost men and women to Jesus Christ. Witnessing for Christ is a sure cure for all the ills of the church. . . .

Someone asked Lyman Beecher, probably one of the greatest of all preachers, this question: "Mr. Beecher, you know a great many things. What do you count the greatest thing that a human being can be or do?" Without hesitation the famous pulpiteer replied: "The greatest thing is, not that one shall be a scientist, important as that is, nor that one shall

be a statesman, vastly important as that is, but the greatest of all is for one human being to bring another to Christ Jesus the Saviour."

Who will refute this statement? Yet how many are doing anything about it? Our goal should be to get the Gospel to as many people as possible in the shortest time possible. God have mercy on us if we fail in this critical hour in propagating the Gospel. How shall we escape if we neglect to tell of so great salvation? Let me say, there is no escape. . . . Every Communist has as an objective to win another person to his cause and then he in turn is to win one. This is God's method for the spread of the Gospel.

In the early church the men and women who embraced Jesus Christ went everywhere and talked about Christ. It wasn't too long before many of those who heard the message also became believers in the blessed Son of God. This has always been God's method. Our motto should be, "Every Christian Win One This Next Year."

Recently Dr. Floyd Taber, speaking at the Third Brethren Church of Philadelphia, pointed out that years ago the missionaries in Africa sent back to the States a request for so much money to support so many evangelists on the field. It was thought that by stationing these evangelists throughout the different sections that it would not be too long until the area was evangelized. However, to their utter amazement, it was found that this plan proved unsuccessful. The job was not being done and many were dying without hearing the Gospel of Christ.

In seeking God's face for a solution in reaching the people who remained unreached, God revealed that the only way they could finish the task was for each individual Christian to personally lead someone else to our Saviour. Happy have been the results! . . . There can be no substitute for personal work. Happy is that church where the believers have a vision of what God wants to do through the personal contact. This

is illustrated in the instance of Andrew finding his brother and bringing him to Jesus. . . .

As we look at the early church for our pattern we note that "they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). That explains why the Roman Empire crumbled before the onslaughts of that early church. When persecution broke out upon the church the Christians went everywhere telling the Good News of salvation in Christ Jesus. Every early Christian was an evangel, a herald, a soul winner, a missionary.

In this modern, streamlined, luxury-crazy 20th century I wonder if our blessed Saviour is not saying to His church, as He did to the church at Ephesus: "Thou hast left thy first love" (Rev. 2:4).

Yes, we are fundamentally sound, we do not tolerate a bit of heresy, but how many know anything about the winning of lost men and women. An individual Christian can be fundamentally sound and yet God may have somewhat against him because he has left his first love. . . .

Before going any further I want to make an appeal by looking at the example of the Son of God in this matter of soul winning. Jesus Christ preached His great sermon on the new birth to just one man. How different He was from most of us! If Jesus thought it worth while to have just one for His congregation to do His best work, surely the servant is not greater than his Lord. And when Jesus gave His sermon on eternal life He preached it to a lone woman at the well of Samaria. She was a woman about whose character the less said the better, yet she had a soul that was to live forever, and when she came to draw water Jesus had His opportunity, and with tactful and honest words He found His way to the woman's heart and conscience. Jesus gave His best for just one soul, but with what far-reaching results. If each one would win one to the Lord during the next year each church would double its present membership. . . .

If the church were alive to its responsibilities we would have a greater foreign missionary offering, which in turn would produce more fields to be opened, and also by each one winning one there would be more missionary candidates. Again we would have a greater home missionary offering by each winning one and thus the Home Missions Council could

enter fields that are crying for a sound and orthodox testimony. You can multiply this increase in every other field of endeavor throughout our denomination. May God grant unto the church that vision that will cause us to redeem "the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16).

Let me ask this question: "What would you think of a soldier on the battlefield in Korea who would not warn his buddy of the oncoming enemy, if it were possible to do so, thus leaving him to the hands of those who would crush his life from him?" You would say that something ought to be done to that kind of a soldier, and rightly so. Make the same application to your life in the matters of the Gospel. . . .

Your responsibility and mine for the souls of men is staggering. You are your brother's keeper. If you neglect him he may die in his sins

and be lost forever. It is possible to be guilty of spiritual murder if you could have won that unsaved friend and did not do it. . . .

Brethren, I believe that the heart of Jesus Christ has been broken at the way the average child of God has responded in this matter of soul winning. We are engaged in a battle far greater than a Gettysburg, or a Korea, as we obey the orders of our Commander-in-Chief in making salvation known to the lost and dying. Let us take up our position in the ranks and press the battle so as to snatch souls from the fire of an eternal hell.

Souls for Jesus, is our battle cry;
Souls for Jesus, we'll fight until we die;

We never will give in
While souls are lost in sin;
Souls for Jesus, is our battle cry.

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communion love feast, then go out and lift up the heel against those with whom they have communed.

Heady. Bursting heads! Swell-heads! Topheavy! Having the big head! Success goes to some folk's heads. The Devil appeals to and works on the head, but Christ appeals to and works in the heart!

Highbinded. That is "thinking above himself." Paul in Romans 12:3 warns against this sin: "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." There's the cure for this disease of highbindedness.

Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. Here is a forecast that the time will come when in a pronounced way the love of pleasure will supersede the love of God. The word that describes this today is "amusement." Did you ever analyze that word? "Muse" means "to think or meditate." The prefix "a" before means "against or not." "A-musement" means "not to think." That's the purpose of these empty pleasures today, to keep us from thinking. They are brainless, appealing to the ignorant, thoughtless, empty-headed people.

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. In a former article we have called attention to this. This means unspiritual church members "having a name to live, yet dead."

Feminism. Feminism is what is meant in the words, "silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts." I do not believe this means vile harlots. This relates to the empty formalists described in the paragraph above, for it begins with, "for of this sort." What sort? Those described as denying the power of godliness, destitute of the Holy Spirit. Whenever women are not led of the Holy Spirit, whenever they are led of their own desires, they become the tools of Satan to start false religions and demand headship in the church.

Vain truth seekers. "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." Knowledge has increased and is rapidly increasing. We know more about creation and man than ever in history, but we are about as ignorant of "the truth" that makes us free as an intelligent people could be. Jesus claims to be "the truth," yet millions are almost totally ignorant of Him.

Here then we have 21 earmarks of the apostasy. They indicate that we are in the perilous times of the last days.

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MEET BAJA CALIFORNIA FRIENDS



Some who attend the meetings regularly.
An old blind lady and some of her grandchildren.
Kathy Howard, Sharon and Douglas Haag, "Bobo,"
and Johnnie Howard.

4. Brother Haag visiting the typical home of a believer.
5. A children's meeting.
6. Brother Haag teaching a boys' Sunday school class.
7. A group of women and children.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard
Editor, Foreign Mission Number

An Incomplete Report

It will be several days yet before we can tabulate results as far as our foreign mission offering is concerned. But to date (June 16) 80 percent of our churches have reported. Of those which have reported 67 percent have increased their offerings over last year, 25 percent show an offering less than last year, and 8 percent are from churches which have not previously reported. These new churches indicate an increase in foreign mission giving and the growth of home missions—we praise the Lord for both. We are optimistic, with our optimism based not on the early returns, but on the faithfulness of our God. We continue to believe that God will supply all the needs for all those whom He directs to the various fields of foreign missionary service.

A Busy Place

The foreign mission office is an especially busy place during these days and this rush period will continue until the annual meeting time in August. Most, if not all, the annual offerings from the churches will have been received by the time you read this editorial, and there remains the tremendous task of tabulating and recording these offerings, and the mailing out of membership cards and ballots to all members of the society. Our membership is approaching 6,000, so this mailing is a large undertaking. Our appreciation is to Miss Reddick and Miss Lowe as they care for this increasing responsibility.

We're Glad To Be Home

The 7 weeks away in southern California were pleasant weeks. We enjoyed every courtesy that Christian friends could supply. But it is always a thrill to turn homeward. During the next few weeks we will visit at least three district conferences, and missionaries on furlough will also be visiting district conferences. We come to the climax of our year in the annual meeting of the board of trustees, with sessions beginning on August 11, and in the annual meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society, which is called for Friday, August 22, at Winona Lake, Ind. Every member of the society is urged to attend.

Welcome, Honolulu!

Before you read this the first unit of the Brethren Church in Honolulu, Hawaii, will be in operation. Some months ago T/Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin J. Jones, of the First Brethren Church, Seal Beach, Calif., started a Sunday

school in their home in Honolulu. Soon some people accepted Christ and wanted baptism by trine immersion. Brother Jones contacted his pastor, Rev. Burton Hatch, and Dr. Charles W. Mayes with regard to the request for baptism, and later he officiated in the baptismal service. June 22 has been announced as the date for the opening of the work as a Brethren Sunday school—soon to be a Brethren church. You can imagine the thrill we have received in having this Brethren church start completely on its own. All we have done is pray, advise, and encourage. It's to be a Brethren Sunday school and church where Brethren literature is used—they have asked us to send a supply. You can help if you live in Honolulu, or if you know of those living in Honolulu who would want to help in this fine work have them contact T/Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin J. Jones, 204 Red Hill Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii.

Are You on the Mailing Lists?

Most of the missionary families are accepting the service made available through our foreign mission office of sending quarterly letters to a large list of friends. Every letter from each missionary is available to *you*, if you will just ask for it. Just drop a card to the Brethren Foreign Mission Office, P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind., and say, "Please put us on the mailing list," and mention the names of the missionaries from whom you would desire to receive these interesting letters.

There's Still Time

Even though the date for the national offering for the Brethren Missionary Herald Company was set as June 29, there is still time to make your gift. The Herald Company needs our full cooperation. You'll be helping foreign missions, home missions, Grace Seminary—in fact, the whole Brethren Church—when you help the Herald Company. Every agency of the Brethren Church needs every other agency—we stand or fall together, but let us stand by the power of God.

"Here's Some Parking Meter Money"

These were the words of a service station attendant a few days ago as he gave me three pennies in change. A penny used to be *real* money, then it was candy money, or "pin" money, but now it is only good for a parking meter. Too many people are still trying to do the Lord's work on the parking meter money basis. There won't be much impression for Christ in this old lost world until we invest *real* money in it.

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Baja California---a Different Land With a Friendly People

By Russell D. Barnard, General Secretary

There's a difference! When one steps across an international boundary there is always a difference, but it is especially noticeable at Tijuana, Tecate, or Mexicali, as one steps across into Baja California. The difference will first be noted in the language, then in the appearance of the people, the types of homes, the streets, and the arrangements of the cities. Rather than the hurry and mad rush of the U. S. A., our Mexican neighbors seem to take time to live. You will enjoy a visit into Baja California and fellowship with her friendly people.

It was my privilege to spend the last week in southern California with the Haag and Howard families in San Ysidro. San Ysidro, our headquarters, is in the United States—2 miles north of the border. We visited in Baja California, at least in the northern fringe. In that fringe, however, we were able to visit the areas where 225,000 of the 275,000 people in Baja California live. In every part of that country, even in the most arid areas, a few people live, but most of the people live in the five or six centers of population.

I have never met a more friendly people than those believers with whom we were associated during the visit. Even those whom we met in a passing way, and not believers, were most amiable. To illustrate—down some distance along the road to Ensenada we saw some booths made from the branches of trees. Sheep shearers were at work on some 3,000 sheep. We stopped to take pictures just at the noon hour, and when they stopped for the noon meal they most earnestly invited us to stay and eat lamb and bread with them. That invitation was a beautiful message of friendship.

Ensenada

Most folks who know Baja California at all know Ensenada, a beautifully located little city with a population of about 30,000. Fishing is a local industry, as well as pleasure. I have seen no more beautiful scene than that of the bay of Ensenada from the top of a nearby hill. It is a modern city with stores much like our stores in the United States. The city was clean, as clean as a city can be where most of the streets are deep dust. The Nazarene people have a small but very earnest testimony for Christ in the city. A few Baptist believers live in Ensenada. The "isms" are there, but most of the city is untouched with the Gospel.

Mexicali

Not so many have visited Mexicali, and very few visit it in the spring, summer, or fall because of the oppressive heat. When we drove about the city with a United States auto license, we were an attraction. Mexicali is very definitely Mexican. In and about this capital of the northern district some 123,000 people live. It is a very stable community, depending largely on agriculture—it is in the extension of the Imperial Valley south into Mexico and seems to be very productive. Thousands of people were working in the fields. Mexicali has three very distinct types of people, if the houses they live in are any indication. One section has wide paved streets

lined with beautiful modern homes—such an area would compare well with any better-class communities in southern California.

In another section most of the homes are adobe, only partially furnished, but the people are living in them while they are being completed. Streets miles long are lined with such unpainted, unfinished, yet occupied houses. They are probably privately owned and that is more than many of us can say who live in prettier homes in the States. In a third section the homes indicate a people who live in abject poverty. I believe it is not an exaggeration to say that in the wide river bed in the heart of the city there are thousands and thousands of houses made of paper, wood, straw, mud, and leaves. My heart yearns that these people, living in what must be great poverty, might have the privilege of knowing the "riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

We hunted for hours in Mexicali for any kind of an evangelical testimony. Finally we found a small Methodist church, heard of a Baptist testimony at least in prospect, and visited a home where we saw a mixture of Catholicism, paganism, and Pentecostalism. We were informed later by those who seemed to know that these constitute most of the evangelical testimony in this community of 123,000 people. It is an unlimited field. Pray that we may be permitted to give testimony there.

Tijuana

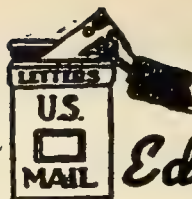
Tijuana is probably the best known of all the Baja California cities. Every Sunday some 20,000 United States cars make a trip into that city. It is a center for games of chance of every description. The stores in the most frequently visited part are such as can supply visiting Americans with what their fleshly hearts desire. Everything in this area is geared to the satisfaction of the flesh, and it is usually U. S. A. flesh that is satisfied!

But there is another greater part to this fine city of 65,000 people. In Colonia Libertad 10,000 people live—we have a small testimony in a believer's home there. In Colonia Aleman, where our main work is located, another 4,000 people live. There are many other of these "colonia" suburbs, and then there is the great central section of the city of Tijuana which most visitors never see. There are a few paved streets, but most of the streets are deep dust, and in some of the higher areas there is no city water available. In Tijuana the people seem to be of two great classes—the very rich and the very poor. The hopeful thing in all these areas is that a middle class of shopkeepers and small businessmen is developing. Probably our greatest victories will be in this developing middle class.

The countryside is beautiful. It is much like many mountainous areas in the United States. It is more beautiful this year because they have had an unusual amount of rain. Fine pavements connect Tijuana with Mexicali and Ensenada. There is also a beautiful road south from Mexicali to San Felipe, a small village some 150 miles south. Wheat, barley, and alfalfa are in evi-

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Foreign Missionary Editor's Mail Box



Recent letters from *Brother and Sister Carson Rottler* give welcome news concerning their getting settled in Huinca Renanco, Argentina. "While at Rio Cuarto we were able to visit the Marshalls at Corral de Bustos, the Churchills at Almafuerite, and the Dowdys at La Carlota. We enjoyed visiting, but it is so nice to get settled in your own home. We like it here very much. The outstanding thing that is different is the shopping. There are no supermarkets here. One must go to half a dozen different places in order to complete his shopping. We have been learning more Spanish, because there is no one here whos speaks English.

"We have really had fun getting unpacked and settled; however, it is a task we don't look forward to doing again for a long time. The believers here have been very kind in helping us with the cleaning and heavy work. This place has been closed since the Hoyts left, so you can imagine the dust and cobwebs we found. We really like it here a lot, and hope we can soon get the language enough to start visitation and build the work up a little here with the Lord's help. Except for the 6 months the Churchills were here in language study, and the 3 months the Hoyts were here, this town has been without a North American pastor since the Sickels were here nearly 30 years ago.

"They tell us that there was snow in Rio Cuarto and Cordoba yesterday, but all we have had here so far is a cold rain. That's enough for us. We got our fill of ice and snow at Winona Lake."

Bro. C. B. Sheldon wrote recently from Bellevue, Africa. "Our rainy season is nearing and we have been having a few showers; this evening we are having a heavy rainstorm. We are very thankful, for it has been extremely hot, with so much humidity. The Frenchman on the farm next to us here says that it gets as high as 98 degrees in the mornings. The natives will be glad for the rain, as foodstuffs have been so scarce this year due to the light rainfall of last season. In some places like Kouki the people are suffering from lack of food—they are living partly from roots dug in the forest and fields.

"I have been busy today with the reports coming in from the chapels, tentative to making out the yearly report to the mission. The giving at some places has been fine and above that of last year, and then in other places it hasn't been so encouraging. The cotton crop this year was very good, so they have gotten quite a lot of money, and we have been encouraging them to remember the Lord during this good season by giving Him His portion.

"We were saddened this afternoon by hearing of the death of the wife of our native preacher at Marakounda. I was up there about 2 weeks ago and found that their oldest boy was on the point of death from some strange disease, the wife had some ear infection, and the little girl was also sick. So the worker surely was having a hard time of testing. There wasn't much we could do as the boy was at the point of death and they thought he would pass on any time. Then today we heard it was the

wife who passed away and not the boy. The boy is still in the same state of sickness that he was. We are praying that the Lord will sustain our native preacher in this trial."

A brief word from *Bro. Wayne Beaver*, Bozoum, Africa, received during the middle of May, indicates that all are very busy. "We are all well and getting set for the rainy season. We have a fine bunch of students in the Bible Institute this year. The entering class of 34 is our biggest yet, bringing our total to 57. Dorothy and Miss Mishler have divided the women into two classes. The afternoon children's class now has well over 100. The dispensary is treating approximately as many as the Bellevue dispensary. There are 273 in the Bible Institute village, not counting the boys' village, which is separate. We do covet your prayers."

Mrs. Eddie Miller wrote words of encouragement from Macapa, Brazil, recently. "We are all fine now. There for awhile we were under the weather physically, but we are all on our feet again and the baby looks like a little butter ball. Our work is going along about the same. It is pretty slow, but we are encouraged by the fact that just two of the people who accepted Christ in a public meeting have stopped coming. All the rest still come regularly. We also have new people coming in, so that we still have the first ones and new ones coming too. It is hard to get families—so many times it is just one member of a family, but the Lord is able to work in this also."

It won't be long now before *Bro. and Sister Jack Churchill* will be moving from Almafuerite to Rio Tercero, Argentina. However, they have been carrying on work in Rio Tercero, as a letter from Brother Churchill indicates. "Since the first Sunday in April we have been having Sunday school and preaching services in Rio Tercero. The house is not quite finished, so we have been meeting in the garage and on a couple of Sundays we have not been able to accommodate all who came, as far as being able to give them places to sit. Of course that does not mean that we have great crowds. The average attendance since we have started has been around 30. We have been fortunate in gaining several whole families as a result of the tent campaign. These, along with the two families of believers already living in Rio Tercero and waiting for the work to begin, form a nucleus with which to start a growing testimony. One disadvantage is that we are not yet living in Rio Tercero. The 2-month period when cement was not available put the work on the house way behind schedule. But now, as soon as I finish teaching my courses in the Institute in June, we hope to move there. Then it will be easier to carry on the visiting and other work that a new town especially needs. We are thankful for the opportunity to be serving Him here and pray that we will have the necessary time and strength to give out the Good News effectively."

"Heal the Sick"

By Miss Marybeth Munn, Bekoro, Africa

Just a little over a year ago we started the general medical work here at Bekoro. Since there was no dispensary at the time, we used a tiny grass-covered mat house. My thought was to wait until Mr. Balzer had built the new dispensary before starting much medical work. Several young men came to apply for a job as nurse, but I told them to return to their village for a couple of months until I needed them, that the sick people wouldn't be coming for a while yet.

My first Monday here I went down to the mat house to care for anyone who might have come. To my utter amazement I found about 30 people waiting for me. One young boy offered to help by dressing sores and carrying water. The next day there were over 50 people waiting for me. It seemed that they had been waiting a long time for medical help and as soon as word came to them that a nurse had arrived, they hurried as fast as they could for medicine for the ailment they had been saving up for this time. The following day the number was near the 100 mark and that very afternoon I sent out an S O S for those young men who wanted to be nurses.

Our working quarters were so cramped that two of us couldn't go into the hut at the same time; if we did, one of us almost had to back out to make an exit. Though it was a tiny place from which to work, we knew we could not turn away the poor people with fast-eating ulcers, the feverish babies, and all the rest, until we had a real hospital.

Our medical work has grown by leaps and bounds so we have suffered some with growing pains. One day we discovered that the church was being used as the hospital ward for those who came from long distances. Here they were all settled with their bed mats, their baskets of food, and their families living together in the church auditorium. We told them they would have to make little houses for themselves, so soon we had a whole village of little cornstalk huts springing up all over. These little huts leaked on the rainy days and baked on the hot days, but they never complained. We are finishing a hospital ward that will care for at least 24 sick folk, so that will in a measure relieve some of the housing shortage.

Now we are in our new dispensary and it isn't at all too big. Every day we see from 150 to 300 patients. They come from 100 miles in all directions and they are suffering from every known disease, I do believe. Sometimes we are completely at a loss to know what to do for some of them, but the Lord wonderfully undertakes for us.

We have classes for the nurses every day. All but one have never had any kind of medical training at all. They thoroughly enjoy these classes and are quick to try out new facts on the sick. If we are studying about microbes or intestinal worms, we may hear all kinds of fearful warnings to the public the next day about the hazards of drinking unboiled water and going barefoot. One day

as I approached the dispensary I could tell there was a very heated argument of some kind taking place between one of the nurses and a patient. The words "contamination," "epidemic," "infection," and "isolation," seemed to be the main topics of conversation. I found a man whom we had slightly suspected of having sleeping sickness being indoctrinated with yesterday's lesson for the



Miss Munn



Above—The nurses in front of the new dispensary, for which they say, "Thank you." Below—Hearing the Word before treatments from the tiny mat dispensary.

nurses, and he wasn't being too receptive with the implications to himself.

The Lord has given us three young men and a widow to help in this work. Every one of them can preach and speak to the sick about their souls. We try always to use our contact with the sick as a contact for Christ. So often as we dismiss a patient he gives a real testimony of what the Lord has done for him. We see that medical work is one way of reaching many who would never come to hear the Gospel any other way. They don't know the lost condition of their souls, but they are acutely aware of the sick and painful condition of their bodies. So they come and find help for both.

All of us—Miss Cripe, all the nurses, the patients, and I—want to join our voices together to thank you who have made this new dispensary possible. May the Lord bless you as you labor together with us.

Our Young People in Rio Cuarto

By Miss Bertha Abel, Rio Cuarto, Argentina

I have now been in Argentina 3 months, and how wonderful it is to be here! I couldn't be happier than I am now unless perhaps I would be if I could only speak and understand Spanish. Much has been packed into these weeks, and I have already been impressed with many things. One of the most outstanding is the very fine group of about 20 consecrated young people—14 young ladies and 6 young men, more or less—here in the church in Rio Cuarto. In order that you might become somewhat acquainted with these young people I am giving brief sketches of some of them. It is regrettable that it is impossible in this article to tell about all of them, since each one is outstanding, but the following are representative of the entire group:



Miss Abel

DORA BOHER, 20 years of age, was saved in 1945 in Rio Cuarto under the preaching of Mr. Sickel. Before her conversion she was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, although not a devout member. She teaches a children's class in the Sunday school as well as a child evangelism class in the city every week. She sings soprano in the young people's chorus in the church and is also a very talented artist. Her art work includes beautifully painted plaques and doilies and oil paintings—all without having had any lessons.

GUILLERMO DIEDRICH, 23 years of age, was saved in 1945 at the young people's summer camp. He was nominated at the conference this year as one of the seven lay members of our national advisory council, the voting for which has not been completed, and is a Sunday school teacher of a boys' class. He sings bass in the chorus and does exceptionally fine pen-and-ink drawings.

FRANCISCA DIEDRICH, 22 years of age, was converted in the church in Rio Cuarto in 1945. She graduated last November from the Bible Institute and has now enrolled in the graduate course in the institute. Up until the time the institute moved to La Carlota she taught a Sunday school class here, as well as a child evangelism class each week, and during the summer vacation this year she has resumed the latter. She sings alto in the chorus, plays the piano, is an expert weaver, and has recently started doing oil paintings on plaques, which she does very well.

EMILIA DIEDRICH, 20 years old, was also converted in the church here in 1944. She is an assistant teacher in the Sunday school and also teaches a child evangelism class here in the city. She is another alto singer in the chorus, is a very good pianist, and is another very talented artist, specializing in oil painting on plaques and beautiful large oil paintings.

CARLOTA DIEDRICH, 18 years old, was also saved in the church here in 1945 and is also one of the graduates of the Bible Institute. She has a child evangelism class, too, and with her mother has Sunday school classes in their home every Sunday for those who live in their

neighborhood far from the church and are either unable or unwilling to make the long trip into town. She is one of our soprano singers and also plays the piano.

SILVIA GRUNIG, 21 years of age, was converted in 1944 at the young people's camp. She is the only member of her family who even comes to the services, which is a testimony in itself, and also is a very faithful member of the church and worker for the Lord. She is a very good school teacher and an exceptional recreational leader.

ENRIQUE LUJAN, 23 years of age, was converted in the church here in 1948. He teaches a Sunday school class and is the president of the young people's group. He has a very fine tenor voice and sings in the chorus.

BEATRIZ MACHADO, 21 years old, was saved in 1945 at the young people's camp and is another one of those who have a child evangelism class here in the city every week. She would like very much to attend the Bible Institute, but her parents are very much opposed, insisting that she follow a more "promising" career. Please pray that the Lord will touch the parents' hearts so that the daughter might be free to prepare herself for the Lord's work which she so desires.

The other young people, too, are unusually talented, and all of them have consecrated these talents with their lives to the Lord. About 9 months ago a group of them came to Miss Nielsen and asked her if she would be willing to start a chorus for them. None of them had ever even tried to sing any of the harmony parts but were willing to start at the beginning and devote one evening a week for practice. When I came to Rio Cuarto they had only been singing for 6 months, but they were already doing fairly difficult four-part work and doing a fine job with it, too. This could not have been accomplished without Miss Nielsen's skillful training and leading, for which the young people are very grateful, but such rapid progress would not have been made if those in the group were not unusually talented and diligent.

One of the most remarkable things, however, about them, if not the most remarkable, is the very excellent Christian spirit that exists among all of them without exception and which exists under any circumstances. They truly fulfill in a wonderful way Christ's commandment given in John 13:34-35: "That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." I have never before seen an entire group of young people with such true Christian love for each other and such an attitude of cooperation with each other. There are no cliques, nor is there any group or person that doesn't get along splendidly with another group or person. Thus it is a very great privilege for me to fellowship here with such an outstanding group of young people. They are truly trophies of God's grace and a few of the trophies of the work of the Brethren Church in Argentina during the past years, and we trust that if the Lord tarries He will give us many more such trophies here in this land in the years to come.

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

By Rev. Roy Snyder, Bouca, Africa

Does it pay to give and pray for foreign missions?

We would like to share with you news of His workings among us in the Bouca-Batangafo area, made possible by your gifts and prayers.

After 2½ months in the Cameroun, it was a wonderful feeling to return to the work in Bouca again. The first 2 weeks were spent at the station caring for local needs. During that time most of the catechists came to greet us, to thank God for our return among them, and to report about the work in their section. Several were happy to report that where it has been difficult in the past, now there is a greater response to the Gospel. Since this is the dry season and the time for village visitation, all the catechists wanted to know when we were going to "declare the affair of God" in their village. So we worked out a schedule telling them when we could be with them. We had to disappoint some, however, because we will only be able to hold conferences in the larger chapel centers and then just 3-day conferences. We are trying to get much accomplished between now and the beginning of the rainy season in July. We thank the Lord for strength given to Ruth so that she is able to take an active part in all these conferences as well.

How we do praise the Lord for our native pastor here at Bouca, Abraham, and for his faithfulness during our absence! He has been taking care of the work throughout the district. Since the first of the year he has baptized nearly 300 native Christians. All have been carefully examined and found to be "walking straight in the way of God" for at least 2 years since their conversion. Some were disappointed, however, when they were rejected for baptism because their Christian walk and testimony was not what it ought to be. We are thankful for those who have been faithful and trust that they will continually grow in grace.

The greatest need at the present time in our Bouca district is for native pastors and leaders. We have chapel points where several hundred are gathering each Sunday, but there is no permanent preacher. Two of our workers have gone to the Bible Institute, two have gone to the leper camp, and one has fallen into sin, leaving five vacancies. Pray with us that the Lord will call others to leave their own villages and go forth with the Word of Life.

The Lord has been abundantly blessing in the Batangafo area as well. André, the native pastor, has been working diligently among the different chapel points—194 have been baptized there since the first of the year. In the Batangafo church itself, the Holy Spirit has been working and convicting men of sin. From July to December of last year, 378 persons accepted Christ, and since the first of this year 107 more have realized their need of salvation in Christ Jesus.

This is the time of the year here when the attendance is usually low at the services. The natives have sold their cotton and it's too early to start their gardens, so

they roam around. Many travel to visit relatives, some hunt animals, and many in this district go into the bush looking for honey. Consequently fewer come to church. However, the attendance at Batangafo has stayed up well. Our first Sunday there 1,430 were present and the next week 1,632. The folks there are rejoicing with us because of the visible results manifested in almost every service.

During our recent 10 days in the Batangafo area, we had the privilege of holding conferences in two different villages. It was a blessing to give forth the Word, meet the Christians, and see the work as it is progressing. When we arrived at one village we heard that the sleeping sickness doctor was coming the following day to give shots to all the natives in that area. We didn't have much hope for a large attendance, thinking about all the confusion and interruptions there would be, but the Lord worked everything together for good. Hundreds of natives came from miles around and many stayed for the meetings. We reached some that otherwise we never would have reached.

The native Christians express their appreciation for the conference and our coming in many ways, but one way especially is in bringing gifts of eggs and chickens. We never thought that we would get tired of fried chicken, but five times in a week is a little better than average!

We were back home for Easter Sunday at Bouca and then a few days more to get ready for our next conference. Again we are thankful that the Lord has prepared the way before us. We look to Him for strength and blessing as we seek to labor together with Him. Pray with us for God's work in the Bouca-Batangafo area.



Roy Snyder

GOD'S MINORITIES

During the time Noah was building the ark he was very much in the minority—but he won!

When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brothers he was in a decided minority—but he won.

When Gideon and his 300 followers, with their broken pitchers and lamps, put the Midianites to flight, they were in an insignificant minority—but they won.

When Elijah prayed down fire from heaven and put the prophets of Baal to shame he was a notable minority—but he won.

When Jesus Christ was crucified by the Roman soldiers He was a conspicuous minority—but He won!—*The Alliance Weekly*.

In the last 50 years America's Jewish population has risen from 1,000,000 to 5,000,000. Although Israel's Jewish population has increased phenomenally in the same period, Israel can still claim only 1,400,000 Jews. More Jews than that live behind the Iron Curtain. Almost four times the number of Israel Jews have found a haven in America. Will they find the Gospel, too?—*The Prophetic Word*.

Baja California--Land of Drought--VI

By Walter E. Haag

Leaving the gulf, we started inland again over dry, cactus-covered hills. We came to a road junction that looked like a city on the map, but we found only one house and a windmill. We stopped for a short while and filled our water bottle again. On we went inland, climbing little by little and then over some quite rugged mountains. We traveled over a high plateau for some time and soon found ourselves on the edge of a steep, narrow canyon, and there in the bottom was another oasis. This was the village of Comondú, situated at a good elevation almost equally distant from the Pacific and the gulf.



Walter Haag

A new day found us viewing the village. The population of about 2000 is almost equally divided between the two parts of the village, which is naturally separated by a constriction of the canyon. There were some houses for rent, but as we considered the extent to which the village is isolated from the larger cities of Santa Rosalita (about 150 miles to the north) and La Paz (about 245 miles to the south) we dropped any idea of trying to begin our work in that area.

A fellow believer, Mr. Charles Cunningham, living in Comondú, befriended us. He offered to show us the springs which supplied the water for the valley, so Roy and I accompanied him. Mr. Halliday remained behind since he did not feel too well, having drunk some poor water. We drove to the end of the road and, as a relative of our host lived there, we visited for a few minutes and inspected his orchard of figs, oranges, lemons, dates, plums, etc. We noted, too, strips of freshly killed beef hanging in the sun to dry.

Starting up the dry and dusty trail we became aware of the heat of the day. The trail then dropped down again to follow along under date palms and large fig trees. These two crops are the money-making crops for the community and so occupy much of the land space. Passing a little house here and there under the date palms, we arrived shortly in the area where several small springs flowed out of the rocks. Farther on we found the largest and uppermost spring in the valley. They say that these springs supply a constant flow of water year in and year out, no matter what the season or drought conditions. Many believe the source of water to be up in the mountains of California, and that it flows down there through underground rock strata. We stood in the shade of a tree and watched the water boil out of the rock. Above the spring a few feet and as far as one could see up the canyon, only cactus and brush grew.

As we looked about, a little old lady approached us. Mr. Cunningham exchanged greetings with her and introduced us. She invited us over to her little palm-thatched house. In front of the house was a flat thatched roof about 12 feet square, supported on poles about 9 feet high. One side only was closed. This was her kitchen. On the wall were hung a few smoky pots and a few long wooden stirring spoons. Near the edge of the shelter was a strong wooden table about 3 feet square

and 2½ feet high. Upon the table was about a foot of mud that had been shaped to hold a small fire upon which a pot could be set. The other corner on that side had a crude wooden workbench about waist high, where dishes and eating utensils were neatly stacked.

We noticed these things as we sat on a similar bench in the shade of the roof that served well to keep the hot sun rays from us. The old lady gathered a few dry palm fronds and broke them finely and put them on her stove. By blowing a few times on the coals, which she had uncovered, she soon had a little smoky fire which quickly blazed up brightly. She filled an old 2-pound coffee can with water and put it on the fire. Then, after washing her hands, she took an old sock-like cloth and washed it thoroughly, and then put a handful of some kind of coffee in it.

During all this activity she kept up a running conversation with Mr. Cunningham. She displayed a very keen mind and a great sense of humor. As they talked of old times and of friends of their youth, I gathered that she was a young girl when Mr. Cunningham was born and remembered that event, since they lived in the same community. Then, as the water boiled, she brewed some coffee and presented it to each of us with sugar and goat's milk if we wished. It was the only coffee of its kind that I have ever tasted. Gathering up a piece



Young people of Comondú.

of newly made pottery, she joined us in drinking coffee. The tempo of her tongue set the rhythm for her hands as they scraped and polished a small clay jar. We entered into the conversation as best we could by asking questions concerning her life, where she found the clay, and how she went about making the pieces of pottery. After a pleasant time, we thanked our hostess and returned to the village.

Miss Cunningham, an attractive girl of about 14, had seen my cameras and so informed me that she and her friends wanted their pictures taken. As I walked and talked with these young folks, I found them very polite, intelligent, and carefree, as most young folks are. They teased and, of course, their greatest joy was to practice what English they knew. This was to my embarrassment, for their accent was such that I couldn't recognize some of the words that they tried to say. Of course, I know some of my Spanish sounded just as strange to them. These young folks, though religious, knew not Jesus Christ as Saviour. On a subsequent visit, however, Brother Halliday reported that he had the privilege of leading Miss Cunningham to the Lord, for which we praise His name.

That evening Brother Halliday played Gospel recordings under the street light right across the street from the Catholic church. Several children and a few older folks gathered around. Roy and I went to investigate the little electric generator that served the village with electricity from dusk until 9:30 or 10:00 each evening. While there we heard the Catholic church bell ring, so on our return we walked slowly by the front of the church and looked through the open door to see candles burning and several older women sitting toward the front of the building. No priest lived in the village, but he came every 2 weeks to hold mass. These devout old ladies carried on the church work between his visits.

The next morning we walked down the canyon about a mile and Mr. Cunningham showed us his orchard. A garden or an orchard is such a prize possession in this area that each owner is proud to exhibit what he has done with his. His was a well-cared-for orchard, intensively farmed with terraces to retain the soil on the steep hillsides. It contained orange, lemon, grapefruit, avocado, fig, and plum trees, as well as date palms, grapes, and a variety of vegetables in addition to some sugar cane.

Before leaving Comondu, we filled our car to capacity with gasoline, gave thanks to our host and bade him goodbye as we started our return trip to Santa Rosalia. It was a grim trip as the reality of the drought was demonstrated by the dozens of dead and dying donkeys and cattle that we saw along the way. Of course, the buzzards were everywhere present and well fed. They could be seen sunning themselves in the early morning with wings outstretched, that the dew might be dried from their feathers so that they could sail skyward once more.

Many were the starving cows and donkeys we encountered. Often it was necessary to wait for them to get out of our way as we came along, and at times their weak knees would buckle under them. With the stench of dead animals in our nostrils, and the sight of them everywhere before our eyes, the reality of life and death in the animal world impressed itself upon us.

As one views death around him, he can but think of the certain end of sinful man. We gave thanks to God for His gift of the Lord Jesus and the living water He

gives us—"a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Only God can change the land of Baja California from a land of drought to a land that will blossom like a rose, and, too, He alone by the Holy Spirit can change the spiritual drought of these people. As they receive the Lord as their Saviour and partake of the living water they will never thirst again.

We know the Lord uses people to carry the Gospel to others. As we traveled homeward, we thanked God for this place to serve Him, and prayed that we might be granted wisdom and the ability to faithfully give forth His Word.

The End.

BAJA CALIFORNIA—A DIFFERENT LAND . . .

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dence on the plateaus and in the valleys, and in the irrigated sections vegetables and the smaller crops abound.

I am chiefly interested in the spiritual needs and opportunities. I think I have never seen communities where there is such need for true Gospel testimony. I had felt that it could hardly be true that there are only about 1,000 believers among the 275,000 people in the peninsula, but now I am convinced that this is only too true. And there is such a willingness to hear the Gospel, at least until the religious leaders of the land prejudice the people against the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Haags have meetings in one of the homes. This home is the largest of some six homes in the unit. People from every one of the six homes attend the meeting. It seems that this situation could be duplicated hundreds of times in the large centers of population.

The missionaries are extremely busy—the Howards in language study and in helping in the services as much as they can with a limited knowledge of Spanish. The Haags carry the teaching load at the present time. They meet with a group of about 30 young people on Wednesday evenings, have a meeting on Friday evenings, two children's classes each Saturday with between 40 and 50 attending, and two services on Sunday. Approximately 70 attend each of the Sunday services, and they have had up to 100 in attendance. Mrs. Howard leads a child evangelism class in her home in San Ysidro one afternoon every week, with about 40 or 50 in attendance.

I'm thrilled with what is being done. But we can't go much further until we have a Mexican-born Mexican citizen as the pastor of the church. When we have this pastor with one church fully organized, we can work out into any part of the peninsula. We plan for a Bible school or institute, but that must await students. At present the workers are teaching in the regular classes, and teaching individuals privately as they visit in homes. Pray for the day when a more opportune teaching program is possible. Pray for the workers, for a national pastor, and for a national church.

A saintly colored maid was questioned about her method of prayer. "I ain't got no method," she replied. "While I wash de clothes I asks de Lord to wash hearts whiter dan snow. While I irons 'em I reminds Him of de troubles and problems dat need ironing out. While I sweeps de flo' I jest ask Him to sweep out faultfindin' from de hidden corners of mah heart, so He can bless—an' He always does!"

What better method of the Bible admonition to "pray without ceasing" could we find than this?—G. B. C.

PRAYER STARTERS FOR JULY PRAYING

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—

Pray for:

1. Healing for Miss Grace Byron, who has been ill with pneumonia; for little Anne Goodman in Africa, who has been very ill; for Mrs. J. Paul Miller, who is improving in health; and for all our missionaries, that they may be sustained in health.

2. The Don Millers and the Samarins as they begin their new experiences in Africa; the Rottlers, Miss Abel, and the Howards as they study Spanish; and for the Fogles as they continue to labor with the French language.

3. The Garbers, Kennedys, Masons, Misses Geske, Habegger, Jones, and Thurston, who have been fully approved by the society and who will sail between August 15 and September 15; and for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taber and Mr. and Mrs. John Zielasko, who will be ready to sail this fall, pending approval by the society at the annual meeting.

4. The safe arrival of about 25,000 pounds of freight now at the coast of Africa, and the thousands of pounds more soon to be sent to the various fields. Also pray that the shipments may be protected from thievery en route.

5. A Mexican-born Mexican citizen to be provided by the Lord for our work in Baja California. We have made excellent progress, but can go little further until we have a national leader and a certified Mexican national church.

6. The clear missionary tone in our summer camps and conferences, that it may prove a blessing to all of our churches.

7. Bro. Bernard Schneider, a member of our board, and his family as they visit in France, Germany, and other places. Pray that this visit will prove a blessing to our mission in France, and that it may open the door for a Brethren testimony in Germany.

8. The new Prayer Booklet, that it may be a great spiritual blessing to the Brethren Church. Copies will soon be mailed to the churches.

9. The annual meeting of the board of trustees, which will begin

on August 11, that the Lord will lead and guide in every consideration.

10. The Solon Hoyt family as they leave for Argentina on July 10; and for the Floyd Taber family as they leave the States for Africa around July 23.

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL—

1. Pray for the Gospel Truth radio ministry of Arnold Kriegbaum over station KWCR in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

2. Pray for the building committee of the Washington Heights (Roanoke, Va.) church that the members may have divine wisdom in drawing up plans for the new church.

3. Pray that the York, Pa., church will be established in the section of the city that would be God's choice.



4. Praise God that the swinging bridge at Hell-for-Certain has been replaced, and pray for Miss Evelyn Fuqua in that mission work.

5. Pray for those who will be attending the summer camp from the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, that their lives will be more fully surrendered to Christ.

6. Pray for the home mission work, that it may be a challenge to the Brethren people as it is presented at the various district conferences.

BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD COMPANY—

1. Pray that during this period (June-July) set aside for the Herald company the Lord will lay upon the hearts of the members of the denomination a desire to give liberally to support Brethren publications.

2. Pray that every cent invested in this work will bring much glory to the Lord of the church and great good to those who read our literature.

3. Pray for the board of directors of the company as it meets August 12 to begin the annual meeting. Pray that every decision made will be given to the board by the Spirit of God.

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA—

1. Pray for the SMM girls that are graduating, that the Lord might lead in their lives.

2. Pray for SMM girls as they have sessions at the district youth camps.

3. Pray for our Jewish missionaries as they labor in telling the Jews of Messiah. Especially remember our president, Isobel Fraser.

BRETHREN YOUTH COUNCIL—

1. Pray for summer camps now in session, and for young people who have already made decisions in camps, that they may be faithful in keeping them.

2. Pray for Bethany, our national youth camp, that we may have 200 of our young people there.

3. Pray for our summer workers in Taos, three girls who are serving sacrificially and willingly—Evelyn Schumacher, Evelyn Vnasdale, and Fayth Ann Connor.

4. Pray for a number of our young people who are now making decisions concerning where to go to school next fall, how to get money, etc.

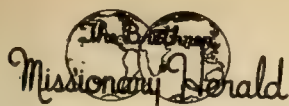
GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—

1. Pray that the Lord will send to the school this fall those students whom He has chosen and that each one of these students will come with a desire to be well trained for the Lord's work.

2. Pray that each member of the faculty may be used of the Lord in a profitable ministry during the summer months and that each one will return to the school rested and ready to teach for the glory of God.

3. Pray that each financial need of the school will be met during these months of great need.

4. Pray that Dr. McClain, as he returns to the school about August 1, will be greatly strengthened in body for the many tasks that are his as president of Grace Seminary.



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The *Jenners, Pa.*, church conducted a vacation Bible school with an average attendance of 115. Rev. Wayne Baker is pastor of this church.

Rev. Dennis Holliday has been called to serve the Waynesboro, Pa., church another year with a substantial increase in salary.

Joseph Hoffman, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffmann, Sr., of Los Angeles, Calif., graduated in June from Wheaton College.

The *Dayton, Ohio*, North Riverdale church received two members by baptism on June 8. Rev. Clyde Balyo is pastor of this church.

The *Winona Lake, Ind.*, church conducted its first vacation Bible school this year with an enrollment of 136 children; average attendance was 109 pupils and 20 staff members. A closing program was held that was attended by 200 people and at which four children made public confession of the Saviour. A missionary offering was received to be used in the Brethren Navaho Mission, where Danny Adams, a member of the school, will soon be with his parents as missionary workers. Mrs. Homer A. Kent was the superintendent of the school.

The *Iowa District* will hold a men's retreat at Deep River, Iowa, July 12-13. Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, of Cedar Rapids, is in charge.

The *Covington, Ohio*, church heard Rev. Donald W. Rossman, of Penns Grove, N. J., on June 12 and 15. The new secretary of this church is Mrs. Kenneth Peters, R. R. 1, Covington, Ohio (change Annual, p. 59).

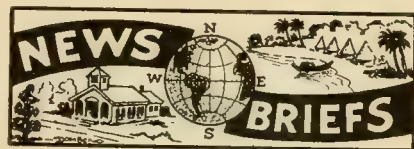
Miss Evelyn Fuqua, Brethren missionary at Dryhill, Ky., was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dombek, Winona Lake, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spillers and a number of

young people from Covington, Ohio, June 14-16.

The *Hagerstown, Md.*, church will hold a Bible school rally on July 10 with Rev. Harold Etling, Akron, Ohio, president of the National Sunday School Board, as the speaker.

At the *Washington, D. C.*, church six people were baptized and received into the membership on June 1. On June 20 the church held a missionary party for Miss Edith Geske, a member of the congregation and a candidate for missionary service for the Brethren Church in Africa.

The *Canton, Ohio*, church has planned a youth revival to be conducted by the young people, with Bro. Russell Ogden, Winona Lake, Ind., as the special speaker. The dates are July 6-13.



The *Everett, Pa.*, church dedicated its remodeled building on June 22. The pastor, Bro. Homer Lingenfelter, was in charge of the program. Rev. Sheldon Snyder, pastor of the Yellow Creek church, preached the morning sermon; Rev. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the Johnstown First church, delivered the afternoon dedicatory sermon; and Rev. Mark Malles, pastor of the Altoona First church, preached the evening sermon.

The *Roanoke, Va.*, Clearbrook church had 128 people present on the evening of May 25 to hear a special musical program by the Morning Star Gospel Singers. This is a record attendance for this church in an evening service. On May 21 there were 50 people in the prayer meeting.

Rev. Archie Lynn, pastor of the Glendale, Calif., church, will give the Bible lecture on Friday morning (August 22) at the national conference at Winona Lake. He will speak concerning stewardship.

The *Albany, Oreg.*, church is in the process of building a parsonage for its pastor, Rev. Glen Welborn.

Dr. Russell D. Barnard's editorial, "A New Bible?" which appeared in the April 5 issue of the Herald, was reprinted in the June 20 issue of the

Banner, official organ of the Christian Reformed Church.

The *Fort Wayne, Ind.*, church heard Dr. Floyd Taber on June 22 and Rev. Homer A. Kent, Jr., on June 29, while the pastor, Rev. James D. Hammer, was helping in the district youth camp. Rev. Ord Gehman spoke to the men of the church on June 17.

Rev. C. H. Hinegardner has moved to Midland, Va. (change Annual, p. 68).

Edward J. Smith and Janis Marilyn Lee, both of Dayton, Ohio, were married at the Dayton North Riverdale church on June 27. Miss Lee was a former student in the collegiate division of Grace Seminary.

Rev. Bruce Button, Brethren missionary to the Jews in Los Angeles, will be speaking in many of the eastern churches during July and August.

At the *Winchester, Va.*, church nine people made decisions on June 1 and two more were made on June 8. Rev. Paul Dick is pastor of this church.

At *Roanoke, Va.*, in the Garden City area a group of laymen purchased an acre of ground on which they plan to erect a building to begin a Brethren church. The officers of this group are George W. Hall, chairman; Mrs. George W. Hall, secretary; and H. L. Radford, treasurer.

John Evans and Joyce Runyon were married in the auditorium of the Dayton, Ohio, First church on June 28. Brother Evans is pastor of the Dayton Bethany church.

Rev. M. Leon Myers has been given a unanimous call to continue during the next year as pastor of the Martinsburg, W. Va., church.

Mrs. Rose Runyan, a member of the Second church, Los Angeles, Calif., died early in June. She was one of the charter members of that church, which was founded in 1910.

At the *Spokane, Wash.*, church a special business meeting was held on June 17 at which time a complete reorganization of the congregation was effected. The pastor, Rev. William Schaffer, who has served the church since 1945 and who had recently resigned, was reelected to continue as pastor. He accepted the call.

Chaplain (Major) Donald F. Carter is now stationed at Camp Cooke, Calif., where he is assistant post chaplain.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

CONEMAUGH, PENNSYLVANIA

On Thursday night, May 29, the first annual commencement of the Christian Education Class of the Conemaugh Brethren Church was held. This is a released-time class from the local junior and senior high school. Fourteen certificates of completion, covering the course for the year, "Life of Christ," were awarded by Bro. Grover Snyder, moderator of the church.

Special musical numbers for the evening were a trumpet solo by Ronald Lehman, a duet by John and David Neely, while Lois Ringler, of the Johnstown First church, sang an invitation hymn.

Our hearts were warmed by a very

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASS HONORED AT CONEMAUGH



Left to right—front row—Shirley Kapriva, Patricia Bittner, Janet Britton, Patricia Hanley, Dixie Given, Barbara Bosser, Betty Good; back row—Donald Hunt, Jack Haughawout, Ronald Gossard, William Headrick, Larry Boring, Theodore Ribblett; standing—Rev. and Mrs. John S. Neely, instructor and assistant instructor. Absent when picture was taken—Gladys Brickner.

special feature—the showing of the Gospel film, "Forgotten Valley," in which the well-known chorus writer,

Wendell Loveless, played the part of Matt Sotterly, an atheist, won to Christ by Sandy, a boy with a real heart interest in the souls of men.

Approximately 200 attended the service, with fine groups from Mundy's Corner, Singer Hill, and First Brethren of Johnstown.

As I end my pastorate here, and as I reflect over past meetings held in this church, I believe that this service was one of the most spirited and blessed meetings held during my serving the Conemaugh people, for which we truly praise the Lord.—John S. Neely, pastor.

CHARTERED BUS AIDS IN WORK AT SAN BERNARDINO

The Sunday school bus (shown in accompanying picture), chartered from a local transportation company, brings in an average of 30 youngsters and adults each Sunday. In an auditorium that accommodates 110 people we are packing an average of 125 each Sunday, with 131 on May 18 and 136 on May 25. Thus you see why the Lord enabled us to raise \$1,500 in 30 days to buy the vacant property next to our church building. A sign announces to the public a future expansion program and the reason why.

On May 18 five people accepted the Saviour. This makes a total of 30 who have made some kind of a decision publicly since January 1. Our membership is now 92, coming from 35 families.

New contacts are constantly being made through the use of the Sunday school bus and the solicitation program that accompanies its use. Also the Friday night Bible class taught by Bro. John Lienhard, who, though inactive for a time, has lost none of his fervor and talent for putting forth the Word of God plainly and understandingly to the laity. Brother Lienhard also teaches the adult Sunday school class numbering almost 50.

The monthly gifts from the California District Mission Board and the occasional gifts designated for us through the Home Missions Council are truly life-giving help, for without them this work would not progress as rapidly. Accept the thanks of this pastor and people for each gift.—Lyle W. Marvin, pastor.



TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

The Temple City church experienced a red-letter day on June 1 in setting an all-time attendance record of 128 in the Sunday school. The leadership of Bro. Byron Frick and the cooperation of the entire membership provided the incentive as we exceeded the goal of 125 people present to commemorate the return of the pastor, Rev. Leo Polman, from an extended tour in the north.

A special program was planned for Brother Polman's homecoming and in celebration of his birthday. He was given a birthday cake and \$25. Also he was asked to sign a check for \$1,300, which represents our foreign missionary offering this year. This was \$300 in excess of our goal for this offering.

Another surprise for Brother Polman was a phone call from Robert

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V—IS THIS APOSTASY?

In previous articles we have set forth certain marks of the twofold apostasy—the apostasy of belief and the apostasy of life. Now we study certain doctrines, beliefs, practices which have been held by the Brethren Church from our origin as a denomination. Have we departed from them? Are we denying them in practice today? If so, we need to repent and return to them immediately. Unless they are un-Biblical, man-made instead of founded on the Word of God, we must get back to them if we have fallen away from them.

Divorce and Remarriage

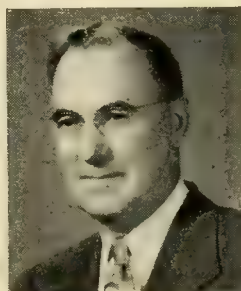
From the beginning God ordained that marriage should be until death. "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder." Husband and wife are bound to each other in marriage as one flesh until death severs the bond. Matthew 19:3-6, Mark 10:6-9, and Romans 7:2-3, as well as other Scriptures, declare this law of holy marriage. The Bible teaches that the marriage bond is unbreakable, except by death. This is God's original decree for the holy bonds of matrimony. "Let marriage be had in honor among all and let the bed be undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers will God judge" (Heb. 13:4, A.S.V.). The marriage vows are inviolable according to the Scriptures, except by death, "from the beginning" of the institution of marriage. Never in all the Bible does God approve divorce. Divorce destroys God's plan for marriage. God's will is that the marriage contract shall have only one termination, that is by death. Divorce destroys the beautiful type set forth in Ephesians 5:23-33.

One Exception

Under the law of Moses divorce was tolerated because of the "hardness of heart" of the people. This was contrary to the law of God and was so understood. Christ gave permission to "put away" the husband or the wife on the ground of marital unfaithfulness. But He never sanc-

tioned it! It was by sufferance! This tolerance, sufferance of putting away, is found in Matthew 5:31-33 and 19:8-9. The majority of authorities whom we have consulted (and we have consulted many) agree that "fornication is the equivalent of a physical act of adultery." The Brethren Church has always understood that the two terms refer to marital unfaithfulness.

This is the only grounds for divorce allowed in the New Testament. Divorce on any other ground and remarriage constitutes adultery. If persons are divorced on any other ground, such as desertion, nonsup-



Dr. Ashman

port, incompatibility, mental cruelty, etc., in God's sight they are still "one flesh." As long as the marriage bond has not been broken by either death or fornication-adultery, husband and wife still belong to each other regardless of what the courts of man have done.

Even the permission of divorce, for the one cause of fornication, is because of a low moral state, tolerated as the lesser of evils. It is not God's law or standard of marriage. Christ conceded this lower standard because of the hardness of heart. Even then, in no case did Christ actually declare that the divorced persons should remarry nor did he actually sanction the remarriage. Remarriage is only by implication!

Brethren Belief

The historic belief of the Brethren Church has been well defined in her pronouncements and resolutions. As a denomination we have believed

that there is but the one Scriptural ground for divorce—fornication-adultery. Brethren have held that the innocent party to a divorce, granted in accord with the one cause of fornication-adultery, may remarry. Ministers have been given the right to marry such with this recommendation, "they shall not have such belief called in question." On the other hand, some ministers have believed that, though there is a Scriptural ground for divorce, there is no Scriptural authority for remarriage. The Brethren working agreement has been that these ministers "shall be free to hold this stricter view without any prejudice."

Any minister who has married divorced persons whose divorce was not granted on Scriptural grounds of fornication, has done so in violation of Brethren belief. Any member who has secured a divorce contrary to the Scriptural exception of fornication has violated the belief of the church of which he or she was a member.

We have not sought to present any full outline of the doctrine of divorce and remarriage in this article. Our purpose has been to give enough so we could check up on ourselves. Have we apostatized? Have we departed from the historic position of the Brethren Church in doctrine and practice? It is certain that some members have done so, many perhaps, who have been divorced contrary to Scripture or who have married persons whose divorce was secured in violation of the Biblical exception. The Bible has not changed. Have we? Have any of our ministers been partners in this compromise? If we have departed from "the faith," then we ought to repent and get back to the Word of God. We ought to reaffirm our faith and reestablish our practice. Our slogan of "The Bible, the Whole Bible, and Nothing But the Bible," demands that we do so.

Nonresistance

The historic position of the Brethren Church with respect to war has

also been well-defined down through the years. In fact, more resolutions and reaffirmations have been passed on this one position than on any other held among us. In one form or another, with some changes in phraseology, the record since 1780 has been that of nonresistance. In 1950 our national resolutions took the following form:

"That we reaffirm the stand that our church has taken in previous conferences in the matter of a Christian and his relation to war; namely, that the Brethren Church from her origin has been utterly opposed to the use of violence or any physical force as a means to an end, on the part of the children of God. We regard the governments of this world system as being yet unregenerate, and their methods of violence contrary to the methods God has authorized His children in the present age to use. We reaffirm that while war, as a possible method for the attainment of justice or the securing and maintenance of human liberty, may at times be deemed necessary among the unregenerate of this world system, yet, according to the teaching of our common Lord and Master, we as His disciples, do not belong to this world's system and its methods are not our own. We are in this world and not of it, as our Master taught (John 17:14), and must maintain our pilgrim character (Heb. 11:8-16), our citizenship already being in heaven (Phil. 3:20-21). We recognize and appreciate the protection of the United States, and to the nation that God has ordained (Rom. 13:1-7) to afford us protection, we gladly offer our service, time, money, and life itself, if necessary, to bind up its wounds, or to heal its sorrows, by any means or methods our Lord Jesus Christ has approved for the use of those who follow Him, and we pledge ourselves to pray for those in authority according to Romans 13:1-7.

"Be it further resolved that we urge all ministerial examining boards to give due consideration to this historic position on war in the examination of and recommendation of candidates to both the licensure and ordination, and that, in harmony with this historic belief of the Brethren Church, they refuse such recommendation whenever the candidate is unwilling to accept this belief.

"Be it further resolved that we urge each pastor and all leaders of the local church to give proper place

HOW JIM TAYLOR GOT IN

By Rev. S. L. Lowman (Retired)

Camden, Ohio

Some 66 years ago a child was born in Kentucky with a natural instinct to steal.

He came to Ohio about 20 years ago. He became a thief, a robber, an adulterer, a drinker, a curser, and was even accused of murder (this was never proved). About all the sins in the book were charged to Jim.

One day he became seriously sick and was taken to the hospital, but was soon sent home—sent home to die with a cancer of the throat and to die without God.

Late one afternoon word came from one of our Brethren; they wanted me to come out and pray for Jim. I went, sat down by his bed, took hold of his arm, and said: "Jim, don't you think God loves you?" His sharp answer was, "NO; God does not like me."

I told him about Jesus and how He did love him and that He loved him enough to send His Son from heaven to die for him. Old Jim began to weep; I then quoted Romans 10:9, showing him that if he would confess the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour he could be saved; and how Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, told the people to repent. Also I quoted many other Scriptures.

in publicity and emphasis and instruction to this historic position so that our members may be properly informed concerning it and the Biblical authority for the same."

Noncombatant

The historic position of the Brethren Church is nonresistant, noncombatant! Not pacifist! We are not just conscientious objectors; but Biblical noncombatants! This has been and this is the belief of the Brethren Church. Have we apostatized? Are we apostatizing? If so, what shall we do about it?



Rev. S. L. Lowman

Jim was still weeping, and finally as I still held his arm I said: "Jim, are you ready to confess Christ?" His quick reply was, "Yes." I took his confession. He then slipped out of his bed, knelt, and prayed, pouring out his heart asking God for forgiveness and to have mercy on him.

The next move, I told Jim, was to be baptized. He wanted to go right away and to go all the way.

I got two men to help me take him to a nearby creek and there I baptized him by triune immersion as testimony of his salvation.

The next morning he got up, went to the table, and said "grace," something he had never done in his life.

It was less than 48 hours afterwards that he fell across his bed, choked to death by the cancer.

This is how Jim got in.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

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and Joyce (Polman) Griffith, Winoona Lake, Ind. The call came right at the close of the morning service.

The father of Brother Polman was present in the congregation for the morning service, the first time he ever heard his son preach a Gospel sermon. Three people accepted the Saviour during the day.

The San Gabriel Valley Academy, conducted in connection with our church, held its fifth annual commencement program in the Roosevelt School auditorium, San Gabriel, on June 12. Ten young people were in the graduating class.—Marwell Brenneman, reporter.

Rev. William Schaffer, of Spokane, Wash., preached at the church in Yakima on June 8.

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THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

Profit Is Not Sin

In these days when some people talk as though the making of profit in legitimate business were a sin it is timely to turn again to the Word of God for a message on the subject.

Among other things the wise man, Solomon, spoke on this subject thus: "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing. . . . Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread" (Prov. 20:4, 13). These two proverbs surely encourage personal endeavor to make an honest profit.

Winston Churchill, in condemning the socialistic and communistic trends abroad today, said: "It is a socialist idea that making profits is a vice. I consider the real vice is making losses." Those who want to constantly "tax the rich" until they become poor ought to read again the words of Solomon and of Churchill.

Teaching One to Pray

According to a newspaper report Max Conrad, of Minneapolis, Minn., hopes to teach his family concerning prayer by flying a light airplane from this country to Europe.

After Mr. Conrad, a 49-year-old father of 10 children, put down his light Piper Racer at Old Town, Me., on his flight from Washington, D. C., to Scandinavia he told reporters that he was on a good-will flight which he hoped would "teach his family to pray better" back home in Minneapolis.

It is this writer's hope that if the family knows how to pray, that each member will do so. However, we believe the father could teach his children and wife more about prayer if he remained at home and introduced each one of them to the Lord Jesus Christ for personal salvation. The disciples believed that Jesus alone could teach them concerning such an important matter, therefore they said to Him: "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples" (Luke 11:1). If the reader will turn to this chapter in Luke's record of the earthly life of the Saviour he will find that the Lord did teach them a lesson they needed and one which we need and can easily learn

if we will only enter the Lord's school.

Mr. Conrad's family may pray more without ever praying better. Better praying comes from close fellowship with the Lord Jesus and not by casting fear into the heart of the individual.

Moral Deflation

Rotarian Webb Follin recently told his fellow Rotarians that "moral and cultural deflation these days causes more foreboding than monetary inflation."

The same is true in every age. It was true in the time of the Judges after the death of Joshua and before the birth of the great prophets and kings in Israel. During that time the people of Israel suffered many things in depressions and deprivations at the hands of the enemies. Yet, bad as these things were, they were not as bad as was the spiritual condition of the people. God summed up the low moral status in these words: "And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judg. 17:5-6).

Because the majority of the people of our land in this time have turned their backs upon God and do that which is right in their own eyes, we have come upon times of low moral cultural conditions. The one and only way to correct this is to turn to the sovereign God of the universe through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Affirmative Attitudes Needed

Dr. Herman B. Wells, president of Indiana University, in speaking to the 2,788 candidates for degrees at the 123d commencement at the school on June 16, called for more affirmative and less negative attitudes. In part he said:

"The founders of our state lived affirmative lives. They voiced their affirmations in every public statement. Today the situation is changed. Every newspaper, every radio and television program is filled with statements of negation and denun-

ciation. Speakers know what they are against. Few are the voices of affirmation. . . .

"You are against crime and corruption, but are you for high standards of private and public conduct? Such standards apply ordinary every day honesty to all of life's relations and require no law for enforcement. Such standards abhor the philosophy of 'What can we get by with' and 'What will the law allow.'"

The whole ministry of the Lord Jesus was affirmative. He came for the purpose of saving sinners. Note these words that illustrate this point:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:16-17, 36).

According to these verses the positive life is in the Lord Jesus Christ and the negative life is all that is not of Christ. Also, eternal life is in the Saviour, and he who abides not there "shall not see life."

Rest and Meditation

After the Lord Jesus had sent His disciples forth to preach they returned to Him with wonderful reports of blessing upon their ministries. The account, as given by John Mark, seems to indicate that they were very happy and elated over their successes. At that time the Lord did not compliment them nor in any way praise them; rather He made an effort to bring them back to themselves. After listening to their reports He said to them: "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while" (Mark 6:31).

Rest is needed by all of us. We need it to reevaluate what we are doing, to bring ourselves back from the rush of life to the reality of life, and to give us time to think on what has been done and what there is yet to be done.

Dr. Angelo Patri, a newspaper columnist who usually writes on chil-

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Browsing Among The Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

THE WAY INTO THE HOLIEST,
by F. B. Meyer. *Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House.*
n. d. 191 pp. Cloth. \$2.50.

Dr. F. B. Meyer, the noted devotional writer, was at his best in this work on the Epistle to the Hebrews. Dr. Meyer had the faculty of picking out the most precious nuggets of truth and holding them up for observation and study. It was not his plan to give an exposition of every verse in Hebrews; that would have entailed a book much larger than the present volume. His plan was that of choosing the key passages in each section and around them he gathered the supporting truths of the whole section. By this method one is given a comprehensive view of the entire epistle by the time he has finished reading the book.

The book was written by a scholar, yet appears in simple style. It contains 191 pages in 35 chapters; thus it is seen that the chapters are short enough to be admirable for daily devotional reading. There is a wealth of teaching and preaching material in the book as well as thoughts for devotional meditation. This volume will grace any Christian worker's library.—*Dr. Homer A. Kent.*

HEARTS AFIRE, by Vance Havner.
Westwood, N. J.: Fleming H. Revell Company. c.1952. 160 pp. Cloth. \$2.00.

This book gets its title from the first of 21 devotional meditations that make up the volume. Someone has added a subtitle to the book, calling it "Light on Successful Soul Winning." It is, indeed, a book that will stir the hearts of the readers and also encourage to soul winning, but

it is a book that will do more than either or both of these things.

Mr. Havner, for years a successful pastor in the southern part of the United States and during the past 10 years an evangelist and Bible teacher in all parts of the nation, has written from his heart to the church of Jesus Christ. These messages first burned in his own heart and, we believe, will burn in the hearts of the children of God until they possess, indeed, "Hearts Afire."

In chapter 8, a chapter that every Christian ought to read without fail, the author writes concerning the "hindering spirits" that are found in the average church today. He names them as the fighting spirit, the frivolous spirit, and the fed-up spirit. Note these words concerning the fed-up spirit:

"I do not think any evil spirit hinders our Lord more than this. Do not forget, you who so lightly regard these stupendous truths you have heard so much, you who can sit half-asleep and yawn at what once made men gladly face prisons and torture and death—do not forget that there are multitudes in total darkness who if they could hear a little of what you hear so much would shout for joy to know that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

Without fail, fellow Christian, be sure to read this book at the earliest possible moment.—*Conard Sandy.*

HELP US HELP YOU

If you are changing your address please inform the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, telling us when and where you are moving. Then we can send the Herald to you without missing a copy and at the same time the company will be saved much money now being paid out to have unclaimed Heralds returned to us. Every cent spent on "postage due" is added to the operating cost of the company owned and operated by Brethren people. So please let us know in advance concerning your moving plans.

dren's problems, recently wrote: "The human body and the mind that inhabits it can stand just so much noise and strain and then must have relief. After activity there must be rest, a quiet time that allows the body and the mind an opportunity for restoration.

"Mothers of a family, teachers in the schools, should consider this necessity that presses on them as on the children in their care, and provide for a quiet time in every day.

"This does not necessitate complete idleness. . . . It is important that a child have something to occupy his mind while he remains quiet."

Rest will accomplish its greatest good for the child of God when it is coupled with meditation on the Word of God. The Lord Jesus took the disciples aside to rest and to have fellowship with Himself. Even so today He wants us to rest awhile and meditate on His message to us.

Sin Has Its Traps

A would-be burglar in Peoria, Ill., learned the hard way that "crime does not pay." Also he learned through some unpleasant experiences that Moses was right when he said, "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23).

This man decided to rob a local loan company. He smashed a plate-glass window in the building and then stepped through the opening. His feet came down into a large pan of oil that had been placed under the window. He slipped and fell into the oil, and in so doing he turned over a large fire extinguisher which went off, spraying him with its contents. This was enough, and the would-be thief beat a retreat back through the window and disappeared into the night.

Indeed, dear reader, "your sin will find you out." You may not be "trapped" as early in crime as was this man, but you will be found out sometime—and then the judgment must follow.

SHE LIKES THE HERALD

A Denver lady, not a member of the Brethren Church, wrote concerning the Herald: "Enclosed find \$2.00 for my renewal to your very fine and helpful missionary journal. I wish my own denomination had one as fine."

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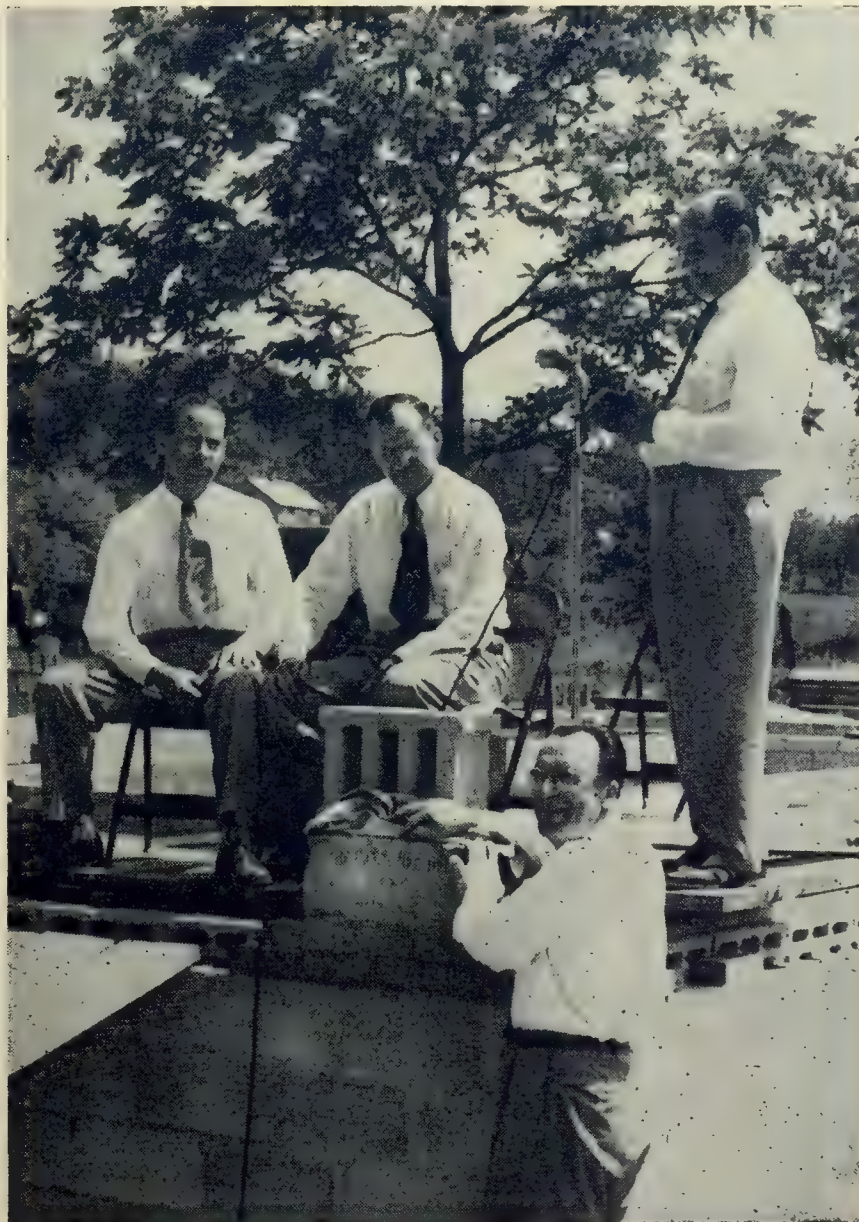
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CORNERSTONE LAYING AT POND BANK, PA.

Pastor Edward Clark, of the Pond Bank church, is unveiling the cornerstone. The pastors who assisted in the service, looking on from above, are, left to right, Rev. Dennis Holliday, of Waynesboro, Pa.; Rev. Walter Lepp, of Hagerstown, Md.; and Rev. Russell Weber, of Harrisburg, Pa. Brother Weber was the speaker for the occasion. (See the account of this service on page 447.)

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Rev. Russell Williams was given a unanimous call to continue as pastor of the Yakima, Wash., church—his sixth year.

The Buena Vista, Va., church has begun work on a 97 x 45 foot Sunday school annex. It is to be a two-story brick building that will cost approximately \$45,000. The church gave its pastor, Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, a unanimous call to continue as pastor, with an increase in salary. Rev. Victor Rogers spoke at the church on June 22.

At the Roanoke, Va., Ghent church 30 children accepted the Saviour during the vacation Bible school.

The New Troy, Mich., church had a surprise reception for their new pastor, Rev. Richard Jackson, and his family on June 25. A very substantial monetary gift was presented to the Jacksons.

Mrs. Carl Braden died on June 21, and Mr. Grover Jacobs died on June 23. Both were members of the Fort Wayne, Ind., church.

The York, Pa., church had 38 people present on June 22, of whom two accepted the Saviour in public decisions.

Correction: In the May 24 issue of the Herald a short article appeared stating that the American Bible Society had just celebrated its 127th anniversary. It was the New York Bible Society that should have received the credit.

The Dayton, Ohio, First church received one member by baptism and one by restoration on June 22.

The Los Angeles, Calif., First church received six members on June 8.

At the Long Beach, Calif., Second church Sibley Edmiston, Grace Seminary student, preached on June 22. That day nine people were received

into membership of the church by baptism.

Jesse Deloe, Jr., president of the national Brethren Boys Club, was a medal winner at the National Forensic League Speech Contest and Junior Congress held in Boston June 23-27. Jesse was the first student from Warsaw, Ind., High School ever to attend a national event of this kind.

The prayer booklets should have reached all the churches by this time. It is hoped that they will be used regularly and faithfully by the children of God. If more booklets are needed any person or church may receive the same by addressing the request to the office of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.

At the Osceola, Ind., church Bro. F. B. Miller showed pictures on June 22 of the Brethren work in Brazil where his son, Edward, is serving. Bro. Dayton Cundiff, Grace Seminary student, was in charge of the young people's group and led the musical service.



At the Ashland, Ohio, church three people accepted the Saviour on June 8. Rev. Curtis Morrill led the prayer meeting on June 18.

At the Garwin, Iowa, church a reception-shower was held for Miss Marian Thurston, member of the church, under appointment for missionary service in Africa on June 24. Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum spoke there on June 29.

Bro. LeRoy Bradrick spoke at the Ankenytown, Ohio, church on June 8, the pastor being away in the young people's camp.

At the South Gate, Calif., church six people were received into membership during May. On June 15 Dr. Lewis S. Chafer spoke in the morning and Prof. John Whitcomb in the evening service.

Bro. R. Paul Miller, Jr., Grace Seminary student, succeeded Bro. Ralph Burns as pastor of the Pleasant Valley Community Church, south of Warsaw, Ind., effective June 29.

Missionary Hill Maconaghy, of the Brethren testimony in Argentina, will be the speaker at the Friday

evening service—August 22—of the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Be sure to attend the conference if at all possible.

At the Canton, Ohio, church the average attendance at the vacation Bible school was 120, with 12 children accepting the Saviour in public decisions.

The Berrien Springs, Mich., church heard Mr. Leonard Ike on the evenings of June 22 and 29 while the pastor was in young people's camps.

Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, Patterson Park church, has moved to 2942 Dwight Ave., Dayton 10 (change Annual, p. 71).

Bro. Evan Adams is now on the Navaho Mission station; his family will remain at Winona Lake for the present. Address Brother Adams at the Brethren Navaho Mission, Star Route, Cuba, N. Mex. (add to Annual, p. 66). "A Cross or a Crucifix," an article written by Brother Adams, which was printed in the March 29 issue of the Herald, was reprinted in the June issue of the Convert.

The Middlebranch, Ohio, church will observe the dedication of its remodeled building and homecoming on July 13 in an all-day service. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of Winona Lake, will be the special speaker.

Bro. Ralph Burns has moved to Clay City, where he has organized a youth choir and Mrs. Burns has started a "Happy Hour Bible Club," which meets at the parsonage each Thursday.

Rev. Ralph Hall was given a unanimous call to continue as pastor of the Johnstown, Pa., Riverside church. He has moved to 304 Traverse St., Johnstown (change Annual, p. 67).

Rev. Charles Gantt wrote the editor concerning their recent accident: "Mrs. Gantt has an injured back and bruises, and she is now and will be wearing a body cast for some months yet. She is able to walk about. I also was injured, having five ribs broken, injured spine and pelvis. I have been going to the mission each morning. We are, at this time, back in our home at 3624 N. Pine Grove Ave., Chicago. We thank our many friends for their prayers on our behalf."

Mrs. Rose Foster is spending July at 1242 Fern St., Shamokin, Pa. She would be happy to help in any Pennsylvania church during the month as a missionary speaker.

Calvary---God's Touchstone

By Rev. Mark Malles, Altoona, Pa.

Calvary is God's touchstone that reveals the true condition of the hearts of men. The touchstone was a fine-grained dark stone, allied to flint, that was used to test the quality of gold or other precious metal. The color of the mark made by drawing the metal over the stone indicated the quality or genuineness of the metal. So the cross of Calvary, when a man comes into contact with it, is the touchstone that reveals the condition of his heart, reveals his attitude toward God.

A great crowd gathered around the cross when the Lord died there. The various attitudes toward Christ that we see in that crowd are the attitudes of men even today toward the Saviour. Which of these groups are *you* in? What is your attitude toward Jesus Christ and His death on Calvary? On your answer to this question hangs your eternal destiny.

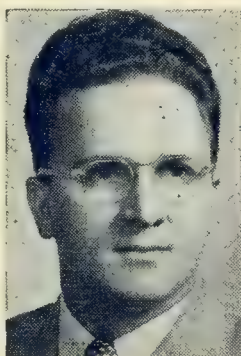
The Indifferent Attitude

In Luke 23:35 two groups of people are mentioned who witnessed the crucifixion of Christ. First, there was the crowd of common people—"the people stood beholding." The picture is one of indifference, or perhaps of morbid curiosity. Here a supposed criminal was being executed, so the crowd gathered to observe the bloody scene much as a crowd gathers about the death house when it is known that inside a life is being taken. They were not there in sympathy for Christ. They were there simply to behold. This same crowd had beheld Him before, but in different circumstances. Many of them were on hand when His great miracles had been performed. They had seen Him open the eyes of the blind, restore withered limbs, cleanse the lepers, and heal all manner of diseases. They had seen Him raise the dead, and perhaps some of them had enjoyed the free meal so graciously provided in the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

On those occasions perhaps some of them professed to believe. But now, at the cross, we see their real heart attitude—an attitude of indifference. They "stood beholding." Men have not changed since that

day. Today the multitudes, and no doubt many being reached by this message, are absolutely indifferent to the Lord Jesus Christ who died to save them from sin. They are coldly indifferent and when their attention is called to Him they simply stand beholding, unmoved by the price He paid, the suffering He endured that He might save lost sinners.

But remember, indifference will excuse no one! The indifferent will some day become suddenly interested. But then it will be too late. When the bars of death have closed around your soul, you will be face to



Rev. Mark Malles

face with a holy God whose love you spurned, and you will have to give account for your treatment of His Son, and for your sins. To the indifferent, God's message of warning is, "Prepare! Prepare to meet thy God!"

The Religious Attitude

Now look at the other group mentioned in this verse. They were the religious leaders, the rulers of the people, and we read that they derided Christ, that is, they mocked Him because in their hearts they hated Him. These were the people, mind you, who were most religious; they were the students and teachers of the law. But they hated Jesus Christ! Do you know why? Because He came preaching against sin, commanding *all* men to repent and get right with God. But they were a religious, self-righteous lot, proud of their own works, unwilling to admit that *all* are sinners and worthy

only of the wrath of God. So they hated the Lord Jesus Christ and they rejected Him and crucified Him.

Down through the years multitudes have followed these men. People who are religious, self-righteous, refusing to acknowledge the reality of sin, going about to establish their own righteousness before God. Paul warned Timothy of these people who will be found in great numbers in the last days, and right within the church. Paul said they will not endure sound doctrine, "but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." He doesn't say they will close the churches. They will keep the churches open but they will have itching ears and will hear to themselves teachers who will do no more than tickle the ears with pretty things that the religious and self-righteous want to hear.

Are you a religious person? Don't trust that religion to save you, for it won't. If you live the best life you know how to live you are still a sinner and God has said, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Come to Jesus as the sinner that you are and trust in His redeeming blood as the price sufficient to pay the debt of your sin and make you acceptable to God.

The Covetous Attitude

There were also covetous soldiers at the cross (Luke 23:34, 36). What a tragic scene! In their greed after material goods they were totally blind to their real need and the only one who could supply that need. They were under the condemnation of God because they were sinners, and God had given His Son to die for their salvation, but while He was in the act of bearing their sins in His own body they were selfishly grasping after the clothing that had been snatched from His body!

Does this seem like folly to you? But let me ask you, are you being just as foolish? Are you so taken up with the affairs and pleasures of life that you have no thought for the future? What shall it profit a man

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VI—THE "DAYS OF NOAH" SIGN

(LUKE 17:26-27; MATTHEW 24:36-39)

There are two views in regard to the time of the coming of Christ. The chronological view often results in the setting of dates, leading to the error of setting just about the hour of the Lord's coming, which Christ said no man knew. We must beware of this. Then there is the historical view, by which one can ascertain the nearness of the coming of Christ without date setting. Prophetic events cast their shadows on before. Prophecies which were in the embryonic stage 25 years ago are now beginning to take form indicating that "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

Then too there is a partial fulfillment of prophetic forecasts, a process of fulfillment, and the final fulfillment. By a prayerful and careful comparison with unfolding history, we may thus ascertain when the Lord's coming "is near, even at the doors" (Matt. 24:33). We believe our Lord gave the sign of the days of Noah for just this very purpose.

In Genesis 4:16-6:13 we have the description of the days of Noah, the conditions that led up to and caused the judgment of the flood. What were the characteristics of Noah's day?

Unbelief

Those days were full of unbelief. Cain did not believe God; he rejected God's revelation of blood atonement and substituted his own "sap" religion. He was the first modernist! From then on unbelief multiplied. I doubt not but that it took all its varied forms of expression: atheism, agnosticism, skepticism, etc. Finally God set a deadline of repentance—120 years of grace! Noah warned and preached and hammered away at the ark, but not a single soul repented.

Christ said it would be like that in the days preceding His coming again. Behold the trends of history today! Every form of unbelief is increasing; it lifts its ugly head in pulpits and pews, in colleges and seminaries, on the printed page, and over the radio and by means of television. Taking

advantage of scientific means of communication, unbelief is permeating, like leaven, the very atmosphere of society today.

Immorality

Immorality is another characteristic of Noah's day. Lamech took two wives, contrary to God's law of marriage. He was a wild man and his wild nature demanded two wives. But immorality increased so rapidly that in Noah's day they took all the wives they chose. Polygamy was introduced in direct violation of God's law of marriage. Men were the aggressors in Noah's day—they took advantage of women's weakness. Instead of "giving honour unto them as the weaker vessel," they took advantage of them and forced them into the slavery of polygamy.

How about today? Men are the aggressors today usually. Prostitutes sell themselves for money; men as sensual beasts prey upon them for lust. The harlots and libertines of the movie industry are held up as idols and ideals. Easy divorce is wrecking marriages and ruining homes. We have evidence of the formation of "whore clubs" among the grade-age children, "adultery clubs" among the teen-agers, and "non-virgin clubs" among those of high-school age. The Devil seems to take delight in capturing our boys and girls early in life for immorality. Then too Satan seeks to bring the cause of Christ and the name of the church into disrepute today by means of immorality. We need to "shun the very appearance of evil."

Feminism

Noah's day was noted for its marked prominence of women. The names of Lamech's two wives indicate that. "Adah" means "adornment" and refers to the "beauty of physical appearance," and "Zillah" means "elusive, shy, coy" and refers to those qualities known today as "a flirt." Lamech chose his two wives because of physical charm and sex appeal. Doubtless they used these magnets to draw him. Why is it re-

corded that "daughters were born" in Noah's day? Because they were becoming prominent, not because they were superior mothers, not because of the charm of goodness, but because of outward sex appeal. "They were fair." No wonder the Cainite civilization ended in the judgment of the flood.

Where are we by comparison? The boldness of girls and women today is appalling. Their mode of dress often leaves nothing to the imagination. The commercial world has learned the appeal of the day and draws attention to its wares by pictures of 98.9-percent naked women. Not too many years ago such pictures would be seen only in the lowest of vaudeville and on cigar boxes and in taboored dirty sheets, but today they are on display everywhere. Mother Eve made an honest attempt to cover her nakedness with large fig leaves, made into a full apron. Behold the "fig-leaf" bathing suit of today! One of Eve's fig leaves would cover it. Modesty is almost a lost virtue. Women have not only lost their "crown of glory" (I Cor. 11:14-15), but they have lost all their modesty. Praise the Lord for the old-fashioned, pure, modest, virtuous, clean, wholesome girls and women.

Violence

Violence also characterized Noah's day. The earth was filled with it (Gen. 6:13). Lawlessness reigned. Each man was a law unto himself. Lamech wrote a poem extolling murder. He dedicated it to his wives. How many murders were committed is not recorded in the Scriptures, but if violence filled the earth there must have been much killing.

How about today? These days are days of violent death. War is a form of violent death, not natural. Millions are being sacrificed these days to the god of battle! The murder rate in the U. S. A. is three times greater per 1,000 persons than it was 50 years ago. Human life is becoming the cheapest thing on earth. The

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Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

By Conard Sandy

Who Controls the Vote?

The New York Life Insurance Company, in an advertisement on page 1 (not cover) of the Nation's Business for July, says: "Death can cast the deciding vote in the control of a close corporation. A close corporation is so named because its control is limited to a few principal stockholders. And yet the death of any one of them can loosen that control to a point where it might seriously affect the entire business."

Beloved, the Brethren Missionary Herald Company is an incorporated company not for profit. It has no stockholders, but those who give \$5 or more in one gift become members of the corporation for 1 year and those who give \$100 or more in one gift become members for life, provided they are also members of the Brethren Church. Each member has rights equal to the rights of every other member during the duration of the membership. Hence, the death of one or more people cannot seriously change the conduct of the business of this company, for no one holds stock therein and no one can gain more power than that held by each of the other members.

In order to make the company as representative of the denomination as possible we are asking, during the months of June and July, that the members of the Brethren Church give to this phase of God's work and thus become members of the corporation with privileges equal to those of any and every other member.

Philosophy Is Not Enough

Dr. Bertrand Russell, 80-year-old English philosopher and ardent advocate of trial marriages, was divorced for the third time on June 24. Some time ago he won the Nobel prize, but he never learned how to win and keep the love of his wives. His last wife accused him of desertion in securing the divorce.

Some who read this item will remember back a few years when the women of New York City prevented the philosopher from teaching in one of New York's tax-supported col-

leges because of his loose teachings on matters of morals.

Here is a sample of how philosophy is not enough to satisfy and establish the human heart. Surely the Apostle Paul had in mind such teachers and teachings when he wrote to the church at Colosse:

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Col. 2:8).

Only Christ can satisfy the heart and give love the meaning God intended it should have from the beginning.

Visitors Not Very Welcome

After a visit to the United Nations headquarters Newspaper Columnist Francis W. Carpenter wrote: "The shiny glass and marble UN palace at the east end of New York's 42d St. has become a No. 1 tourist attraction.

"The trouble is the UN is not yet ready to handle the crowds who want to take a fast gander at its new home."

He then tells of some of the limitations that stand in the way to getting into this building—limitations concerning food, concerning age, concerning parties of tourists and concerning the number of people that can be in the building at any one time.

There is a place, however, that has no such limitations. This place is being prepared right now by the Lord Jesus; it has plenty of the right kind of food growing there on the trees that produce in their seasons; it has life-giving water that comes from the throne of God; it has no limitations concerning how many can enter at one time, for whosoever will may come and enter into this place. Moreover, this is not a place to visit, but a place in which the saints will live forever. Yes, this place is heaven, where Christ is preparing abiding places for all who receive Him by faith—no other ticket for admittance is needed.

The only ones who are turned from this place and refused admittance through its door are those who reject and refuse the Saviour.

Busy Children Are Happy

Dr. Angelo Patri, writing on children's problems, pointed out that the "busy child has no time to squabble." He went on to declare that the child that is kept busy doing things is the child who is happy and who does not argue with other children.

In his newspaper column Dr. Patri further declared: "Try to arrange things so that the children have something to do that occupies their minds and leaves no room for battling. . . . Some helpful chores first thing in the morning will prevent some of the entertainment they fall back on because they are at a loose end while their mother gets breakfast and gets Daddy started. A bit of organization here is a great help."

Dear reader, this is also true of the older people as well. For that reason the Lord Jesus Christ commanded all His followers: "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13). For this reason the Apostle Paul added: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15-16).

Also, it is for this reason that you have never found a church that was squabbling within its membership or with other churches that was busy in the winning of souls to Christ. Nor have you ever seen a church that was busy at the work of the Lord that found time to spend in destructive criticism and faultfinding. As busy children are happy, so are busy Christians.

MISSION SCHOOL PLANNED

The second annual Rescue Mission Training Conference will be held at Winona Lake, Ind., July 22-27. During the week 15 classes will be conducted by outstanding mission workers on different aspects of rescue mission work. Dr. William E. Paul, superintendent of the Minneapolis, Minn., Union City Mission, will be the dean of the school. Some of the instructors in the school will also be speakers on the Winona Christian Assembly program during that week.

High School Clubs

By Miss Janis Hamilton, Beaumont, Calif.

Editor's Note: This oration was given by Miss Hamilton at the graduation exercises of the Beaumont Union High School on June 6. She was one of several speakers on the program. Concerning this oration her pastor, Rev. Gene Farrell, wrote: "It was the only spiritual note in the entire program, and we were mighty proud of Janis that night. She is planning on service full time for the Lord."

Today reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic are not enough! Today teachers, administrators, and parents alike realize the need of students to express themselves in ways other than those found in the basic three "R's." The high schools, too, realize this need and thus our school provides a large variety of clubs and organizations for us.

Various clubs fill the physical and mental needs of the student's extra-curricular activities, but here is one club devoted to developing the spiritual need of its members. Perhaps the most important club in our school is this one, the Dunamis Bible Club.

America has been built on a faith in God and a respect for the rights of others. Spiritual forces act as a moral dynamo which safeguards character and gives direction. Education implies the accumulation of knowledge, but knowledge is not enough.

Mathematics may be used to rob a bank; chemistry may be used to kill; psychology may be used to cheat one's fellowman; and physics, by means of the atomic bomb, may be used to destroy the civilized world.

No education is complete that does not give us knowledge plus moral control. In our Bible club we seek wisdom, remembering always and foremost that "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." How much better it is to get wisdom than gold, and to get understanding rather than silver.

The club meets every Wednesday on the lawn, or in one of the classrooms. Under the direction of Mr. Leonard Fox, member of the San Bernardino Christian Business Men's Association, we studied through the Book of Philippians, with several

members memorizing passages of Scripture from this book.

I'm sure every member would join with us who were privileged to serve as officers, in thanking Mr. Hague, the teacher-sponsor, for his support and interest throughout the year, and our school for the opportunity of establishing the Dunamis Bible Club.

CALVARY—GOD'S TOUCHSTONE

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if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

The Believer's Attitude

The people stood beholding, the religious leaders derided, the covetous gambled. But there was another attitude at the cross—the conscious sinner prayed. The thief on the cross beside Christ was far wiser and in a far happier state that day than all the rest we have seen, for he it was who realized his lost condition, called on the Lord for mercy, and received the assurance of salvation. Ah, here was the man God could bless, for he was not indifferent to his need, nor did he hold up a righteousness of his own making, nor did greed for a mere material deliverance blind him to his spiritual need. Here was the sensible man and when his physical life was finally snuffed out it wasn't the end. It was the beginning of real life, the life lived with the Lord in heaven. He has been enjoying that life ever since, up there.

As I asked at the beginning, in which of these groups are you today? Personally, I have taken my stand along with the thief and have come as a sinner to Jesus and have had my sins forgiven and have received from the Lord a new life, one that shall never end. Will you come also, just as you are, and receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour today?

\$5,000 BOOK CONTEST OPENS

The World Publishing Company, 107 W. 43d St., New York 18, N. Y., has announced a \$5,000 religious novel contest for the manuscript best portraying religious and inspirational "teaching set in any locale or period." The manuscript must be 60,000 words or more in length and must be submitted before December 31, 1952.



Limestone, Tennessee

Since a general report of the work of the Vernon Brethren Church at Limestone has not been given for some months I will report for the past year.

The conference of the Southeast Fellowship convened here July 9-11, 1951. Shortly after this Bro. Earle Peer, who had been our faithful pastor for a little over 4 years, moved to Winona Lake, Ind., where he is attending Grace Theological Seminary. He was succeeded here by Dr. Randall Rossman on August 4.

In October Brother Rossman conducted for us a 2-weeks evangelistic meeting. A real victory was won when two young men—brothers—confessed the Lord Jesus as Saviour.

Missionary speakers here have included Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt, of our Argentine field; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, Mrs. Rose Foster, and Dr. Floyd Taber, of the African field. We also had a representative of the American Board of Missions to the Jews.

Improvements to the parsonage made during the winter include the installation of a bathroom and a new Westinghouse electric range. Because of the many sacrifices the Rossmans have made they deserve these conveniences.

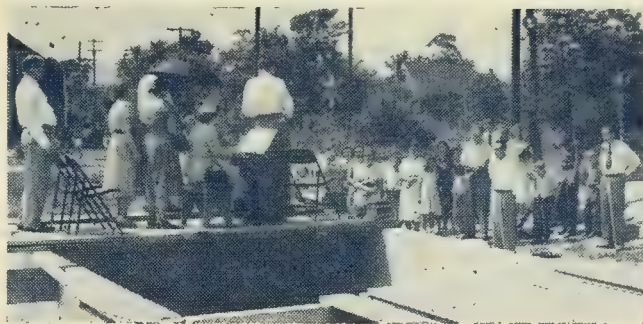
In the early spring the three Tennessee churches — Johnson City, Kingsport, and Limestone—conducted a Sunday school rally at Johnson City, under the leadership of Bro. James Dixon, of Washington, D. C., and Bro. Galen Lingenfelter, of Buena Vista, Va. Our church later voted to do our full share toward supporting a full-time Sunday school worker for the denomination. Our own Sunday school is showing a new interest for Christ.

Our daily vacation Bible school was conducted May 26-June 6, with an average attendance of 72 children, a number of which accepted the Saviour. The closing program was held on June 8.

The Senior and Junior Women's Missionary Councils and the Sister-



Pastor Weber preaching at the laying of the cornerstone.



Pastor Clark directing the congregational singing.

We had a warm sunny day for the cornerstone laying of the Pond Bank church building on June 15. This cut down on the attendance at the service.

The church building is being erected on a plot of ground that was at one time occupied by a Lutheran church building. That building was destroyed by fire in 1915.

David Brumbaugh, who was just a boy at the time of the fire and now along with his family is in regular attendance at our church, at the suggestion of his mother carried the cornerstone in a wheelbarrow from the leveled building. Mrs. Brum-

baugh, the mother, now 84 years of age, suggested that the stone could be used again. Now 37 years later we had this cornerstone cut with the name of our church—the Grace Brethren Church—and are using it in connection with the testimony the Lord has now raised up on this plot of ground.

Rev. Russell Weber, of Harrisburg, brought the message. Brother Weber is president of the East Fellowship District Mission Board, which board is aiding in this work. Rev. Walter Lepp, of Hagerstown, Md., and Rev. Dennis Holliday, of Waynesboro, Pa., were both present and helped in the

service. The special music was supplied by the Waynesboro church.

Roy Rock, one of the trustees, is responsible for the construction work. The other trustees are Frank Cordell and David Brumbaugh.

We desire that as we continue for the Lord Jesus Christ here that He will add to this group until a strong Brethren church is established with a missionary zeal, and that we may have a part in all of the work of the denomination.

The pictures accompanying this article were made by Bro. Allen Zook, of Hershey. We thank him for them.—Edward Clark, pastor.

hood of Mary and Martha are doing good work. Together they held a mother-daughter banquet on June 19, with Mrs. Robert Jones, of Washington College, as the speaker.—Lelia Arnold, recording secretary.

Everett, Pennsylvania

The Everett Grace Brethren Church building was dedicated on June 22, 1952. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. Sheldon Snyder, of the Yellow Creek church; the afternoon dedication sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Ogden, of the Johnstown First church, and the evening sermon was preached by Rev. Mark Malles, of the Altoona First church.

On this day 90 people attended the Sunday school, 87 were present at the morning worship service, 214 took part in the dedication in the afternoon, and 126 returned for the evening service. The goal of \$1,000 for the building fund was reached.

During the day one person accepted the Saviour and eight people united with the church. Eleven persons were baptized in the Juniata River by Bro. Homer Lingenfelter,

our pastor, on June 20 and three more on June 24. Another person confessed the Saviour on June 25 and two people united with the church, and three more joined the fellowship on June 29.

From Easter to the present time 30 people have accepted the Saviour in public decisions and 24 have united with the church.—Fred B. Bucher, secretary.

THE "DAYS OF NOAH" SIGN

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enemy death is becoming more violent each day.

Scientific Day

Yes, Noah's day was a scientific day. Genesis 4:20-23 describes this. There was the music of Jubal and the machines of Tubal-cain, indicating that the mechanical arts were well advanced. They builded cities, but science didn't save them from destruction.

Dr. Rowland, of England, once wrote: "Medical science is much engaged today in the hopeless task of

trying to keep the human race from reaping the natural results of their sin. Youth sows its wild oats with a freer hand because, thanks to available remedies, it believes it can do so with increasing impunity. Each succeeding generation can truthfully boast a larger number of God's laws broken without a proportionate increase of physical punishment. But we shall some day come to that condition of mankind when sin shall have finally outstripped medical science. Science points to a shameful and tragic physical collapse of the human race. What will happen when the physical constitution of sinning humanity can no longer be bolstered up?"

Science has produced "contraceptive" means whereby the lust of the flesh is being indulged in with "promised" immunity. Science didn't save the world from the flood, neither will it save from judgment today. If the world became so corrupt in Noah's day that the Lord repented that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart (Gen. 6:6), what about today? Science cannot save us! Only Christ can save!



We present for your summer-reading profit a symposium on the all-important and much misunderstood question: "How soon, by whom, how often, and how should children be disciplined?" We pray you shall emerge from these pages of reading refreshed in spirit and challenged to fulfill your high and noble calling as parents for the honor and glory of your Father, who gives the enabling.—WMC Ed.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?

By Torrey M. Johnson

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Some time ago newspapers carried an account of a young man who up until last June had been president of the student council in a large city high school. He was one of 12 in his class to have been graduated with the highest academic rating.

At 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of graduation, his mother went to the store, leaving him at home strumming his ukulele and singing, apparently in good spirits. When she returned, he was not to be found. The bathroom door was locked. When the door was forced open it was found that he had hanged himself—on the day of his graduation as president of the class.

Why do people do such things? Why do young men go to New York and other cities, meet gamblers, sell character on the market place, betray the confidence of coach and fellow classmen, and disappoint an entire community? Why do the choice young men of America, selected by Members of Congress and others for the privilege of West Point training, find it necessary to crib in examinations?

There are several reasons young people in increasing numbers everywhere across our land are going wrong today. One of the first is the neglect of proper training in the home.

What the Bible has to say about the responsibility of the home is very plain. Think, for example, of the children of Israel about to enter the promised land. In a few days they would cross the Jordan, there to be established as a nation into tribes, families, and individual households. God spoke to them through Moses, saying, "Fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son . . . and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children" (Deut. 6:2, 7).

The primary responsibility for growing boys and girls is placed squarely with the home and upon the parents. In these days, far too often, the responsibility for the discipline and the training of young people has been shunted off by parents who are too busy or too pleasure-mad. It is given instead to the church, to the school, to

the community, and to everyone else except those who are responsible for the children's welfare—the parents.

Sometimes I have heard parents say, as though it were something about which to be proud: "I have never whipped my son at any time." I would say to that parent that he had better start. If he does not, he will be beaten in coming days with sorrow, tears, and heart-break. Proverbs 13:24 tells us that "he that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

I am not so well equipped to speak for daughters, but I do know some pertinent facts relative to sons. There are certain things which boys learn only, not from being patted on the back, but by being paddled on the backside! The Book of Proverbs again so aptly puts it! "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die." On the contrary, the parent is told, "Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell" (Prov. 23: 13-14).

God's Word teaches that blessing accompanies discipline and that sorrow accompanies lack of discipline. So often, in old age, when parents should be comforted and sustained by the loyalty of their children, they come to sorrow and bitter tears instead. Advanced in years, they reap the fruit of the failures of younger days.

A second and contributory reason young people are going wrong is the failure of the church to reach and train them, and develop them in character.

In the epistles of Paul we find emphasis again and again on the necessity of cooperation between the church and family in the care of growing children. For this reason I believe with all my heart in the public dedication of children in early infancy. It means a great deal, for the interests of the family are wedded to the interests of the church. The family is saying to the church, "We need you," and the church is saying to the family, "We are prepared to help you."

From the time of the birth of the child, church and home must work hand in hand, heart beating with heart,

throughout the dangerous and needy years, until young lives are established in the faith of Jesus Christ. Never minimize the importance of making this union between the two influences as early as possible.

In Revelation 2 and 3, out of all His occupation with the glory of heaven, Jesus Christ takes time to speak to the churches of Laodicea, Philadelphia, Ephesus, and the others. What is His concern? That the spiritual life of the church shall be on the highest possible plane!

The desperate need of America today is for churches that are spiritually alive and warm. Our children, in the growing years of life, must somehow be aware that their church is not school, is not the community club, but that God is in this place. They must feel His presence, even though they cannot articulate or explain it. They must sense the difference of this atmosphere, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the presence of the people of Almighty God.

Our churches need consecrated youth leadership. We need young men and women, older men and women, who are motivated by one thing—a God-given call to help young people. In the young people's societies, Sunday school classes, in their musical organizations, their athletic activities, or wherever they may be needed, we must have leaders who will give everything they have in a dedicated service.

Thirdly, it can be said that young people go wrong because of basic errors in our educational system. There is something wrong with our schools. First of all, a false psychology pervades the motives and energies of our schools. This psychology crystallizes around the error that man is essentially good, whereas the truth is that man is essentially bad.

Jesus died for bad men that He might bring them to God. As long as our educational system leans so heavily on the theory of the goodness of man, instead of the recognition that he is evil, a fallen creature in need of restoration, our system of learning fails the mark.

The second basic error in our educational system is its absorption in a materialistic philosophy of life. What does it mean? Simply that our whole educational system is saturated with the idea that as I graduate from this school, or complete this course, my progress can be viewed only in terms of the material gain that it brings me. America is infiltrated with this sort of thinking. We do not have much idealism. Few are the people who will go into the professions and the various walks of life, not so much for what they will get out of them, but for what they can put into them.

When a fellow can get a thousand dollars to keep the score of a basketball game within a certain range, why not do it? It's a thousand dollars. He gets it for cheating at basketball, another fellow gets it for cheating in a law court, another by charging an exorbitant sum for an operation. The only difference between a college student who cheats in a basketball game and the professional man who cheats in his practice is that the former started the custom before he got out of school instead of afterward.

The error which is fundamental, however, is the lack of a theology of any kind in many of our schools. God is left out to the extent that they are not merely secular, but anti-God. Far too many teachers, whenever they have an opportunity to discredit the Word of God, will not hesitate to do so. Our schools are filled, not primarily with atheism, but with a sinister, subtle form of anti-



Hot July and little more than a month until we meet at Winona Lake for national conference. Since conference convenes a week earlier this year than usual it is very important that your statistical reports be in the hands of Mrs. Robert Ashman, Winona Lake, Ind., by the first of August. What have YOU done in your council to help get this report completed and sent off? Don't delay another minute. As soon as you read this column call your council president and ask her if your local report has been sent. If you are the one responsible for getting the report filled and sent, sit right down and do it NOW. Let's have a 100-percent report from every district over the country. Your district will not be 100 percent if your council fails to send in its report.

Our Father God does not ask us to accomplish brilliant feats for Him. He admonishes His own to be faithful. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2). You, individually, are a steward regarding a very important statistical report. Will you be found FAITHFUL?

Godism which finds its way into the warp and woof of human life.

All this leads us to a lack of community conscience. Certainly, crime investigations, such as the one conducted by Senator Kefauver and his associates, should arouse America to a fever heat. But what happens? We hardly remember the Kefauver committee any more. Too many other things have happened since that time.

If there were an awakened community conscience, the moment these things were uncovered, the whole community would rise as one man and say, "If this is true in America, let's go to work and clean this thing up!" But we will not have a community conscience in the measure that we ought until something happens in the hearts of men and women to point them to God. Truly the great need of America today is revival!

The neglect of parental responsibility, the failure of the church to reach and train young people, the breakdown and basic errors of our educational system, the lack of community conscience lead then to disaster for our youth. Young people find themselves defeated when they should have victory. They find their hearts hungry when they might be filled. They find life purposeless when they should have a great goal toward which they can work. In the world of liquor, narcotics, and gambling they attempt to discover something that will satisfy the unknowable longings of the heart. In reality, the only one who can fill the void and become the cure for all these things is Jesus Christ! Until Christ reigns in the hearts of our young people, they are laid open to all these other possibilities.

Several weeks ago I was in Peoria, Ill., on business. During my stay I had dinner with my friend Dan Demmin, who is chaplain at the LeTourneau plant. I spoke to Dan of my interest in the problems of youth and told him that I was soon to preach on the subject, "Why High

"That's interesting," he said. "Would you like to meet one of those basketball players down here?"

"Yes, I would," I told him.

He got the fellow on the phone and I talked to him. I told him that scores of Christians all over America were praying for him, and that Jesus Christ loved him and could save him. I told him that I could help him to find a life of joy and victory. He was not supposed to see anyone, but he said, "Come on over."

We left our dinner and went across town to a little attic apartment. There we found this young man and his wife. They were expecting a baby to arrive in the home within a few months. This tall young fellow came to the door timidly to meet us. All four of us sat down and got right to business.

"Fellow, I've come here to help you," I began. "We've prayed for you. Jesus Christ can meet every need and longing of your heart. You are a sinner. You have done wrong, but He can forgive you. You can have a new start, and where you've hurt your community, you can now help. Where you've done harm, you can now be a blessing."

I gave him Romans 3:23 and many other verses that show the way of salvation. Then I asked, "Would you like to accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour, get rid of sin, and do the right thing from today on?"

"I would!" he answered.

I asked his wife if she would like to be a Christian, and she too replied, "Yes." The four of us knelt down. He started to pray, "Dear God, I want to thank You that You sent Dan and this good doctor to see me today—" He did not know what kind of a doctor I was!

He then prayed on, telling God that he had sinned and that he was sorry for it. He said he wanted to have a Christian home and wanted the baby who was coming into their home to have a Christian daddy. Then his wife prayed.

When we had all prayed, I showed them how they could feed daily upon God's Word and get going for the Lord. Presently, after I had given them some tracts, we were on our way again.

When I looked at that 6-footer and his little wife, I understood why in Madison Square Garden, in Peoria, and in other places, young men were selling out all that was good for them. It was because the home had failed—because the church had failed—it was because the educational system had failed. It was because there wasn't sufficient conscience in America to throw that ungodly crowd of gamblers into jail and keep them there until they learn that you can't tamper with American youth and get away with it. Above all, it was because these young people did not have Jesus Christ in their lives as their Saviour, Strength, and Satisfier.

When we look at this young man and the thousands like him, it is not enough to shrug our shoulders and say that they are products of the times. Neither can we go to the psychologist or the educator for the answer!

In these troubled days each one of us must face the cold truth that what becomes of the youth of America is squarely up to us. Youth and its problems can no longer be shelved as an item of ugly business for another meeting. As parents, church members, teachers, and young people, we must get hold of God to bring the youth of our generation to Jesus Christ.

"I've never once spanked Terry and he is nearly 4." This startling statement came from one of the members at a recent meeting of a group of churchgoing mothers.

Absorbed in ideas relating to my own children's behavior amid this enlightening discussion I quickly came to reality. Here was a mother who *never* punished her 4-year-old son by an old-fashioned spanking! I wanted to hear more.

I found that Terry was an only child. The fact that he must share his toys with brothers and sisters didn't confront him every 5 minutes of every hour of every day. His parents read all the latest books on child psychology which advocate no spanking of children for punishment. They say a child must be induced to obedience only by love and reasoning.

That would be just fine, I thought, and oh, so much easier for Daddy and me. But just how are we to correct a child who will not respond to love and reason? "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son . . ." for us, but does the entire world respond to that love? Indeed not! It ought to be noticed also that when we Christians sin, God our Father chastens us. To me it seems only logical that God provided fathers and mothers to train their children in the way they should go even if we must use more forceful means of correction on some children than on others.

Amid all the talk I fell to wondering when the average parent starts to discipline the children. When once they are old enough to say, "No, I won't do it," it is rather late to start. I firmly believe the very first step in my children's training should begin 20 years before they are born. By this I mean that I must learn to respond to discipline myself before I can justly train my children. I am also convinced that our babies must come to live in a happy home where Christ and His Word are known and recognized daily. How futile must be the efforts of parents who try to rear their children apart from the help and guidance of the Lord! From the moment the babies are born they rapidly learn a schedule for eating and sleeping. As they grow older the problem of discipline rears its head.

Surely I believe children should have plenty of love and should know they are wanted and needed in the family group. Daddy and I tell our children many times each day how much we love them and need them. But when the need for punishment arises, they do not always respond to our chorus of love. Too many parents allow their children to have their own way when they scream, "No." The line of least resistance is to allow the child to have his own way, wrong or right, if the child screams to obtain it. This undue laxity on the part of Christian parents in matters pertaining to discipline is the canker worm that is slowly but surely crumbling the very foundation of our homes today.

The best cure for temper tantrums that I have found is a good, sound laying on of the rod and enough time spent with him alone until my child is ready to tell me he is sorry. With some children this may take longer than with others, but I pass it on since it has done wonders in our family. A strong-willed, determined child is a fine asset in any home if the parents help to direct that determination in the proper outlets. The average mother loves her children enough to desire a happy, normal life for them. Firm, disciplinary training is very much a part of that normal life and growth.

Because no two of our children react the same, each one should have his own special method of discipline. If I deprive a daughter of something she wanted very much the results are far-reaching. This method does not correct the naughty behavior of another daughter a bit. So I believe each mother, who unfortunately shoulders the heaviest burden of discipline for the family, should know the nature of each of her children, then use the means of correction best suited for each one. A happy, contented, healthy child will need less discipline to achieve good behavior. Each member of the family must respect the wishes and personal belongings of every other member of the home.

If we as Christian parents would search out our own hearts and lives to correct the faults our children see in us, our problems with our children would be fewer. Just as we provide food for our children's physical needs it is necessary that we provide a goodly amount of spiritual food for them for their all-round development. By the way, the age at which they can digest spiritual food is very, very young, believe me! Parents, don't wait for the Bible school teacher or pastor to provide all the spiritual training for your child. His Word admonishes *parents*: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

NO!

By Another Christian Mother

Certainly no group of people are challenged more strenuously day by day in the matter of making wise choices than parents. Perhaps that is why they have been so deluged with advice from all sides.

In grandma's day children were to be seen and not heard, but it would seem that the pendulum has swung to the other extreme if we are to judge from most secular literature on the matter today. It has come to the place where—

We must peer into the psyche of Susie,
On days she's grumpy or sad;
Restrain the lash from Johnny,
He's just precocious, not bad.
Be gentle, be calm, speak quietly
To every lassie and lad.
But quick, what's the doctor's therapy
When parents go raving mad?

So-called experts (often childless themselves) are telling us that we say "no" too often. Such a young child doesn't understand, they say. Of course he doesn't until we teach him! It has always been the opinion of this parent that we too often underestimate a child's ability to comprehend.

Besides, in the world in which we live, life must hold quite a long series of "no's." Then why let a child in his formative years believe that the world is all his oyster and his desires all to be gratified whether wholesome or not?

A mother was once asked when she thought a child was old enough to be corrected for doing wrong. Her reply was, "When he is old enough to do it."

She is in perfect accord with the quote we once read in a magazine: "A pat on the back is often more effective than a scolding if it is administered soon enough, often enough, and low enough.

Incidentally the Christian parent's most trusty guide-

book condones this viewpoint. Remember that Bible quotation about sparing the rod? The Bible may be an old book, but human nature hasn't changed much. Then too the advice we gain from this source is Holy Spirit inspired and free from the fad of the day.

Argues one writer that a child should be accorded the same courtesy as an adult guest in the home. Surely I am all for "please" and "thank you," praise for a job well done, and even a child's right to a certain amount of privacy (just as I contend that some of my things should be inviolate from him). But there is a limit to courtesy. Did you ever have an adult guest in your home stick beans in his ears, bite the baby, lie on the floor and kick, or dump out your dresser drawers? It would seem to me that the right to certain courtesies must be earned.

We are hearing a great deal about loving our children into doing things. Fine, when it works. But suppose it doesn't? No parent ever was capable of a love equal to God's, yet He permits His children to be chastened *because* He loves them.

Perhaps we are a little too poetic about this love business. Unpleasant discipline is like a pail of soiled diapers. You may say love prompts a mother to take care of both, but there's nothing wishy-washy or sentimental about either. It's true you may shed more tears over the spanking than your child, but parental love should be made of sterner stuff and just a sprinkling of something old-fashioned, called duty.

Of course, discipline, since it means teaching, has a very positive side. Just teaching your child to avoid the wrong leaves him with a vacuum. If he must not do thus and so, what is he to do?

Spiritually speaking, we are admonished to teach our children the fundamental truths "when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up." In other words, they should be a vital part of family life. Jesus used the simple everyday things to teach His disciples. Can we not learn from Him?

Of course, just as the parent has a right to the obedience and respect of the child God has entrusted to his care, there are certain things that a parent owes his child. The writer of this comment does not profess to have attained perfection in any of the following, but considers them part of a goal worth striving toward.

High on the list ranks honesty with your child. It is the only way to have his trust. And consider the power of example.

Consistency is a big jewel and considering the vagaries of human nature, a real task. Naturally, changing situations demand a certain amount of flexibility, but it is a wise parent who, when the decision is made, does not permit wheedling to cause him to relent against his better judgment.

Nothing safeguards a child's respect more than to admit you were wrong if you really were. He knows it anyhow, and though it is very humbling, it's better for him and for you. He will later be more likely to admit his own wrong if he has heard you confess, "I'm sorry I took your head off just now. It wasn't your fault that I was grumpy over something else."

With God's help, parenthood can have guidance and assurance. And when we fail, as we so often do, He is there to help us pick up the pieces and make a new start. Without Him there would be no ballast against the storms of life to offer our children. With Him as our

Father, our course of learning is still going on to remind us that as humans we are fundamentally not much different from our children.

NO!

By Vivian Mayes McClellan

Mr. and Mrs. A. have one child, Sally, aged 3. While in college, Mrs. A. learned that children are innately good, and if only given a healthy environment and a chance to express themselves, will grow and develop like flowers. Consequently, Sally is never punished lest it damage her delicate ego or squelch her personal initiative. But Sally is developing some undesirable traits. She is becoming self-willed and impudent, and she stages temper tantrums at the most embarrassing times. Where have they failed, her parents wonder.

The answer is simply that little Sally is not a flower, but a weed. And she is no different from any other child, for Psalms 51:5 tells us, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." From the moment a child is born, then, his natural tendency is to sin. Left to his own way, we can expect nothing but evil, and little Sally, at the age of 3, has made a good start.

J. Edgar Hoover, in his book, "If I Had a Son," said: "After studying literally thousands of cases, I've been forced to the conclusion that family discipline is the exception rather than the rule today. Boys don't become bad overnight. They get away with little things because their parents are too careless or too soft to punish them. Presently the little offenses become big offenses."

Mr. and Mrs. R. were what most people would call strict disciplinarians. For their two boys, Jim and Jack, the razor strop was a frequent experience, and they were never allowed to even question their father's edicts. "I'm the boss," he often reminded them, "and while you stay at my house, you do as I say." Neighbors admired the order and efficiency of this household, and the boys were models of behavior, both at home and away.

But today, Jim and Jack, out from under father's rule, appear to have done an about-face and seem to be trying to make up for their years of good behavior. Friends shake their heads and wonder how two boys with such a fine upbringing could have turned out to be so wild.

Obedience exacted by brute force is very apt to turn out so. As long as father is bigger and stronger, he is boss. But with maturity, the resentment and tension which have built up, result in casting aside all restraints. According to Proverbs 22:6, if we "train up a child in the way he should go: when he is old, he will not depart from it." Surely, good behavior which ends with its commander is not true obedience.

Mr. and Mrs. B. have four children. Mrs. B., a busy, nervous young mother, realizes that her children need correcting. So she yells at them sharply for nearly everything they do. She says, "No!" "Don't!" "Stop it!" until the children have become immune. She warns them regularly not to do that or they will get a spanking, but usually she is too busy or too forgetful to carry out her threat. Or perhaps she says "No" hastily and then gives in later after they tease and argue. The

youngsters scream and scold at one another, "sass" her, and fight with the neighbors. And Mrs. B. wonders why their home is such a madhouse.

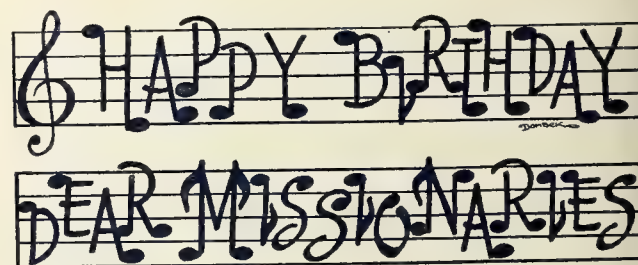
What is really needed here is a little consistency. Mother makes rules, laws, and threats every time she turns around, but seldom enforces them. She screams and yells at the children and then wonders why they act the same way toward others. If Mr. and Mrs. B. and the children would sit down together and formulate a few simple rules with reasons behind them, and then enforce the rules, the children's behavior would probably improve and so would Mother's disposition!

If we are to teach obedience properly, it must be begun early and carried on diligently as Deuteronomy 6:6-7 tells us. From infancy a child should be taught, not that his parents are infallible, but that they are entrusted, under God, with the task of receiving obedience from their children. The child that is old enough to disobey is old enough to be firmly reprimanded or even to have his hands spanked.

Verbal teaching of obedience must be accompanied by the parents' example. Our children's speech, manners, and ways of acting are very like their parents, as anyone outside the family will testify. When we punish Junior for his unkind words to a neighbor child, we had better consider what we said about Mrs. Jones at the dinner table last night. No matter what we say, our own actions will be the biggest lesson.

Effective teaching of obedience must be tempered by love and understanding. When punishment comes, parents should not need to explain, "This hurts me more than it does you," for if it is truly the discipline of love, for the child's own good, and not to satisfy the parent's resentment, he will know.

In conclusion, then, our children need daily teaching concerning God's purposes for parents and children, limitless love and understanding, a good Christian example, and, once in a while when other methods fail, a trip to the woodshed.



Africa—

Miss Ruth Snyder.....September 8
Mrs. William Samarin.....September 19
Mrs. Charles Sumey.....September 22

Argentina—

Mrs. Clarence L. Sickel.....September 10
Rev. Lynn D. Schrock.....September 23

Baja California—

Mrs. Walter Haag.....September 11

Brazil—

Mrs. Edward D. Miller.....September 18

Missionaries' Children—

Neal Lee Fogle (France).....September 1, 1951
Sylvia Hill (Africa).....September 1, 1943

WMC DEVOTIONAL TOPICS FOR AUGUST

Bible Study—"The Handmaid of Triumph"
Mission Study—History of Brazil Work

"IN HIS VINEYARD"

SISTERHOOD OF MARY and MARTHA

"FOR WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD..." I Cor. 3:9a



SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR AUGUST

SINGING TIME—Songs about the Bible, such as "Every Promise in the Book," "Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart," "Wonderful Words of Life," etc.

SCRIPTURE—Quote verses that have been memorized this year. Perhaps one of your girls can quote the entire Book of Philippians.

PRAYER.

SHARPENING YOUR TOOLS—"It's Not So Outdated After All."

SPECIAL NUMBER.

AFRICAN VINEYARD—"Stranger Than Fiction."

Senior—"The Course Finished."

Junior—"Mother and Daughter."

THEME CHORUS—"Missionary Prayer."

OTHER VINEYARDS—"Indonesia."

CIRCLE PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

BUSINESS MEETING.

INTRODUCING YOUR OFFICERS



Mary Bauman, Bandage Secretary

I thank the Lord that He has given me salvation as a free gift, and that by believing on Him and accepting Him as my Saviour, I have everlasting life. I am so thankful that I found the Lord at the age of 5. Even at that early age I knew I was a sinner and that I needed the Lord. By finding Christ at such an early age

I have been kept from many of the temptations that many young people face. He is truly the most wonderful friend anyone can have. He has promised never to leave me nor forsake me. When others let me down the Lord is always there to guide through every trial and tribulation. I can truly recommend Him to young people who are looking for peace and satisfaction in the world today.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray for the new missionaries going to the fields of harvest.
2. Pray for the new plans of Sisterhood made at national conference.
3. Pray for the missionaries home on furlough as they present the needs to all at home.
4. Pray that the Lord will greatly use Sisterhood during the coming new Sisterhood year.

STRANGER THAN FICTION

Seniors—

XII. "The Course Finished"—Chapters 28-29, appendix.

A. Chapter 28—"Service at Four Stations."

1. His presence (224-225).
2. God supplies (226).
3. "Praise the Lord" (227-228).
4. Testimony of the doctor's chauffeur (227).

B. Chapter 29—South Africa Again.

1. On the way (231-232).
2. More Missionaries (235-236).

C. Appendix.

1. Reunion (237-238).
2. Grandmother Gribble (241).
3. "Present With the Lord" (241-243).

Juniors—"Mother and Daughter."

When we left Dr. Gribble last month she was back in Africa. Remember how the Lord allowed the missionaries to have a part in the settling of the rebellion of Chief Yaloke against the government? Since then Dr. Gribble returned to America and had the joy of seeing Marguerite married to Harold Dunning. Now the greatest of all joys awaits her, for Marguerite and her husband are coming to Africa to give out the Gospel. The Lord again has answered prayer. Now read pages 237-238 and 241-243 and tell—

1. Of Marguerite's coming to Africa and how the Lord brought Dr. Gribble on time to Leopoldville (237).
2. Where each was to serve the Lord (237-238).
3. Why Dr. Gribble was happy that she was a doctor (238).
4. About the new granddaughter and Dr. Gribble's love for her (241).
5. About Dr. Gribble's accident (241-242).
6. About Dr. Gribble's going "home" to be with Jesus (242-243).

Dear Sisterhood Girls,

Thank you very much for the gifts you have sent me this school year. You'll never know how much I appreciate your helping me in this way. Both checks have been answers to prayer and have filled definite needs.

The Lord has blessed me in many ways here at Bryan this year and I am looking forward to coming back next fall, if it is His will. I wish you would pray that He will show me definitely what I should do and that I will follow His leading.

May the Lord richly bless you as you continue to serve Him, and may each one of you always be in the center of His will.

Love in Him,

Philippians 1:2-6.

Marguerite Taber.

It's Not So Outdated After All

By Rev. Ralph Colburn

Yes, they used to tell us that an ancient book like the Bible was really hopelessly outdated, and could not be trusted in this modern age, and that that was true of other ancient books also. Many people in Bible times believed that the moon was many times larger than the sun, and much farther away, and that it shone with its own light. Yet the most ancient books of the Bible classify the moon as the "lesser" light (Gen. 1:16) and tell us that it did not shine with its own light (Job 25:5).

In early times there were all sorts of weird notions concerning the earth: that it was flat, resting on the shoulders of Atlas, or the back of an elephant, or that it hung like a fruit from a tree. Some even believed that it was a living thing, with grass and trees for hair, and animals and humans were vermin living on it! But the Bible clearly used terms that taught the earth was a sphere, using such words as "circle of the earth," or "compass of the earth," and speaking of day being in one place on the earth while night is another place at the same time.

Have you ever been quarantined with measles, or chicken pox, or something like that? Did you know that quarantine began in the Bible times by specific instruction of God? None of the other ancient civilizations seemed to know anything about sanitation, or isolation of contagious and infectious diseases, but God instructed His people about them when He gave Moses the law. The health laws that He gave them (3,500 years ago) are right up-to-date with the knowledge and practices of medical science today! Here are a few samples:

All refuse, garbage, and other disease-germinating matter was to be carried outside the camp and either burned or buried (no other ancient nation had a provision like this, and many lands today do nothing like this).

Lepers and bearers of other infectious diseases were segregated—put outside the camp, until such time as the disease disappeared. This practice is still unknown in many lands, which helps account for their high death and disease rate (Num. 5:2-4; Lev. 13-14).

Those who came in contact with disease or death were to thoroughly wash themselves afterwards, to guard against being infected or becoming a carrier of the disease. This was unknown in ancient times, and is today the best practice, followed by doctors, nurses, and others as a safeguard against the spread of any disease. Even vessels, clothing, and houses were to be thoroughly cleansed by washing, or passing through fire. If such cleansing was not practical, the object was to be burned or buried (Lev. 11:32-40; Num. 19:11-22).

Certain animals were declared by God to be unclean, and were not to be eaten. These animals and creatures were the ones most likely to bear disease, intestinal worms, etc., and were dangerous, especially when no refrigeration was available, and improper cooking was prevalent. Many nations still know nothing of these health and sanitation laws and, as a result, suffer for it in increased disease rates, poor health, and high death rates. How come the Jews escaped most of this? Because God had given them laws and safeguards that were millenniums ahead of their time—laws and prin-

ciples that are still perfectly up-to-date in our advanced civilizations today!

No, the Bible is not "way behind the times," as some would say—men are still catching up to the Bible! All this points to the divine inspiration of the Book, and its complete reliability today. Men tried to discard it on the basis of its science, and are returning to it today. Other men tried to discard it on the basis of its religion, but will have to return to its teachings and truths. The Bible says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). Men have said that the Bible was only the Jews' search after God, and their conception of Him and His salvation. Today we know much more about God, and we know that He is not the cruel tyrant that they thought Him to be. They have devised a system of religion that is reasonable and right to their minds, but God says "the end thereof are the ways of death."

The Bible is God's perfect and complete revelation to man, and it alone contains the way of life. Don't allow yourself to be trapped into the subtle thinking of men who discard any or all of God's Book. God has one perfect way of salvation, and it is revealed in His Word. It is centered around His Son, Jesus Christ.

When you are tempted to wonder if it is really important what you believe, and if you accept all of God's Word or not, remember that the Bible, though ridiculed yet by some, is right. Whether it speaks on psychology, science, sanitation, or salvation, *it is right, and needs to be believed, and followed!* There may be many things in it we do not yet understand, but take those by faith, and follow, and the day will come when we will see God, and understand that which is hidden from us now, and we will know that His Book is not so outdated after all!

THE GRAPEVINE

IF you don't have all of your offerings sent in to the treasurer, do it today! General and project offerings are due on July 31. August 10 is the deadline for sending your statistical reports to the general secretary, national president, and district secretary. A copy of the statistical blank appeared in the June WMC issue of the Herald.

THE INSTALLATION of your new officers should be held this month. Information in regard to the candle-light service appeared in the October 1951 WMC issue of the Herald. It can also be found in the SMM Handbook.

AN EARLY SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING has been planned for August 16. This is for all new district presidents (or their representatives), district patronesses, and national officers. The meeting will be held in the pastor's study at Grace Theological Seminary at 9 a.m. Further details will be sent to you.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS, be sure to bring your district reports and displays to conference, or see that someone is responsible for bringing them.

AUGUST 18-24, a wonderful week at Camp Bethany! See you there?

THE STORY OF JIM BANDAGE

I want all you girls to listen to me. My name is Jim Bandage. Remember the day you gathered at Mrs. Jones' to fix a box of us to send to Africa? I thought my life was past, but I found out that a cat isn't the only thing that has nine lives. When Sally first wanted to take me to the Sisterhood bandage-rolling I was ashamed and tried to roll down behind the seat. What good was an old piece of worn-out cloth that no one wanted? But Sally found me and took me into the house where 15 Sisterhood girls were rolling bandages for Africa. I remember hearing one of them say this was pretty dull work, but just wait until you hear my story and you'll see what a really big work you're doing.

After me and my brother bandages were all rolled, we were packed in a barrel and sent to Brother Barnard. Brother Barnard shipped us to New York, where we boarded a boat for Africa. It was lots of fun seeing the sights of New York and the Atlantic Ocean, but the boat seemed to go awfully slow. Finally we landed at Douala in an awful downpour of rain. I was glad to be safe inside a nice barrel, so I didn't get wet.

We heard that lots of other things were spoiled because of improper packing. It was also a good thing we were packed in the barrel tight because the road from Douala to Bozoum was terrific. Talk about a roller coaster! It's nothing compared to some of the thrills we had. We slipped and skidded and I thought several times we were a "goner," but we kept going. From Bozoum I was shipped right away to Bekoro, because they were almost out of bandages there.

I was real curious to see what was going on outside and I finally got my chance. David, one of the nurses, took me out of the barrel and I got my first glimpse of Bekoro. When I took one look at the line of sick people I was surprised. It seemed like almost everyone was sick with something and many had sores and burns.

First was a little baby who was burned with hot water. It was very bad, all over the chest and neck. It was so dirty that I was glad he wrapped me around her to protect the burn from dirt and flies. Next was a little girl who had walked into the fire. Her foot was very bad. If she hadn't come to the hospital here she probably would have lost her foot. These people don't know much about cleanliness and keeping dirt away. It took a lot of me to wrap that foot up, but I helped to save that foot. Was I proud!

Then several boys about 8 or 9 came to have their ulcers dressed. They could hardly walk. These ulcers had started only 3 days ago and had already eaten big holes in their legs. David put in medicine first, and then me, to keep it clean and the medicine in place. And just think, I almost rolled behind the seat. I'm sure glad I didn't. I saw my fellow bandages binding up sore feet of lepers, dressing burns, cuts and bruises, and many other things. Oh yes, they used me for one other thing. The people of a small village had killed an elephant and everyone was cutting themselves a hunk when one of the women got a cut finger. It soon became badly infected so she could barely stand the pain. They used the last bit of me to bind up her finger.

*This picture shows
how Sisterhood
bandages are being
used in Africa.*



Didn't I have a busy life? I want to thank you Sisterhood girls for sending me here. They need lots more bandages like me here. Also the missionaries and all the people here send their thanks to you. So thanks for letting me live again, help to save a life, and see the need of the people here. Be sure to pray for the bandages you send to the work here.

In Jesus Stead,

Jim Bandage.

(Jim Bandage told this, his story, to Miss Mary Cripe, our missionary in Africa, and she has sent it to us.)

SUGGESTED BOOKS FOR GIRLS—By Mrs. Conard Sandy

MY VINEYARD, by Dorothy Hoyer Scharlemann. Concordia Publishing House. c1946. 202 pp. Cloth. \$1.75.

The author of this novel has presented in clear outline the thrilling and fast-moving story of a Jewish family living during the days of the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus.

Around this family of three—the widow Rachel and her son and daughter, Dismas and Miriam—the author has woven a tale that vividly illustrates the manners, customs, and practices prevalent at that time. The joys and sorrows, the sins and the tragedies are all here. The ways of the Pharisees are vividly portrayed, especially in their baser aspects.

Tragedy is present and it will often startle the reader, yet the most unexpected turn of events in the closing scenes of the tale will bring joy and peace to the reader's heart, even as it did then to those who saw the Messiah as the Son of God.

An evening with this book will be a very profitable evening for the reader; especially will this be true for all the Sisterhood girls.

INDONESIA

By Ruth E. Reddick

The Republic of Indonesia, a very recent addition to the world's family of nations, is a challenge to Christ-loving, Bible-believing, and mission-minded peoples. Formerly considered an obscure colony in far-off Asia, Indonesia has existed as a free and democratic state only since August 1945. Since its independence and ensuing prominence in world affairs, it has naturally caused many to want to know its location, and many other items of interest.

Indonesia is an island nation in southeast Asia, with a population of some 77 million brown-skinned people of basic Malay racial stock. In terms of population it is the sixth largest country in the world. This Republic of Indonesia is a chain of islands lying between the continents of Asia and Australia, and separating the Indian Ocean from the Pacific. Because of this it is one of the world's most critically important regions—it is a vital transshipping point for interoceanic commerce, or an almost insurmountable obstacle to such commerce.

The Indonesian island chain is a series of stepping-stones connecting Asia and Australia. More than 3,000 islands form this chain, but there are six main island groups: Sumatra, Java, Lesser Sunda Islands, Kalimantan (Indonesian Borneo), Sulawesi (Celebes), and the Moluccas. To give an idea of the size of the Indonesian islands it has been stated that the total land mass of all the islands is almost three times as big as the State of Texas.

An interesting sidelight is the name "Indonesia." It comes from two Greek words meaning "Indies" and "islands." Hence, Indonesia is "the islands of the Indies."

Considering the difficulties encountered, Indonesia has been making surprising progress. One of the guarantees of the present Indonesian constitution is freedom of religion. About 90 percent of the population adhere to the Moslem faith, and about 3½ percent of the population are Christian. This 3½ percent includes both Protestants and Catholics. The Christian converts have come as a result of missionary endeavor. There is or has been at least some slight Christian contact on almost all the islands.

Indonesia Christians and foreign missionaries alike are given full freedom to carry on an aggressive evangelism. New missionaries have been able to enter without hindrance or restriction. This means that Indonesia is still welcoming the Christian missionary and the Gospel which he brings. It is still possible to carry out the commands of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in Indonesia.

The opportunities are vast. Borneo still has several extensive areas, each with a large Dyak population, untouched; South Sumatra with three million people has two missionaries; Bali with one and a half million has none. The task in Indonesia is far from finished.

What of the future? There are two dangers facing Christian missions in Indonesia—Communism and Islam

(Mohammedanism). Communism is by far the greater and more dangerous at the present time, although Mohammedanism has taken on a new lease of life since the war.

We must pray that God will stay and delay the onrush of the forces of darkness until our task has been completed. We should pray, too, for the Indonesian Christians, that they may be able to make use of the opportunities in the time which remains. Only the coming of the Lord Jesus will solve the world's difficulties. We must be faithful in "occupying till He comes."

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT SMM REPORTS

Greetings in the name that is above all names from the Southeast District. At our meeting on April 5 at Johnson City, Tenn., during an overnight youth rally, we had our highest attendance, with each SMM represented.

The entire service was led by the president, Myra Conner; the pianist was Fayth Ann Conner. After the song service, the Scripture and prayer were given by the Covington, Va., SMM.

For our special speaker we had Mrs. Kenneth Mohler, from Bryan University. She is a sister of Ruth Ringler. The girls received a real blessing from her message, which was built around the letters SMM. We were also glad to have two other students from Bryan University and Mrs. Foster with us.

We had interesting reports from the individual groups which showed renewed interest and activity in SMM. We have two girls who have already learned the Book of Philippians and several others who are now completing it. We had a larger offering for our district project than in previous years. The offering was approximately \$70, for which we praise the Lord.

We had a short business session in which we had a brief discussion of the goals and projects. We also discussed a display to be sent to national conference. Also it was decided that the girls who had earned SMM awards should take them to Camp Grace as a distinction of SMM.

This time that we spend together is precious to us all and the fellowship is sweet. Our prayer is that we may better realize our responsibility in His vineyard and that whatsoever we do may all be to the praise of His glory, and that we might be faithful to the task that He gives us.—Geraldine Taylor, secretary-treasurer.

ATTENTION, PATRONESSES

The time has come to be thinking again about a new year in Sisterhood and the program material. This year two complete sets of lessons have been prepared, one for the Juniors and another for the Seniors. Some of you have combined groups or intermediates; for these we would suggest that you look over the material carefully and decide which is most suited for your girls. Also, if any group desires, it may select topics from both sets rather than use all topics from one. The main thing is to use materials suitable to your group.

One of the Senior topics this year will be on cults. A chart dealing with most of the cults that will be considered is available, and would be a real help to the girls. Order from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company "The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error," by Keith L. Brooks. The price is 5c plus postage.

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Spanish-Americans, New Mexico



Brethren Home Missions Active in Four Fields



Navaho Indians, New Mexico

Kentucky Mountains



As the Editor Sees It

By L. L. GRUBB



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXPERIENCE "BACKFIRE" ON PUBLICITY

The Knights of Columbus, a rabidly Roman Catholic organization, and one of its many side fronts, recently met a rather formidable foe in the men's Bible class of an eastern Protestant church.

The Catholic crusaders had been carrying weekly ads in the Jenkintown Times-Chronicle on various Catholic doctrines. This is a common practice across the nation.

Suddenly other articles and ads began to appear under various captions such as, "Protestants Believe in the Book," and "Protestants and Purgatory," etc. The men's Bible class of the Faith Community Church in Roslyn, Pa., decided to do something about the Catholic attacks on the Protestant doctrinal position.

The Protestant public enthusiastically responded to this ministry, but apparently Catholic pressure was immediately put on the press because the editor refused to print more of the Protestant material. As a result those who were the authors of this material waited upon the editor, which fact, together with public reaction, caused the newspaper to also reject the Knights of Columbus copy.

Wherever false Roman Catholic doctrinal claims appear in the newspapers this same procedure should be followed so that a largely uninformed public will not be confused as to the actual teaching of Scripture. These laymen who so boldly ventured out on this project are certainly blazing the trail and have set the proper example for others who find themselves in a similar position.

In fact, why wait for an occasion such as this to provoke some good advertising and doctrinal preaching through the medium of the press? There are some wide-awake churches who make it a weekly practice not only to advertise the time of their services but to add a limited statement of doctrine to their newspaper advertising each week.

We seriously doubt that there have ever been any churches who advertised *too much*.

GOOD OLD REVIVAL SONGS BEING COMMERCIALIZED

Many of the good old songs which have thrilled the hearts of thousands in revival meetings and brought the blessing of the Lord in the salvation of souls are now being given a definite "boogie" beat and carried into the commercial market.

All-night sings that begin at 8 p.m. and last until 4 a.m. are drawing thousands down in Dixie. The average admission price is \$1.50 and many drive as far as 50 miles to attend. These sings are sponsored by promoters, one of whom supervises them in five States. He claims that for 32 months he has sold out the 2,000-seat audi-

torium in Thomasville, Ga. It seems that the audiences are carried away by the particularly infectious jitterbug rhythm given to the songs.

Each true child of God will at once recognize this as gross sacrilege. In fact, in most cases it would be blasphemy. Thus it is a gross sin under God to make common and commercialize the great doctrines which mean salvation and eternal blessing to the saints. Those who take part in such light-hearted handling of the Word of Truth, as well as those who propagate the sings, are placing themselves in the hands of a wrathful God.

The tendency to commercialize Christian truth and spiritual power is one of long standing. Simon, the sorcerer, tried it in the apostolic age. Some religious racketeers and wholesale healers are still at it today. Modern swing-time bands come up occasionally with some

ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING

The annual corporation meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., will be held at the Auditorium, Winona Lake, Ind., on Wednesday, August 24, 1952, beginning at 1:45 p.m.

Gospel song in jitterbug rhythm. The sings seem to be a further development of this tendency and on a larger scale. The words of Peter to Simon should give pause to all who are guilty of his sin, "Thy money perish with thee . . . for thy heart is not right in the sight of God" (Acts 8:20-21).

The children of God should condemn this practice wherever they find it. Certainly no believer should be found taking part in any sort of program which tends to bring doctrinal truth or anything relative to God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, or the Word of God, down to the human level of commercialism.

WAR—GREAT SCOURGE OF HUMANITY

Fully eleven-twelfths of the time during the last 2,000 years men have been at war on some section of the globe. The times of respite from this scourge of humanity have been few and brief.

The tale of loss, sorrow, pain, and death defies description in any language. Only God knows the extent of the human and material carnage resulting from this destructive monster.

The Korean war, costing untold billions of dollars already, without any indication of a conclusion, has claimed thousands of lives and brought indescribable sorrow and pain into multiplied homes. About seven of our boys are shot down to one of other nations. More than 700 each week know the sting of enemy bullets.

The utter stupidity of this war is beyond anything

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which has ever taken place in human history. Never has there been anything just like it. If not another shot were fired Stalin and his Red hosts would have scored a stunning victory against the democracies, and especially against the United States.

It is simply a case of testing the weapons of war and international policies on a real battlefield with human lives becoming pawns in the hands of dictators and American and other politicians. And when will it end?

Never has it been the way of the American nation to prolong a war. Previous to Korea in other conflicts our armies have entered the field of battle and brought the victory with dispatch. But not in Korea! While our deputies engage in fruitless truce talks enemy ships pass by our heavily armed naval vessels carrying arms to strengthen the North Korean army. It is only a breathing spell for the enemy.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur seems to have been about the only man in authority who realized what was happening and what should be done about it. But his hands were tied by scheming international politicians who did not want to hurt Joe Stalin's feelings too badly.

The whole holocaust is a victory for atheism, godless-

ness, and corrupt politics. As far as we can see, America has never so tacitly placed her approval on such an unrighteous situation before. Indeed it is a tragic indication of the fact that we have departed far from the living God and dependence upon Him.

It seems that the American public would rise in righteous indignation and demand that the war be brought to a successful conclusion immediately before the flower of our youth is sacrificed to the vile passions of sinful men. However, the fact that the American public no longer reacts in this manner is an indication of our blindness and spiritual lethargy as a nation.

Actually there are two kinds of war—horizontal and vertical. The horizontal war rages between nations and men on the earth. The vertical war rages between men and God. The former is the direct result of the latter.

Not until our own national leaders see this situation clearly and do something about it can we expect relief from our tragic position.

Each child of God should be in prayer that the Lord's man will occupy the White House during the next Presidential term, and that we shall be delivered from the Korean conflict.



MEETING AT WATERLOO, IOWA

Recently it was our privilege to fellowship with the Brethren at Waterloo, Iowa, in a concentrated 2-week spiritual effort to win the lost.

These meetings were a special challenge and blessing to us in many ways. The visitation program with the pastor, Bro. L. C. Hohenstein, resulted in many excellent contacts and the salvation of souls. The fields are indeed white unto harvest in Waterloo as they are in most American cities.

Fellowship with the members of the church as we met nightly in the Lord's house and also visited in many of their homes indicated to us the real spiritual growth which has taken place in this former home mission church.

Bro. John Neely brought great spiritual blessing to the congregation in the ministry of music during the 2 weeks.

Pastor Hohenstein has been leading this church in an active, aggressive program in the community.

LECTURES TO SEMINARY STUDENTS

This year we have had the privilege of presenting the great challenge of the American mission field to our fine student body in Grace Seminary during four periods when as many lectures were delivered.

When our young people who are preparing for Christian service receive a real vision of the need at home there will be more earnest personal endeavor to witness for Christ. Therefore we appreciated this opportunity to give facts and information concerning the spiritual need of our own nation.

FINDLAY CHURCH PROGRESSING

The growing city of Findlay, Ohio, has a prosperous and growing new Brethren church.

Some of the people in this group are of Brethren background, but others are newcomers who are hungry for the Word of God and who believe in the doctrinal position of the church. In fact, we have never seen a group more anxious for Bible study and a strong testimony for Christ in their community.

Recently we landed the home mission airplane on the splendid Findlay airport and we were greeted by one member of the church, the pastor, a representative of the Northern Ohio District Mission Board, and a newspaper photographer. As a result we received a very fine writeup with pictures in the local paper.

After carefully surveying the city from both air and ground, a site was tentatively chosen for the new church building in the northwest section of the city beside a new school building.

The pastor, Bro. Forest Lance, has been solidifying and completing the organization of this group with plans in mind for the construction of a new church building at the earliest moment. At present the group is forced to meet in an old school building which is not close to our church site.

Here is an urgent item for your prayer list.

BLESSINGS IN MANSFIELD, OHIO

During the absence of the pastor, it was our privilege to minister the Word to the former home mission congregation at Mansfield, where the blessing of our Lord has been so apparent.

When this church was constructed there were some

MIDWEST—THE HOME MISSIONS DISTRICT



The Midwest District could well be named the "Home Missions District," for it holds a unique position not equaled by any other. In it is our Spanish-American home mission work comprising Taos, Arroyo Hondo, Cordillera, and Albuquerque. Also it contains our Navaho Indian Mission work, and in addition to these it contains two home mission churches located in Denver, Colo., and Cheyenne, Wyo. There remain only two established churches, located in Beaver City, Nebr., and Portis, Kans.

The district conference for this year was held in the First Brethren Church, Portis, shown right, where Raymond Kettell is the pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Kettell, with their daughter, are shown in the picture. Many of the Brethren shown in the group came a great distance to the conference and enjoyed a rare treat of "Brethren fellowship." Because of the widely scattered churches in this district they do not enjoy the frequent fellowship as many other districts do, and for this reason need an extra amount of prayer by the rest of us.

who thought that it was too spacious. Not many months later its pews and Sunday school rooms are filled with seeking souls and the problem of building expansion is a very real and difficult one.

Souls are being saved constantly in Mansfield due to the strong and intensive visitation program followed by the pastor, Bro. Bernard Schneider, and the assistant pastor, Bro. James Cook. In addition, the members of this church are giving a strong personal witness for Christ.

Each Brethren home-mission donor should be thrilled to see the direct results of home-mission giving in these various churches which are now self-supporting and throwing thousands of dollars into the work of our Fellowship.

YORK, PA., A GREAT CHALLENGE

As we landed at the York airport the wheels of the airplane passed directly over the home of our new pastor of this church. In fact, he saw us coming and was at the

airport almost before we were able to taxi the plane back to the gas pump.

Bro. Gerald Polman has taken up residence in this new area of this great and growing eastern city and the group is now meeting in the various homes. Brother Polman is working part time to support himself while endeavoring to build a Brethren church.

Lots and a building are urgently needed for the growth of this church. Please place these items on your prayer list.

WELCOME, BRETHREN



This sign, erected at the entrance of Winona Lake, will greet you as you come to the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We would like the privilege of extending to every Brethren this same welcome personally. If you haven't decided yet there is still time to make it for August 18-24. You'll try, won't you?

YOUR NAME, PLEASE?

If you are a Brethren living in the vicinity of Des Moines, Iowa, or if you know any Brethren living there, would you please send the name and address to us?

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL
Winona Lake, Ind.

WHAT HAPPENS TO FORMER HOME MISSION CHURCHES?

Many times we have been asked the question, "What happens to a home mission church after it becomes self-supporting?" We believe this is a good question and that it will be interesting to you to know just what does happen. It is our plan to give you a thumbnail sketch of various home mission churches, now self-supporting, which have been started under the Brethren Home Missions Council since its inception in September 1939.

The initial church of the series will be the Grace Brethren Church of Flora, Ind., which was one of the first—if not the first—to receive financial aid from the Council. A group of people started meeting in the Flora Public Library during the latter months of 1939, and it was there the Grace Brethren Church was born on February 25, 1940. From the date of the organization events began happening in rapid-fire order. Within one month the first pastor was called. Henry Rempel, then a student in Grace Seminary, was God's man for the job. Then followed plans for church building, obtaining a contractor, financing, ground-breaking, construction, cornerstone-laying, and, on December 8, 1940, the dedication. This certainly was an eventful year, and only God could have directed such a program so smoothly.

The church was constructed at a cost of approximately \$12,000 and a loan from a local bank was obtained for \$7,500 of that amount. In only 3 years' time from the date the loan was granted, it was repaid and the mortgage burned in a special service. This is one of the finest records ever made by a home mission church in becoming self-supporting in 3 years' time. By this time the membership had increased from the 81 charter members to 122. In 1944 a parsonage was purchased, and the following years saw the membership increase to 180. During the church's existence the following have served as pastors: Henry Rempel, Don Bartlett, Charles Bergeron, and Mark Malles. Charles Turner is now serving as pastor, having been on the field only a short time.

We cannot write the record of the spiritual impact the Grace Brethren Church of Flora has had, for only God Himself could do that. However, we can mention a few visible results. The following five are preparing for full-time Christian service: Ray Newby, Dean Fetterhoff, Ruth Hanna, Linda Dyson, and Doris Fife. In addition to the 180 recorded on the membership roll, there were many others who accepted Christ as Saviour but did not join the church because they were nonresident or for various other reasons. Many successful daily vacation Bible schools have been held in which many boys and girls accepted Christ. With the personal witnessing over the years, you can gather a glimpse of what happens in former home mission churches.

By the time you have read this far I suppose you are thinking, "It is a good record, but how much did the Brethren Home Missions Council spend on it?" We have the answer for you, and it is a total of \$3,750. Now let us go one step further. In adding up the home mission offering from the Flora church we find they have given to home missions \$12,332.06 in the last 10 years. They have given to foreign missions \$10,506.61 in the same period besides supporting our Grace Seminary, Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Central District

missions, and other auxiliary organizations of our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

As we have looked back over the records of the Grace Brethren Church of Flora we could only think of praise to our God for His blessings on that church. He has



In 1940 the Grace Brethren Church was started and finished where you see the Wolf Construction Company sign. The completed church, as it is shown here, continues to stand as a monument to the grace of God and continues to send forth the Gospel through Rev. Charles Turner, also shown here with a part of his congregation.

greatly used the Flora Brethren and honored their faith. We trust the experience of this church will be a challenge to increased faith by our present home mission churches and a challenge to increased support in prayer and giving by our established churches.

A Home Missionary Writes

Cuba, N. Mex., June 15, 1952.

Dear Folks,

It's time I was answering some of your letters which I have been neglecting since school was out. Forgive me, and I will try to do better next time.

It is Sunday evening, and as usual I am trying to write and listen to the radio. Just now the Radio Bible Class is on, and Dr. Fuller comes next.

So many of you ask what I have to do since the children left, so I shall attempt a résumé of my past week. To begin with, I saw some guests off. They had been here over a week and we really missed them when they left. Then there was washing, ironing, and housecleaning to do. I washed the walls in the bathroom and kitchen. I cleaned the office, too, so now I just have two more rooms upstairs to do.

Saturday morning as I was sweeping the schoolroom the father of one of my schoolgirls came and said his baby girl burned herself and he wanted some medicine for her. We decided to go out and see her, and took him along back. We found the 2-year-old girl had fallen into a pan of boiling honey. Her left hand was burned almost to her elbow and was covered by one big water blister, fingers and all. Her right arm had blisters on, too. We got her in the Jeep as soon as we could and, with her parents, started back. We stopped at the mission long enough to pack a little lunch, and then started for the hospital at Shiprock, about 100 miles away.

The doctor treated her and said we would have to bring her home as they had no room at the hospital to keep her. He said to bring her back in 2 weeks unless there was a discharge. If it drained, we were to bring her back in a week. The bandage is already wet today, so we will have to take her back.

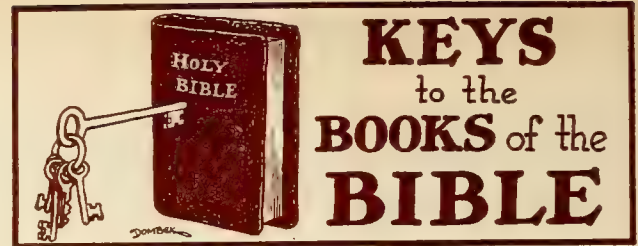
On the way home we stopped in Farmington to get some supplies. We got a couple bales of straw to fix the dorm mattresses and it will take three more yet. Maybe we can get the rest when we go back.

We got home about 7 and had to take up our work where we left off. The baby's father rode his horse home, and we are keeping the mother and baby here so we can watch it. You probably remember them. Their name is Charley.

Today we had quite a few Navahos for the service. Several folks were here who hadn't been here all winter. We were glad to see some of our school children back again. I was impressed by the many roads through the desert, so I talked on Jesus as our way to heaven, the sureness of the end of the road, and the need of a Guide who knows the way. "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness." How dark is the path of the Navahos! Pray that their darkness may be dispelled by our message of the Light of the world.

Now for a report on my garden. Several are wondering if it is really going to grow. You wouldn't doubt it if you looked at my potatoes. They have buds on now and will soon be in bloom. I'm sorry I didn't have faith enough to plant more than a half-dozen hills. We have radishes often and sometimes lettuce. I have beans, peas, sweet corn, popcorn, melons, squash, carrots, parsnips, and I don't know what else up. I got some pepper, cabbage, and tomato plants and quite a few are going to survive the heat, I think.

I must stop and get to bed. Morning comes before I



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ROMANS

I. Presents the Gospel of God.

Presents to Christian men the method of their salvation (G. C. Morgan).

II. Key Words.

- A. Justification, 10 times—3:24, 26, 28; 4:2, 5, 25; 5:1, 16, 18; 8:30.
- B. Righteousness, 35 times—1:17; 2:26; 3:5, 21, 22, 25, 26; 4:3, 5, 6, 9, 11 (2), 13, 22; 5:17, 18, 21; 6:13, 18, 19; 8:4, 10; 9:28, 30 (3), 31 (2); 10:3 (3), 4, 6, 10.
- C. Glorification, 8:17-30.
- D. Righteousness of God, 1:17; 3:5, 21, 22; 6:13; 10:3.
- E. Reckon, 4:4, 9, 10; 6:11; 8:18.

III. Key Verses.

- A. 5:1a.
- B. 8:1a.
- C. 1:16-17.

IV. Key Outline.

- A. Introduction, 1:1-17.
- B. Doctrinal, 1:18-8:39.
 - 1. Righteousness required, 1:18-3:20.
 - 2. Righteousness revealed, 3:21-4:25.
 - 3. Righteousness received, 5:1-5:21.
 - 4. Righteousness realized, 6:1-8:39.
- C. Dispensational, 9-11.
 - 1. Israel past, 9.
 - 2. Israel present, 10.
 - 3. Israel future, 11.
- D. Practical, 12:1-15:33.
 - 1. Life.
 - a. In Christ, 12:1-16.
 - b. In the world, 12:17-13:14.
 - c. Toward the brethren, 14:1-15:7.
 - d. In the Gospel, 15:8-15:33.
 - E. Conclusion, 16.

V. Key Thought for the Day.

- A. No condemnation, 8:1,
Therefore
- B. Security guaranteed, 8:33-39.
Therefore
- C. Dedication required, 12:1-2.

am ready for it. How soon that eternal morning will dawn! Will we be ready for it? How wonderful to see the Lord face to face!

Always,

Angie.

NEWS Of Home Mission NEEDS

Write the Home Mission Office for Further Information

Denver, Colo.—

Piano.

Dryhill, Ky.—

1. Bell for chapel.
2. Pianos (2).
3. Folding chairs.

York, Pa.—

Mimeograph.

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—

1. Hymn books (Spanish and English).
2. English Bibles.
3. Flannelboard lessons.

Los Angeles, Calif. (Colored)—

1. Bookcase.
2. Desk.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—

1. Piano.
2. Filing cabinet.
3. Bibles.
4. Rug (27-in. x 30-ft. strip).

A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR A NEW MISSIONARY

Bro. Evan Adams has arrived on the Navaho mission field and relates two incidents that took place the first week. "Sunday we were calling upon some hogans and came across a 'sing' which had been conducted all night. The medicine man was saddling his horse to get another one to help him in a cure, for he had apparently failed. Our interpreter entered into conversation with the medicine man and told him that he was a fake and was only after the goods of the Navaho. He replied that he worshipped the same God she did. Then the interpreter gave her testimony to him of how she had become a Christian and had thrown her medicine out the door and walked over it in contempt. She said to him, 'And I am still alive, aren't I?' At first he wished to argue, but she quickly had him silenced and he merely hung his head and grunted assent to the things she had to say.

"Monday night the Trujillo family came to the station and we held a little service for them on the front veranda. I spoke to them about the theme, 'All we like sheep have gone astray.' After the service, while Mrs. Antone, the interpreter, was speaking with Mr. Trujillo and asking him why he didn't do something about his salvation, he replied that he had come to the mission because he knew that he needed to be saved, and that he wanted to be saved that night. He said that he had lost his job and felt that God was telling him to get saved. . . . I then told him that we would all get on our knees and pray for him, and that he was to pray to God to forgive him of all his sins and to ask God to come in and clean his heart and to change his life. He prayed very earnestly and, I am sure, sincerely. When we were finished praying with him there wasn't a dry eye in the group, for we felt such a burden for this man who was so earnestly seeking for the Lord in his life. He seemed so happy when we had finished praying and he threw his arms about me with tears in his eyes. I felt definitely that the Holy Spirit was in our midst and that this man became a child of God there that night. I talked to him for several min-

DENVER PLANS A NEW HOME MISSION CHURCH



In the upper picture Rev. Lowell Hoyt and son, with David Stevens, from Whittier, Calif., stand on the location at Federal and Exposition Streets where the future Grace Brethren Church will be erected. Work is progressing on the blueprints, and the financing is yet to be completed. The lower picture is the Denver congregation which is putting forth every effort to have a Brethren testimony in the immediate future—this year if possible.



A home mission pastor on the job. Bro. Lowell Hoyt is shown in work clothing working in a printing plant to partially support himself, and here he is also working for the Lord Jesus Christ. The picture shows him witnessing to one of the workers. This is a good example of the pioneering spirit that will build home mission churches.

utes about the things that God expected of him as His child and told him to pray daily for the guidance of God on his life. The salvation of this man was God's way of telling me that the Gospel has the power to move the dull Navaho also."

Remember the need for prayer in this home mission work.

ISRAEL CALLS!

"THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER . . ." (Conclusion)

By Bruce L. Button

(The following is the conclusion of the "Israel Calls" column in the June issue of the *Missionary Herald*.)

As to your "ceremony of belief and realism," I wish I knew how you reconcile the "Prayer, Charity, and Fasting" way to God which is currently preached by the rabbi, with that set forth by Moses in Leviticus (*Vayikrah*) 17:1-11 and chapters 1-7, as well as that set forth in the Book of Ezekiel 18:4 and 20. Belief and realism demand a literal belief in the literal rendering of the T'nach. If we are to *believe* and be *realistic* we dare not let any group of men, regardless of their learning, wrest erroneous meanings out of Scripture. We should check upon their findings and cease to accept those man-made traditions which are contrary to the literal rendering of the T'nach. If we fail to do this Messiah will some day say to us as He said to the men of old: "Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition" (Matt. 15:6).

I am glad calling names is not a mark of culture, and I accept the name "fanatical screwball" which you apply to me, as a careless bandying of terms. I attribute it to a misplaced zeal on your part, for I feel sure you did not mean to offend.

You state that I will some day turn my face to my false God and get it slapped by facts. One thing I have done, my friend, that you have yet to do. *I have studied those facts!* I am sure of my foundation! My foundation is *prophesied* in the T'nach and *proved* in the Brith Hachados. I challenge any person, be he Jew or gentile, providing he has a mind which he can disembrace of the petty hatreds, bigotry, and narrowness so prevalent in our day, and hold it open to the truth for the sake of truth, to compare these passages from the T'nach with the passages in the Gospel of Matthew and honestly deny Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah of Israel and the Saviour of all mankind!

| T'nach | Matthew |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Micah 5:2 | 2:1-6 |
| Isaiah 7:14 | 1:18-25 |
| Zechariah 9:9 | 21:1-9 |
| Isaiah 53:1-3 & Psalms 118:22 | 26:3 |
| Isaiah 53:7 | 27:12-14 |
| Isaiah 53:8 | 27:1 |
| Psalms 22:14, 16, 17 | 27:31 |
| Psalms 16:10 | 28:1-10 |

When we speak of facts I would have you explain what God means when He speaks to Zechariah in Zechariah 12:10, "I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplications: and they [the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem] shall look upon me whom they have pierced"; and also explain why there is a *wrong* translation in the August 1927 edition of the English T'nach published by the Jewish Publication Society of America. The error I have reference to is, "They shall look upon *me* whom they have pierced." They trans-

lated it, "They shall look upon *him*," which cannot be supported in the Hebrew.

Again, what is the meaning of Zechariah 13:6, "And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends"? Who is this pierced one? What mean these wounded hands? And upon reading the 53d chapter of Isaiah, of whom would you say the prophet is speaking?

There, my friend, are some of the facts! Space and time do not permit me to list all of them. They are the facts that both Jew and gentile are afraid to face. Why are they afraid to face these facts? I will answer the question with the words of Jesus, the Messiah:

"Every one that doeth evil hateth the light [i. e., Messiah], neither cometh to the light [i. e., Messiah], lest his deeds be reproved" (John 3:20).

The betterment of this local community and the world community depends upon men who are willing to study all the facts that come to their attention and upon an honest foundation derived from these facts build in faith and belief that which will be unshakable. As long as men fail to understand each other's faith and belief, social welfare work and community betterment will be of little value, for those who are thus brought together will forever remain apart.

I have "prayed to the one and real God" for forgiveness and I have the assurance that it has been granted. A Jewish prophet by the name of Jacob (John in English) assures me, "The blood of Jesus Christ [the Messiah] his [God's] Son cleanseth us from all sin. . . . If we confess our sins, he is faithful [i. e., Jesus is faithful] and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:7-9). It is not so strange, then, that the Hebrew word for "salvation" is *Yeshuah*, which transliterated into English is "Jesus" and means "Jehovah, the Saviour."

As I close I wish to call your attention to the reaction of three great Jewish men as they approached death. The satisfaction created by one's faith and belief is more evident at this time. The certainty of one's fellowship with God is also displayed in a clearer manner. The first I would refer to is Rabbi Jochanan Ben Zaccai, a truly orthodox Jew. He was lying on his death bed. His disciples came to visit him and, on seeing them, tears filled his eyes and he cried bitterly. "Rabbi," exclaimed the astonished disciples, "dost thou cry? Thou, the light of Israel, the right-hand pillar of the Temple, the mighty analyzer of the Law?"

"Ah, my children," sobbed the dying sage, "would I not weep if I were at this moment brought before an earthly king, who may be in his grave tomorrow; whose anger and punishment he might inflict could not last forever, and who might be moved to pity by words of entreaty, or be pacified with a gift? You ask me why I weep, when I am about to be led into the presence of the King of kings, who lives forever, who will not be moved to pity by words of entreaty or be pacified by the offering of a gift? There are two ways before me, one



1. The faithful Sunday-morning congregation. 2. The D. V. B. S., with attendance up to 33. 3. Leaving the service. 4. The Intermediate class, with 2 girls on the left who accepted the Lord in a recent revival. 5. The group that comes from Talpa to attend the service. 6. A dependable family in the work, the Bences Gomez family. 7. The Martinez family, recently baptized. 8. Tony Luna, pastor, from the Taos church.

leading to Paradise, the other to Gehenna, and *I know not whither I am going*" (Berachoth 28b).

The second Jewish man I refer to is Emanuel Deutsch, the noted Reform Jew. He is the author of the book, "What Is the Talmud?" In it he tried to show that Jesus was a plagiarist, that He copied from the rabbis. When Deutsch was at the height of his popularity his health gave way and he was advised by his physician to go to Egypt and there try to regain his lost vitality. Soon after reaching Egypt he realized that he was fighting a losing battle, and he wrote this pathetic confession in his diary:

"I cannot take comfort in the thought of death—I want to live—there is so much life, hot, full life within—that it shrinks from darkness and deadness. I envy those who can fly on the mind's wings to this harbor of refuge, I cannot follow, but keep tossing outside in my broken craft, through foam, and rock, and mist" (Literary Remains of Emanuel Deutsch, p. 12).

What a contrast there is between the foregoing dismal pictures and the following bright anticipation with which Saul of Tarsus, a pupil of the illustrious Rabbi Gamaliel, looked forward to death. Saul was a believer in Messianic Judaism, and in Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah. To him death was not something horrible, something to

be dreaded. To him even a martyr's death was but the gateway to glory such as no mind can conceive. As the end of his earthly career approaches and he awaits the time when he is to be led into a Roman arena and put to death, he writes to a young Hebrew believer:

"I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his [Jesus'] appearing" (II Tim. 4:6-8). "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (I Cor. 15:55).

My friend, this letter was not written to offend and it does not come from anything other than a heart that is deeply interested in the souls of men. I do pray it will in some way cause you to "read and investigate" the facts concerning Messiah and the forgiveness of sins.

Sincerely in Messiah,

(Signed) Bruce L. Button.

P. S.—For your ready reference I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, a copy of the Gospel of Matthew.—B.



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The Roanoke, Va., Washington Heights church conducted a vacation Bible school with an average attendance of 71.

The Uniontown, Pa., church heard Rev. Robert Osman on July 6.

At the Tracy, Calif., church eight public decisions were made in June and six people united with the church by baptism. Prof. Herbert Bess, of Winona Lake, held a Bible conference there July 6-9. The pastor, Rev. William Clough, has been called to serve his third year, with a 10-percent increase in salary.

At the Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, church, pastored by Rev. Richard Burch, Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich preached on June 8, and on June 19 Dr. W. E. Troup showed pictures of his recent trip to Palestine.

Harold Frederick Cone, son of Rev. and Mrs. George Cone, Winona Lake, Ind., and Lura Janet Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Williams, Albert Lea, Minn., were married on July 6.

On June 29 the Beaumont, Calif., church, pastored by Rev. Gene Farrell, heard Mr. Paul Eckholdt tell of his work among the coastal fishermen.

Rev. John W. Zielasko has resigned as pastor of the South Bend, Ind., church effective August 31. The Zielaskos are candidates for missionary service in Brazil and will be presented to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church for approval at the annual meeting in August. The church accepted the resignation only on the condition that they go to Brazil.

Rev. R. I. Humberd, of Flora, Ind., spoke at the Youth for Christ at Knox, Ind., on June 28 and at a union meeting at Boylestown, Ind., on June 29.

The Winchester, Va., church, pastored by Rev. Paul Dick, had a vacation Bible school with an enrollment of 170 children and an average attendance of 140. The staff was composed of 25 teachers and helpers.

Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber and two younger children sailed from New York on July 9 for France, from where they will fly to Africa.

The Solon Hoyt family sailed for Argentina on July 10 from New York.

Rev. William Howard was given a unanimous call to continue as pastor of the Roanoke, Va., Clearbrook church with an increase in salary.

Rev. William Smith will act as supply pastor of the Hagerstown, Md., church July 19-August 17 while the pastor, Rev. Walter Lepp, is on vacation. He will also speak daily on Brother Lepp's Family Altar radio program heard over WJEJ at 8:45 a.m.



Rev. Warren Tamkin has resigned as pastor of the Kingsport, Tenn., church effective July 31. Brother Tamkin plans to teach or return to school this fall.

Rev. Robert Cessna, pastor of the Philadelphia, Pa., Third church, is scheduled to deliver the Bible message at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 23. The theme of his message is "Missions." The evening program of that day will again be in charge of the Bethany Campers. Where is this to take place? At the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches at Winona Lake, Ind. Be sure to be present for the conference.

Bro. W. L. Bradley, member of the Compton, Calif., church, died on June 23. He was the father of Mrs. Charles Ashman, Jr., of Rittman, Ohio, and Mrs. John Mayes, of Long Beach, Calif., and three other daughters.

The Glendale, Calif., church granted letters of transfer to 14 people who are to become the charter members of the La Crescenta, Calif., Mountain Brethren Church, of which

Rev. Robert Dell, one of the transferring members, is the pastor.

Mr. Ben F. Thompson and Mrs. Bessie Kindig were married on June 26 at Long Beach, Calif. Mrs. Thompson is the mother of Rev. Richard Burch, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

At the Long Beach, Calif., First church Rev. Earnie Poulson spoke to the Senior C. E. on June 29, and Dr. Edison Habegger spoke to the Brotherhood on July 1.

The Cheyenne, Wyo., church will conduct special meetings beginning July 27. The pastor of the church is Rev. Wayne Croker and the evangelist is Rev. Robert Ashman, of Winona Lake.

The Homerville, Ohio, church called its pastor, Rev. Robert Holmes, to continue as pastor. On July 6 one person was received into the church membership.

The Waynesboro, Pa., church heard Rev. James Wagoner on June 29, the pastor, Rev. Dennis Holliday, being away in the young people's camp.

The Hagerstown, Md., church received five members into fellowship on June 29.

Rev. John Evans, pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, Bethany church, lives at 2815 Hillside Ave., Dayton, Ohio (add to Annual, p. 67).

The Kittanning, Pa., church, pastored by Rev. Gordon Bracker, is holding special youth evangelistic meetings July 13-20 in commemoration of the eighth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone. The evangelistic team is composed of Rev. and Mrs. Dean Fetterhoff and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Groves.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Nickel, superintendents of the British Isles Child Evangelism Fellowship, have moved to 92 George Lane, South Woodford, London, E. 18, England. They write of their appreciation of the Herald and of how they pass it around among the believers in the British Isles who also enjoy reading it.

The Modesto, Calif., church gave its pastor, Rev. Harold Painter, a unanimous call to serve the church another year. On June 29 the church received seven new members, six by baptism.

Bro. Loren Staudenmier, member of the Glendale, Calif., church, was the preacher at the La Verne, Calif., church on June 22.

"ALL THROUGH THE WEEDS"

"What are your favorite choruses, Paul Kent?" Daddy asked this question of his young son on one of his rare evenings at home with the family.

"I like 'When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder,' and 'All Through the Weeds.'"

"Don't you mean 'All Through the Week'?"

"Uh huh. 'All Through the Weeds.'"

Mother smiled at Daddy with the comment, "I'm afraid there's some truth in the lad's use of the wrong word. The lives of some Christians are apparently thickly covered with weeds. They're tall and prickly, too. God must have quite a difficult time penetrating them to watch over His children."

Pondering on the subject of weeds we decided they are something a garden would be wonderful without! They choke out what is good and profitable. They mar beauty. And how costly weeds can be. Men expend time, energy, and money in their futile fight against them.

"Well, Mommie, how can I have weeds in me? How can a Christian have weeds growing up in him?"

The weeds I'm thinking of aren't like those which grow in the fields or on the lawn or among the farmers' crops. They are things that come into a Christian's life which mar God's perfect work. Like worldliness and prayerlessness. (These go hand in hand.) Or what about a biting, bitter, unkind tongue? And doubt which distorts the molded vessel into a shapeless mass of uselessness? Or cynicism? How the list grows!

Dear Lord, what contentment there is in the knowledge that "all through the week my Saviour has been watching over me." Help me to have determination and strength to keep the weeds out. I don't even want them to take root and start to grow!

ON CHOOSING ONE'S FRIENDS

"I just love Kathleen. She's such a good friend of ours. She likes all of us kids, too. I'm so glad you picked her out." Dorotheann spoke thus warmly of a friend who simply cannot resist children of any size or 'make.' She has no children of her

own, but is loved far and near by other people's children.

"I'm afraid I didn't 'pick' her, dear," Mother replied. "With eight children I could get myself into a heap of trouble if I tried to choose our friends."

"Why, Mama?"

"Because some people don't especially enjoy being around children. You don't realize it, my dear"—Mother pulled at a blondish-brown pigtail as she spoke—"but you children can be a most disturbing influence at times. The general upheaval you create just because you are children is almost too much at times for your own mother. For those outside



the family it is more than they feel called upon to take. No sooner does a visitor set foot inside the door than bedlam often lets loose. Some of you seem to dissolve into simpering jellyfish in an attempt to wheedle something from Mother which has been forbidden. You're hoping she can't say no when guests are present."

"Yes, but you don't give it to us."

"Then why do you try? You make our guests believe you've never been taught a right or good thing."

"Oh, I don't know. Doesn't Kathleen like us when we're naughty, anyway?"

"She becomes very disappointed in you. But she still loves you. She really is a 'brute' for punishment. Your racket doesn't faze her too much. And if it does she can always leave. That's more than I can do," Mother added in a sort of self-pitying afterthought.

Alone at her work a bit later Mother thought again of her daughter's "I'm so glad you picked Kathleen." Mother found a richer, deeper truth in the Word which says: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit,

and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" (John 15:16). Mother could no more presume upon the good nature of an individual in asking for her friendship than men can presume on a thrice-holy God.

He has chosen us, and ordained us. What an ordination! No minister of the Gospel, especially called to the work of the ministry, ever had a higher call. "I have . . . ordained you [to] bring forth fruit." The sacredness of such a call, the realization of its responsibilities, and the vows to be true to this ordaining by God, sweep every young minister newly ordained with an overwhelming glow. Yet no man who has been especially set aside for the work of the ministry has a greater joy or higher calling than you and I and everyone who has been ordained of God to bring forth fruit. How true have we been to our ordination? God calls for fruit, not weeds.

"Dear Jesus, bless Dotty Lou. She's sweet. I like her. Bless Aunt Dot, too. She makes good applesauce."

One would think that by the time child No. 6 is 4½ years old Mother would be braced for any kind of prayer or announcement coming from her offspring. But such is not the case. This prayer by Paul Kent threw her off balance. Her laughter was so close to tears that one could barely be distinguished from the other. It seems that children (or is it just children?) hold adults in regard on the basis of what is done for them. The loaves and fishes determine many a friendship.

Mother is convinced that most of her little ones, and some of the larger children, too, are 90 percent stomach! What an item food is! And an apple in any form is a way to Paul Kent's heart. Perhaps at his age it is too much to expect Kent to love an Aunt Dot or any other soul just for her own sweet self. Such an appreciation comes with experience and years. In looking around, however, one sees people who should be mature in spiritual development who, if judged by their fruits, love God for the loaves and fishes He gives

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VII—THE DAYS OF LOT SIGN (Luke 17:20-37)

Our Lord was asked by the Pharisees concerning when “the kingdom of God should come.” Christ gave them an enigmatic answer. He told them that the kingdom of God “cometh not with observation,” that is, with external appearance only. He declared that the kingdom of God was in the midst of them, for He, the King, was in the midst of them. Now the Pharisees could not understand this, but Christ explained it to His disciples. He declared He was going away, and that His coming again in the revelation would be visible like the flash of lightning.

Christ gave the sign of the days of Noah as an earmark of the days preceding His coming. (We studied this sign in our last article.) Then our Lord gave the sign of the days of Lot, as recorded in Luke 17:28-37.

Remember, the rapture and the revelation are so close together, as to years between, that the signs of the revelation could appear even before the rapture. Both are in view in the path of prophetic light in these signs of the days of Noah and the days of Lot.

Worldly Occupation

The days of Lot were filled with worldly occupation: “They did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded.” What was wrong with all this? Nothing in itself! But that was all they lived for; that was all they did. The only aim of their lives was worldly occupation.

Lot is an example of this. Knowing that the men of Sodom were wicked and vile, he exposed himself and his family to their association. He became great among them, entered into worldly alliances with them, and became partners with them in their worldly occupation. Lot forgot God! He lost his spiritual power, his godly testimony, his influence. He sacrificed his family’s spiritual interests, and finally their moral integrity, for the sake of position and gain. Lot’s life was wasted because all he was interested in was

eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, and building.

“As It Was . . . Thus Shall It Be”

Christ foretold similar conditions prevailing in the days preceding His coming. He warned against the “cares of life and the deceitfulness of riches.” In Luke 21:34-36 He taught: “Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, so that day come upon you unawares.” The Bible never condemns money as such; it is the “love of money” that becomes the root of evils. That is an outstanding characteristic of our day: love of money driving us to consume all of life’s energies in worldly occupation.

We are “looking on the things that are seen,” loving them, longing for them, pursuing them, until they have become our idols which we worship. “What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (Mark 8:36). The United States of America ought to take the words, “In God We Trust,” off its coins and substitute “In Money We Trust.” The days of Lot are being repeated among us today!

Lot a “Come-Out-er”

Finally Lot had to join the “come-outers.” The Lord said, “I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither” (Gen. 19:22). God would not destroy the wicked city until Lot was out; he belonged to God in spite of his compromises. God would not rain destruction upon the city as long as Lot was within it.

What a scene: the angels pulling, pleading with Lot to hurry and get out before judgment came. Yes, Lot became a “come-out-er.” Even so will we! “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man” (Luke 21:36). This passage is at the close of that prophetic Olivet discourse of our Lord’s, giving signs of His com-

ing. As long as the Spirit and bride are in the world, the destruction by atomic annihilation shall not come universally. The coming out and the going up in the rapture must come first. God will not burn the wheat with the tares.

Even so, the Bible calls us to separation now. We are to keep ourselves free from worldly entanglements, alliances, and compromises. Everything about this old world is going up in smoke some day. “The world passeth away and the fashion thereof.” All investments and possessions of a purely worldly nature will be destroyed. “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness . . . ? Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless” (II Pet. 3:11, 14).

Learn a Lesson

Lot was delivered in answer to Abraham’s prayer. In praying for the doomed city, Abraham dropped from 50 to 10 (Gen. 18:23-33). Why did Abraham stop at 10? He believed that Lot in his lifetime ought to have won 50 souls to the Lord, but then he began to doubt, knowing the worldliness of Lot, and kept dropping down until he reached 10—Lot, his wife, 2 virgin daughters, 2 married daughters, 2 sons-in-law make 8. Surely 8 ought to have won 2, making 10. But only 4 escaped and Lot’s wife didn’t get very far, so in reality she didn’t escape either. What a lesson! How many souls have I won to the Lord? When destruction comes, how many “come-outers” will there be in the rapture because of my testimony and life?

Too Late Then

In the day when the Son of man is revealed it will be too late to escape (Luke 17:31-36). “Remember Lot’s wife.” Don’t even look back. “Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the

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THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

Universities To Have More Power

Mr. Oliver C. Carmichael, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, predicts that the universities of this nation will have much greater power in the next few years.

Speaking on "The University Today" at the 108th commencement of the University of Michigan he said: "The emphasis on research in every field will be far greater than heretofore unless a general war should intervene. This will mean still greater power and influence for the universities and still more strategic opportunity for serving society."

If Mr. Carmichael is right, and no doubt he is if the Lord does not return within these years he is visualizing, then it becomes necessary for the Christians of this country to be concerned about what these universities are teaching. However, since it is not possible for the child of God to change some of these schools it is possible for him to give his loyal and faithful support to those schools that maintain an allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ and that are builded upon the Word of God. One such school is the collegiate division of Grace Theological Seminary, that is, on the college or university level. (Grace Seminary, of course, is also worthy of every Christian's loyal support.)

The American Way of Life

During the last few days (including July 4), a lot of oratory was used in extolling and commending "the American way of life," as though it would be a good thing for the rest of the world to have. At the same time more than 600 persons were losing their lives in accidents that caused "violent deaths," according to newspaper reports. Of these, two lost their lives in accidents connected with fireworks. One news commentator put it this way: "More people died because of fire-water than died because of fireworks."

Now is that the "American way of life" that is so important that we ought to spend millions, yea, billions of dollars to take to the other peoples of the world? Is that the record that we must show to the rest of the world as to how we celebrate our

most important national holiday? No wonder much of the world does not want our "American way of life."

Beloved, we who know the Lord Jesus Christ do have a way of life that we ought to share with the rest of the world, no matter what it may cost us to do so. It is the Christian way, which in reality is Christ Himself. It is this "way of life" that we should extol and commend to the rest of the world, and we should be busy doing it now, for the days are numbered in which we can work.

A Million Dollars for Sports

A 14½-hour TV marathon (on NBC and CBS) raised more than \$1,000,000 to send the United States Olympic team to Helsinki, Finland, for the great international games this summer. We have not read of anyone calling those who participated in this prolonged program by any names as "fools," or "fanatics," or "zealots." Yet some people think that a man who is in real earnest working for the salvation of souls is one or all of these things.

Speaking of himself particularly, but of all Christians in general, the Apostle Paul said: "We are fools for Christ's sake" (I Cor. 4:10). Are we? Are we so earnest in our work for the Lord that the people have called us by any of these names? If not, why not?

One need not act foolishly to be a fool for Christ's sake. If men will give both of their time and treasure for a sport's event, how much more ought we to give of our time and treasure to take the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ where it has not yet been preached.

Care Used in Raising Cactus

The story has recently been "making the rounds" about a certain Park Avenue matron who was complimented on her cactus display in her apartment window. She explained:

"They do well because we take care of them according to nature's plan. The important thing is to water them at exactly the right intervals. These plants are from western Texas, and when my husband brought them home we subscribed to

a Texas paper. We always read it carefully and when the paper says it has just rained in west Texas, that's when we water the cactus."

That is the way to have fine cactus plants—"take care of them according to nature's plan." Now nature's plan is God's plan, for there is no nature without God.

Parents have on display "something" more valuable than cactus plants and that is their children. They should be raised and trained according to God's plan, which plan is recorded in the Word of God. God's command to parents is: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

Moses put God's desire thus: "These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:6-7).

What the Thieves Did Not Get

The Pentecostal Evangel tells of Leland Wang, a well-known Chinese preacher, who was beaten and robbed by bandits who took his Bible, passport, sermon notes, address book, important documents, and clothes. He later testified that though he lost his Bible he did not lose his Saviour. He said the thieves stole his sermon notes, but not his message; his passport, but not his way to heaven; his address book, but not his friends.

Indeed, dear reader, there are possessions that are worth much when really possessed, and no one can take them from the soul that has placed its trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul summed it up in these words: "All things are your's; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's" (I Cor. 3:21-23).

Do you possess those intangibles that no one can ever take from you? You may have them by simply receiving the Lord Jesus as your own personal Saviour.

Books for August Vacation Reading

For the month of August the reviewers offer two books which they believe are deserving of a careful reading by every member of the Brethren Book Club, as well as by every member of the Brethren Church. These books contain messages that are vital, well written, and worthy of a place in the libraries of Christians.

As first-choice book Philip R. Newell's "Light Out of Darkness" has been chosen. This book sells for \$2 per copy and is worth every cent of it. The second-choice book is Leroy Allen's "Desires of the Heart," which also sells for \$2 per copy. The first book is an exposition of the first chapter of Genesis and the second book is a novel with a genuinely Christian message. The first-choice book will be sent to all members of the club unless they notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company otherwise before August 1.

Membership in the Club

One can become a member of the club at any time by selecting and paying for any one of the books offered to the members of the club and reviewed on the Brethren Book Club page each month.

As a premium for joining, the new member will be sent his choice of these books: Dr. Florence Gribble's "Stranger Than Fiction" or Dr. Andrew Bonar's "The Biography of Robert Murray McCheyne," or Dr. John R. Rice's "Prayer: Asking and Receiving."

Vance Havner's new book, "Hearts Afire," has been selected as the premium book for the months of August through November for all members who have ordered and paid for four books through the club. This book ought to be in the library of every Christian and will be sent as a premium to those who have secured four books through membership in the club during the next four months.

Good books are like friends—they comfort in times of sorrow, they entertain in times of loneliness, they encourage in times of weakness, and they give fellowship when spiritual friendship is needed. The reviewers believe the books offered through the club will accomplish these things.

LIGHT OUT OF DARKNESS

By Philip R. Newell

This book—bearing the subtitle: "The Six Days of Creation and the Problem of Evolution"—is a reverent study and exposition of the first chapter of Genesis. These chapters of this book were first given as 12 messages over the radio of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago and were very well received by the listeners. Now they appear in this more permanent form.

The volume spends little time in refuting evolution, for it needs no refutation to those who accept the Word of God. The author has clearly, tersely, and spiritually treated the first chapter of God's Book in an exposition of what God has written for our learning. In doing this he has presented a book with a positive message and not a negative refutation of that which in reality is only theory.

Since the book gives a study of God's pure Word it is hoped that every member of the book club will secure and read this book. It is also hoped that everyone who wants to have a better understanding of the first section of God's message to man will read and study this volume. Also, it is urged upon those who are working with young people today that they study this book and that they urge the young people to read it, to study it, yes, to master its contents. No better book to aid in answering the evolutionary teaching of modern education has come from the press in a long time.

Each chapter of the book closes with a practical, personal, and pointed application for the benefit of the reader.

This book has just come from the press and the club is happy for the privilege of using it in the club at this time.—*Conard Sandy.*

DESIRE OF THE HEART

By Leroy Allen

The destroyer *Mastin* pulled into San Pedro on what was expected to be a routine port call before going out again into the vast Pacific. However, the officers in charge decided that some work should be done to the ship, which called for an unex-

pected 2-week delay. It was these 2 weeks which saw a tremendous change in the hero of our story.

Yeoman First-Class Tom Wilson was just another fellow who anxiously awaited liberty at each port. On this occasion he set out with a friend to see the spots in Los Angeles. It was at the home of his friend that he met Jean Craig, which meeting became a turning point in his life. To his own surprise he accepted and fulfilled an invitation to attend church where, for the first time, he met some real Christians. His association with them, but especially with Miss Craig, brought him to the Lord. Now he was a new creature faced with all the problems which a young Christian in the service is faced. He clung to the promise that the Lord would be with him even to the uttermost part of the seas. How God saved him from death on board and destruction in the sea will hold your attention to the end.

The author has used circumstances familiar to thousands to illustrate the power and grace of God in the life of anyone who will enter His service. The story is interesting and fascinating and we heartily recommend it to our club members.—*Blaine Snyder.*

INTEREST WANES IN JAPAN

The Rev. Buntaro Kimura, evangelism secretary for the Japan Baptist Convention, reported to the Southern Baptist Convention that Gospel evangelism is "an increasingly difficult road" in Japan. He pointed out that the people are losing interest in everything American. This in turn makes it constantly more difficult, since the nation has been restored to its own sovereignty, for a missionary of the Gospel to get an audience to listen to his message.

Furthermore, there has been an increased attendance at shrines of the pagan gods, the emperor himself paying homage to the gods. Communism, which had been mostly underground during the time Gen. Douglas MacArthur was in the land, has come into the open and has caused much disturbance, especially in the instigating of riots in the leading cities.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

Camden, Ohio

The Camden church is a small congregation in a small town, about 30 miles west of Dayton, Ohio. Pastor Robert Betz wrote before the meeting that spiritual revival was much needed and far from sight, humanly speaking. He was right. Also a June heat wave seemed to help the cause of the Enemy.

All the planned special help in music failed. The pianist became ill and a couple of nights the speaker gave the job of song directing to Pastor Betz while he presided at the piano.

But the people of the church kept coming and a few visitors also. There were several public decisions of re-consecration, and on the last night a gentleman of 60-some years received Christ as his Saviour. His decision was the result of the pastor's faithful witnessing over the previous months. May God give him many more souls as he and the brethren of the Camden church labor together.—Robert D. Culver, evangelist.

Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Riverside)

Our daily vacation Bible school was a success, with an enrollment of 70 and an average attendance of 61 children. The total offering of \$84 more than cared for the expenses of the school. There were 141 people present for the closing program and I don't know yet how we got all these into our small building.

Mrs. Ralph Hall, wife of our pastor, supervised the school and did a wonderful job. She was ably assisted by a staff of competent teachers and helpers.

Our pastor and his family left on their vacation on June 23 and returned July 6. Bro. Fred Bentz and the writer filled the pulpit in his absence.

Pastor Hall was unanimously called by Riverside for another year, and he has accepted the call. Our plans are to have Brother Hall ordained on August 3 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt will be the special speaker for the event, which is also our anniversary Sunday.—Don Rager, Sunday school superintendent.

"WHAT SEEST THOU?"

(Amos 8)

"What seest thou?" the Lord God speaks
To Amos, shepherd of the sheep:
"A basket full of ripened fruit,
A parable to show, forsooth,
The ripened days of Israel,
Forsaking her Immanuel."

Then thundered back the Lord again:
"Go, tell the people of my name:
The end is come! I will no more
Pass by the people I abhor.
Your sins in mercy long passed by,
For judgment I shall soon come nigh!"

In vain they try to tune their songs
To noonday bells and midnight gongs;
With lip they chant the temple-tunes,
With heart they sing the devil-tunes.
"Your temple-songs shall fade away
To howlings in that awful day!"

"Ye say, 'O new moon, be thou gone;
O Sabbath, thou art much too long:
Our love is in the shekel great;
Our wheat is cut, it cannot wait.'
And though I offered mercy yet,
Your works I never will forget!"

"Shall not the land El Shaddai gave
In silence cover up its grave,
And every dweller therein mourn,
And every feast be left forlorn?
Your songs shall lamentations be,
For Israel has forsaken me."

"My Word? What punishment impends
That to my Word you now attend,
For conscience' sake shun bread and drink,
Now tilting over judgment's brink?
At last you to my Word make haste;
And yet, alas, you are too late!"

"What meaneth me to Israel,
Repository of my will?
Who swears by gold Samarian calf
Shall shock to see Jehovah laugh;
For they who swear shall swear in vain,
Shall fall, and never rise again!"

—Charles Bergerson.

THE DAYS OF LOT SIGN

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saddest are these, 'It might have been.' Too late then!

Does the Lord Tarry?

The signs multiply indicating the nearness of the coming of the Lord. But should we ever speak of "the Lord tarrying in His coming"? I

think not. The Lord is never behind time. In the fullness of time, He came in the first advent; in the fullness of time, He will come in the second advent. The days of Lot, duplicated in measure today, indicate that His coming draweth nigh. But let none of us say as did the wicked and unfaithful servant: "My Lord delayeth his coming." The Lord will come and will not tarry.

"Maranatha" (I Cor. 16:22).

Brethren YOUTH

By Ralph Colburn

PASTOR'S SON WINS AWARD

Neil Peek, son of Pastor and Mrs. George Peek, of the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, was recently chosen as the "High School Athlete of the Year" in Long Beach. Neil just graduated from Jordan High, where he was an eight-letter man—earning three in football, three in basketball, and two in baseball.

The 17-inch trophy is presented by one of the Long Beach newspapers, and the honor is a coveted one. The selection is made by sportswriters from the top athletes of Long Beach's four high schools. Neil has also been placed on a number of all-conference teams by the sportswriters.

Neil has not been the only member of Second church active in varsity sports, and through the testimony of



these boys several of Jordan High's star athletes have come to know Christ as Saviour.

Congratulations, Neil, on this honor! May your testimony always be as bright as the golden glint of the trophy.

CHRISTIAN BUSINESS MEN PLAN ATLANTIC CITY CONVENTION

The Christian Business Men's Committee International has announced that its 15th annual convention will be held at Atlantic City, N. J., October 15-19, with headquarters in the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall Hotel. Representing the 265 local committees in various parts of the world, 1,000 delegates are expected at the convention.

The keynote address will be given by Mr. Arnold Grunigen, Jr., of San Francisco, who is the present international chairman. The theme of the convention is: "Our Obligation: I Am Debtor; I am Ready; I Am Not Ashamed."

"ALL THROUGH THE WEEDS"

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them. As long as life is fairly comfortable and rosy they go on in their usual ways and end in a rut. Just as soon as the trials come they blame God and think He no longer loves them because the "loaves and fishes" are no longer in sight.

Oh, to love God in Christ for Himself alone! "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation [testing]: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (Jas. 1:12).

HARRISBURG, PA., BRETHREN BOYS CLUB DEMONSTRATION OF ACTIVITIES GIVEN IN PARENTS' PROGRAM



On June 3 our Harrisburg, Pa., BBC closed their spring club meetings with a parents' night. The program demonstrated to the parents the activities and goals of a boys club, and was well attended.



In the picture at the left, Mr. Earl Cassel, the nature study counselor, is explaining some features of the BBC handbook. At the right, John Row, a member of the club, is demonstrating the Christian armor he made for flannelgraph board. He made this

as a handwork project, and also used it in a child evangelism class.

Although this club will not be having regular meetings through the summer months the members are planning some outings and camping trips.

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Grace Seminary Faces a Crisis

The above caption may have startled you, but any milder statement would be a shading of the truth. The seminary issue of the Herald this month is devoted to the task of telling you about the situation the school is facing from a financial standpoint in the immediate future. May we ask that you read every word of the seminary's portion of this number? We believe that the members of the Brethren Church should be informed, and when they are informed, they will arise to the task of meeting the need.

Such a situation is cause for concern, but it need not be feared, for this is not the first time one of our national organizations has faced a crisis. Our foreign work began with a crisis, and it has faced such conditions again and again. Recently the Foreign Missionary Society faced another crisis, and the need was made known. The Brethren Church arose in magnificent fashion to meet the need with the largest offering in the history of our foreign work. The Home Missions Council began at a time of crisis, and those of us who have met with the board each year know something of the crises through which our home mission work has passed again and again. Each time, when the need was made known, God's people rallied to meet the need.

So it has been with the seminary. It, too, was born at a period of deep travail. The church was informed, and through the years the Lord met its needs through the consecrated gifts of His people. There came a time when a building program was imperative. The church was informed and responded well to the appeal for building funds. Now that the building has been erected and an expanded educational program has been undertaken, we find ourselves face to face with the task of re-considering the whole problem of seminary finance. We want you to have the information. That is why we ask you to read all of the material in this issue. Will you then make it a matter of prayer as you consider what the Lord would have you to do to meet this need?—P. R. B.

Our Unfinished Task

It is surprising to your editor, as he travels from place to place, to find quite a large number of people who have the impression that the indebtedness on the new seminary building has been fully paid. It has been stated repeatedly that at the time of our dedication a year ago, the amount of our indebtedness stood at approximately \$140,000. This is being reduced each month at the rate of \$1,435, principal and interest. Our present indebtedness stands at approximately \$134,000. Many have felt that a mistake was made in not continuing the monthly program of giving until the indebtedness was completely liquidated. What a burden the seminary would be

spared each month if this were to be done, and what a vast amount of interest could be saved and put to other uses! The monthly finance program outlined in these pages will make it possible for us to care not only for the running expenses of the school, but to pay toward our indebtedness every possible dollar beyond that. It may be that the Lord has permitted us to face the present crisis in order to spur us on to the completion of our unfinished task. Let us set ourselves to it!—B.

57 New Students Preenrolled

As this material goes to the printer the registrar informs me that 57 new students have thus far preenrolled in the seminary division of the school. I believe it is correct to say that this represents the largest incoming class in the history of the school. What the enrollment in the collegiate division will be we are not yet prepared to say inasmuch as students coming out of high school usually enroll later than those out of college who look forward to theological training. Truly God has placed the stamp of His approval upon the work of our school by the constant expansion of its student body. As the Lord blesses let us not fail to enlarge our vision.—B.

The Women Have Done It Again!

When it comes to setting goals and meeting them, the rest of us must certainly take off our hats to the women of the Brethren Church. The Women's Missionary Council last fall undertook a \$2,000 project in behalf of the seminary. One-half of the money was to be used in the purchase of books for the seminary library, and the other half in furnishing the kitchen. Recently a letter arrived from Mrs. Chester McCall, financial secretary-treasurer of the WMC, and the check enclosed amounted to \$2,154.04. We congratulate the ladies of the WMC and hope to have some fixtures in the kitchen for their examination by the time their national organization meets in August.—B.

Giving Orders to God

In the year 1732, because of great excitement over some alleged miracles said to have taken place in a Paris cemetery, the king, Louis XV, had the gates locked and placarded with the following sign: "By order of the King, God is hereby forbidden to work miracles in this place."

If you smile at the ridiculous notion of this puny king thinking to lay down the boundaries of the eternal God's miraculous will and power, do not forget that many so-called intelligent men today are attempting to do the same thing in the realms of modern education and reli-

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Grace Seminary Finances

By Dr. James L. Boyer, Financial Secretary

I have been assigned the responsibility of giving you a report on the financial situation of the seminary for the purpose of making known to the Brethren Church the seriousness of our need. I wish it were possible to do this adequately, but figures and words do not always suffice to portray needs. I trust you will pray that the Lord will reveal the seminary situation, not just to the head, but down deep in the heart, where it counts most.

The Present Situation

Eleven months of the fiscal year are past and a pretty clear picture of our standing is now possible. At the end of June our balance in the general fund stood at \$6,530.23. An estimate of the income for the month of July would be about \$2,100. Estimated expenses will be about \$5,000, including the payment on mortgage interest and principal. That makes an estimated balance at the end of the fiscal year, July 31, of about \$3,600. That is just a little more than one-half the balance a year ago.

These figures do not mean much until they are considered in the light of some other facts. First of all, practically all of the seminary offering from the churches is already in, and there will be no more substantial income from this main source until next offering time, at least 6 months away. Some of the churches keep sending in gifts all through the year, and that will help. But this last year all the general fund receipts for those 6 months amounted to less than \$4,500. Then, too, last year the building fund campaign was still bringing in regular gifts in considerable amounts. This source of income has practically ceased now, although the cost of our new building goes right on in the form of monthly payments on the mortgage.

The situation boils down to this sobering fact: school will be opening soon, and we face 6 months of operation before another annual offering time comes around. We have on hand less than one-half of the money we will need for the month of August.

Reasons Why

Let us look a bit at some of the causes which have brought such a situation to pass. First, the offering this past year was less than the \$50,000 anticipated for the combined needs of the general and building funds. Most churches reported offerings which were a little better than their general fund offering the previous year, but they fell far short of the total for that year. The combining of the special building fund with the general offering did not work out as well as was expected.

Second, other sources of income were a little less than was expected. The decreasing number of GI students and the low enrollment of the collegiate division accounted for a considerable loss of income.

Third, our expenses were a little higher than had been estimated. It was impossible to figure what the costs of operation would be when we got into our new building, and the estimated budget was not quite adequate. Some items were much higher than the estimate, others were lower. Now, after a year of operation, it will be possible to estimate the costs more accurately.

Fourth, and perhaps the biggest factor in bringing about our present situation, was the finishing up of the building program. It was inevitable that certain unexpected costs arose in finishing and occupying the new building which had not been included in the estimated needs. Certain of these had to be taken care of from the general fund, or from the building fund which is now combined with it. These are not expenses, they are increases in the assets, but they had to be paid for.

These words of explanation do not change the condition or relieve the need, but they do help us to understand how the need arose.

An Additional Factor

Another phase of the problem needs mention. It must be remembered that now the seminary has a whole series of obligations and necessary expenses which become in effect preferred claims on its income. There is the monthly payment on the mortgage, \$1,435 for interest and principal, due on the 25th of each month. Also there are water bills, electric bills, fuel bills, other utilities, insurance, etc., involved in the operation of the building, which must be paid even if some other expenses of the school should have to suffer. It may be interesting to know that the average cost for operating the school is about \$6,000 per month.

A Look Ahead

Let's look at it again, that we may be clear just where we stand. As it is now, we will have enough money during August to make our mortgage payment and pay the necessary bills, but only about one-half of the salaries. In September the fees and tuition coming in with the opening of the school session ought to be sufficient to meet the expenses for that month, but no more, and not enough to catch up anything short from the month before. Then for 4 more months there will be no further income in sight until annual offering time, unless the church does something extra for the school.

Again and again, when this desperate need has been discussed here at Grace Seminary, students and staff members alike have expressed their faith that the Lord will somehow see us through this crisis. Certainly, they would say, He would not have blessed the school as He has been doing and brought it thus far along so wonderfully, only to let it down now. That is our conviction. We believe it is yours, too. Let us pray that this experience through which Grace Seminary is now passing may deepen our dependence on Him and result in greater effectiveness in our service for Him.



Dr. Boyer

A FRANK STATEMENT

By W. A. Ogden, President of the Board of Trustees

Grace Seminary has had a definite place in the hearts of our people since its organization 15 years ago. It has shared largely in the generous giving of the churches and individuals outside the church. No one who attended the national conferences during the first years of the life of Grace Seminary will ever forget the spontaneous, even hilarious sessions of giving for the support of the school. Dr. L. S. Bauman led these sessions, and they were blessed indeed.

The above method of supporting the school prevailed until about the time of the erection of the new building. At that time we launched the plan of asking for one dollar from each member of the church monthly for 10 months. We hoped to raise \$18,000 monthly in this manner. While this amount was not reached, the plan proved to be a success and demonstrated its practicability by producing more than \$70,000 in 10 months.



Mr. Ogden

Both the administration and many of the pastors and churches seriously considered the advisability of continuing this monthly plan as a means of supporting the current needs of the school, and paying the building debt. In fact, the ministers of one district sent a resolution to the school asking that the plan be continued until the building debt should be fully paid. However, it was finally decided to combine the building fund needs and the operating expenses into one budget and make the annual appeal in January for this combined budget.

At this moment we face a real crisis. First of all, since this is our first year in the new building we had no basis for estimating certain items in the budget. Our estimate was, on the whole, too low. Our receipts were good, but were not as much as we need. We have been compelled to spend from our current funds to complete portions of the building and the grounds. We have on hand at the moment no more than enough money to carry us through the month of August. Our annual offering is not due until February!

We feel that the return to the monthly plan, as set forth in this issue of the Herald, is in keeping with the expressed desire of the church, and is the only means by which we can run the school and pay our bills until another offering would start coming in about the end of the first semester. It is our purpose to continue this plan at least until the building debt is eliminated. We must have a minimum of \$6,000 each month, to be used as follows: (1) \$1,435 for interest and debt reduction, (2) approximately \$1,500 per month for maintenance of grounds and building (it should be noted here that this represents an increase of more than \$1,100 per month over the rental costs in our former quarters), and (3) salaries. All that we receive above these budgeted items will be added to debt reduction. It is our sincere hope that the debt will be retired far ahead of the 10-year schedule in the amortization program.

Special envelopes are being prepared and will be distributed to as many in the various churches as indicate their interest in joining this program. Offerings will be given through the local churches and should be sent to the seminary monthly. The program will start as soon as plans are completed, and it is hoped that the churches will send the August offering to national conference with the pastor or some other representative. We expect to see again something of the spirit of giving that was so manifest in the earlier days of the history of our great school. We are asking for the privilege of a special offering on Thursday evening, the time of our seminary program.

This, friends, is a direct and frank statement of our needs, and of our plans. We have made it a matter of prayer, and we believe this is the Lord's answer. This plan will eliminate the annual drive for funds near the Christmas season when the Thanksgiving offering for home missions is drawing to a close, and just before the opening of the Easter offering for foreign missions. It will afford the friends of the seminary ample opportunity to make their contributions without detracting from the annual appeal of other boards. It will not hinder those who will want to make larger gifts during the year. We hope that there will continue to be many larger gifts which will help especially with the debt reduction. We are asking for at least 6,000 monthly subscribers who will give a minimum of one dollar each. This is the least amount of money that we can get along with. Join us in prayer for God's continued blessing on our beloved school.

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gion. They are willing to admit the existence of God, but in the same breath they deny the possibility of miracles in the natural world. They will permit God to make the world and sustain it by His power (which in itself is an astonishing miracle), but they will not permit Him to interfere or interpose miraculously in the world which He has made. Upon every gate enclosing the world of nature they have hung up their little placards: "God is hereby forbidden to work miracles in this place!"

If you wonder what these "guardians" of the natural order do with such miracles as the resurrection, the answer is that they simply *deny them*. In this respect they are worse than King Louis. He at least believed that miracles *had* taken place, and therefore were possible. But these modernists will not even give serious consideration to the evidence for the miraculous. They are like the Irishman who, gazing for the first time at the giraffe, shook his head stubbornly and said, "There ain't no such animal!"

Fortunately, God is longsuffering and goes on working miracles in the lives of men. The miracle of the new birth, which takes place every day, is sufficient to demolish all the theories of the antisupernaturalists. The Word of God is not bound.—A. J. M.

THE GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY MONTHLY FINANCE PLAN

WHAT ARE THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE SEMINARY?

- The average cost of operating the school is about \$6,000 per month.
- Much of the grading and landscaping work needs yet to be done.
- There is an additional need for sidewalks and campus lighting.
- Portions of the building still await painting and equipment.

HOW IS THE MONEY TO BE RAISED?

- The seminary needs 6,000 donors who will give one dollar or more per month.
- Packets of envelopes will be distributed through your local church.
- Whenever possible offerings should be made through your local church.
- Funds received will be forwarded to the school each month.

HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE SPENT?

- \$1,435 must be paid each month toward the building indebtedness.
- Then the running expenses of the school will be paid.
- Necessary improvements on the building and campus will be made.
- All extra funds will be applied toward the indebtedness of the school.

WHEN WILL THE PLAN BEGIN?

- The plan is to begin in August, Grace Seminary's First Anniversary month.
- For immediate relief make your Anniversary Offering a large one.
- The August gifts should be brought to conference by an appointed delegate.
- Each church may report its gift at the Seminary Rally on Thursday, August 21.

A Plea for Wholehearted Support

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean

Quite recently it was my privilege to enjoy the fellowship of a Southern Baptist evangelist for almost an entire week. During that period of time I grew to love him. I found in him a man whose heart was warm to the things of the Lord. He had a burning zeal for the souls of men, and this probably can best be explained by the fact that he had a deep sense of responsibility to the call and commissioning of the Lord.

I call attention to this man because of one incident that occurred during our week together. In the company of other Christians, the conversation was turned upon the Southern Baptists. There were some in the group who held them up to some rather bitter criticism, not knowing perhaps that this evangelist was a Southern Baptist. The point being made was directed at the almost fanatical loyalty of the Southern Baptist for Southern Baptists.

After listening to the discussion for some time, to the amazement of the others—to say nothing about their chagrin—he informed them of his denominational affiliation and proceeded to outline for them the reasons the Southern Baptists with undeviating loyalty always supported and propagated the faith of Southern Baptists. He went on to explain that this was basic in explaining the phenomenal growth of the Southern Baptist denomination within recent years.

I was not present when this took place, but he related it to me later. With frankness and a fine sense of humility he told me the whole story. To say the least, I was greatly impressed with the conviction of the man, and more so with the explanation for the growth of this great denomination. I have the feeling that we Brethren could learn much from the Southern Baptist fellowship.

First and foremost among the reasons why Southern Baptists are loyal to and support only Southern Baptist interests is for the purpose of preserving the denomination from the inroads of modernism and unbelief so prevalent everywhere. They believe that the stream of truth is pure within the church and they intend to keep it that way. They feel that the moment outside interests begin to claim the attention of the people there is grave danger of infiltration and pollution of the stream. Therefore, they insist that the church with all her institutions be safeguarded by this rigid loyalty.

Second among the reasons which he related for this undivided loyalty is the fact that loyalty conserves the resources of the church and channels them into the various avenues of ministry which the Lord gave to the Southern Baptists. If the members of the church and her congregations begin to divide their loyalties, it will not be long until her resources will be diverted into

places and interests outside the Southern Baptist fellowship and this denomination will fail of the purpose for which it was called into being.

Third, and not least, such loyalty provides for growth and achievement of the purpose for which God called the Southern Baptist fellowship into existence. Loyalty, undivided, real, earnest, convinces others that this denomination is the place where God would have them cast their lot. It sends leaders and laity out to promote the interests of this one church and brings in a harvest from among the many who are not saved or who have no church home.

There were many other minor reasons or angles to the matter which this good man related to me. If I were not already a Brethren with the supreme conviction that the Lord had called me into the denominational affiliation where He wants me, I think I would be well on the way into the Southern Baptist denomination.

Allow me to place before you the one supreme thing that undergirded all he said. It was this, namely, that he believed and Southern Baptists generally believe and teach that they have the truth. Their church is the one denomination which is correct. God has called them into existence, and they dare not desert that call. There is, therefore, no room for turning aside, or back—no room for joining other groups or entering into mergers. Any of this would not only constitute a sign of weakness, but would be a renunciation of the very purpose for which God called them.

Thank God for such conviction. We are living in a day when there is more need for this than ever before. There is need for it within the Brethren Church. God has given us a heritage and we are duty bound to conserve it, to preserve it, to support it, to promote it, to propagate it, and to give it our undivided loyalties. If this is not so, then it is high time that we know, and turn our attention, our energies, and our affections elsewhere. Certainly there is a place, and a group, and a faith, and a ministry where God would have us give our whole heart and soul and mind and strength.

I am saying all this because I believe that the Brethren Church is God's call to every one of us in days like these. Her faith, her members, her congregations, her districts, her ministers, her missionaries, her district and national interests are all part of the denomination which God brought into existence, and into which every one of us has come by His providence, and through which there has been channeled to us the untold blessings we have enjoyed. This church is God's call to us to give our undivided loyalties so that its ministry may be spread far and wide in the earth in the literature it is producing, the fields it is evangelizing, the local church it is establishing, and in the servants it is preparing.

Surely there can be no question whatsoever that if God's people within the Brethren Church were giving their loyalties to their church as they should, there would be no lack anywhere within the church, and there would be no question about the growth of the church.

I am not forgetful of the wonderful loyalty of the few. But there are many who do not fall within this class. As national conference approaches, could there be a new birth of loyalty kindled in the breasts of all of us, and could this new birth be manifested at this coming conference? May God pour out upon us the spirit of grace and supplication to this end, for nothing would do more to inspire our people with new vigor for the days ahead;

EXPANDING HORIZONS

During the first 2 weeks in July we at Winona Lake have witnessed a great moving of the Spirit of God. At almost every session of the Youth for Christ International Conference the great Billy Sunday Tabernacle, seating 7,000, was well filled. On the final Sunday afternoon it was estimated that about 14,000 people were on the grounds. The tabernacle was packed, scores of people were looking in at the windows, and overflow crowds gathered in the auditorium and on the hillside to listen as Billy Graham brought one of the closing messages of the conference. Hundreds of decisions were made during the 2-week period, and thousands of young people were challenged by the conference theme, "Expanding Horizons in a Shrinking World."

At the closing business session on Friday a record budget of \$760,000 for 1952-53 was adopted. Fifty-four percent of the new budget was earmarked for world evangelism work in 78 countries. The new budget exceeds by \$190,000 the amount raised and sent out during the past 12 months. Billy Graham, who was again elected first vice president of the organization, says, looking into the future, "This year, under the dynamic and spiritual leadership of our president, Dr. Bob Cook, we are planning:

"First, to send 100 student teams to evangelize in Europe. . . .

"Secondly, to invade Japan with all the power and punch that God will give us to reach those great islands for Christ.

"Thirdly, to take to our hearts the rural communities of America and do everything we can to see that there is a witness in each one.

"Fourthly, to cooperate and work more closely with pioneer missionary agencies in helping to reach the remotest parts of the world with the Gospel."

It is evident that Youth for Christ International means business in its missionary enterprise at home and abroad, for last year more than \$800,000 came in for its missionary work alone. Thus, they are "expanding horizons in a shrinking world."

The question the Brethren Church faces at this time is also one of "expanding horizons." This broadened view has been placed before us again and again during recent months by the Foreign Missionary Society and the Home Missions Council. In considering our world-wide responsibility, every member of the Brethren Church will do well to consider also the concluding words of Billy Graham: "We hope to have the names of 50,000 young people who are ready to go after proper preparation on a mighty world-wide crusade for Christ." Let us remember that the enlistment of recruits is not all that needs to be done in pressing the battle against the foe. These recruits can be sent only after "proper preparation," and proper preparation calls for just such a school as the Lord has raised up in the Brethren Church. We cannot afford to fail in the responsibility of training young men and women any more than we can afford to fail elsewhere along the line.—B.

nothing would do more to give our leaders enlarging vision and such a new spirit of confidence; nothing would do more to grip our hearts and give us such joy and fellowship.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

The Crisis at Grace Seminary—Why?

By Dr. Alva J. McClain, President

Rather recently I have been informed by my colleagues at Winona Lake that Grace Seminary is facing a crisis: that, insofar as human foresight can predict, our available operating funds will be exhausted sometime in August. And therefore, apart from presently unforeseen gifts and offerings, the school will be without operating funds from October to January, when the annual offerings will begin to come in once more.

When this news was confirmed to me out here in Arizona, I must confess to a feeling of disappointment and depression. Then I remembered what I should not have forgotten even for a moment: that God's *first* and *highest* purpose in this present age is not merely to add to the church's temporal resources nor to make His children a little more comfortable in a material way, but the primary business of God just now is the *production* of *men and women* fit to be members of a new race which are to reign in the blessed kingdom of the Son of His love. And this is not an easy task, even for an omnipotent God. He could easily speak a material universe into existence by the fiat of His creative Word. But the production of genuine Christian virtues in sinful men, even though born again, is a divine work wrought only on the forge of spiritual discipline.

Because this is so, severe crises are nothing new in the history of the church of God. The records are filled with these things—times when the outlook was dark and it seemed to some at least that the testimony of God might perish from the earth.

And because Grace Seminary is a work of God in Christ, crises are nothing new in her history. It was a crisis in the church which led to the founding of the school in 1930. It was another crisis when the school found itself in 1937 dispossessed of all except a few teachers and students *and the promises of God*. It was still another crisis when in 1945 the school had grown so rapidly that there was no way to continue without the

erection of an adequate building, and there were almost no funds to build it. All these crises raised problems which seemed humanly insurmountable. But in these experiences we learned—or should have learned—that there is no crisis beyond the control of our Father. He is the God not only of eternity but of every human circumstance in time. And just as Grace Seminary has found in Him the answer to every problem in the past, so also we shall continue to believe that He has the sufficient answer to all present and future problems.

But we must not forget that God provides the solution to our problems *in answer to earnest and believing prayer*. It is just here that the great ultimate purpose of the Father for His children may be seen. The hardest thing for God is not the building of buildings and the raising of money for His work. The hardest thing for God is to get His children on their knees in genuine prayer. I have no doubt that our present crisis was divinely permitted for this very purpose. God has done this again and again in our history as a church. Now He is dealing with us once more as His children who may have forgotten *how* the former blessings came from His hand.

Once we are on our knees in genuine prayer, in the name of Jesus, concerned chiefly with His will and glory, the answer will come and the need will be fully met, just as surely as the stars run in their courses. It may be that the unceasing blessings of God through the years have actually caused us to take the good things of God too much for granted, and we have forgotten for the moment that we have deserved none of His grace and gifts. Doubtless we have needed to be reminded once again that the good things of life come down from the Father above in answer to prayer. If so, the present financial crisis will have been good for us. The need of the hour is PRAYER. We are sure the needed money will follow.

IT'S OUR JOB!

Liquidating our indebtedness on the Grace Seminary building and the paying of the current expenses at the same time is our job. It's the headquarters building for all of us; we stand or fall together.

It's an emergency and we should all help right now! When the original "Dollar-a-Month Club" ended many, by reducing their gifts, seemed to say, "The debt is paid!" But it isn't paid, and we are face to face with an emergency.

A dollar a month, or some amount per month, by every interested person until the debt is paid, seems to be the only logical plan. I favor it! I recommend it! I urge it!

Let's all help!—Dr. R. D. Barnard, Secretary, Foreign Missionary Society.



CRUCIAL NEED AT GRACE SEMINARY



During the years of sacred history there have been many times of acute and crucial need in the work of agencies devoted to the teaching of the Word of God. The God of all grace has always faithfully met the need of His servants in His own way and time. We have a critical financial need in the support of our own Grace Seminary at this time and we believe that God will meet this need through the gifts of His people. The plan of monthly giving to meet the demands of the building indebtedness has had the complete approval of the Brethren Home Missions Council and we believe it should be continued in meeting this urgent need. We believe that missionary service stands to gain by this giving and that faithful stewards of God will not deduct such gifts from either home or foreign missions.—Luther L. Grubb, Secretary, Home Missions Council.

Are Brethren People Sufficiently Devoted To Grace Seminary?



Dr. Kent

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Registrar

It will not be long until another seminary year will be upon us. The summer season passes quickly, national conference convenes, and then in a few days students will be wending their way toward the halls on Seminary Hill.

The registrar has been busy during the weeks since school closed in answering letters from those who are contemplating entering the seminary this fall, interviewing others who are looking in our direction, and in reviewing the definite applications which have been received for the enrollment of this coming September. A peek at the number of applications received so far indicates a splendid incoming group of students. In the neighborhood of 70 applications have already been accepted with doubtless a good many more to follow. It appears likely that we shall experience a record enrollment of new students at the time of registration, September 5. Whether or not we will exceed last fall's total enrollment of 174 in both the graduate and collegiate divisions, of course, remains to be seen.

At any rate, it is evident that we will have a splendid student body, one which ought to challenge the Brethren Church. If the enrollment is similar to last year it will mean that 60 percent of the students will be from the Brethren Church, the remaining 40 percent will be distributed among a dozen or more denominational groups.

Responsibility Faces Us

Faced with the training of such a body of students as this imposes a grave responsibility upon all of us who have anything to do with the operation of Grace Seminary. The faculty faces a grave responsibility in the matter of the content of teaching which it imparts and the type of life it exemplifies among the students. Then the Brethren Church as a whole faces a stern responsibility in the matter of supporting the school by its prayers, interest, and gifts. Grace Seminary is the only denominational institution of training the Brethren Church possesses. It is the creature of our church, born out of trial and to fulfill an urgent need. As it grows in size and in years, no less does it need the support of the denomination that gave it birth than in the days of its infancy.

In these days when the spirit of independence is abroad in so many circles, we see it creeping into the church at times bringing with it the tendency to throw off loyalty to denominational interests, no matter how worthy they may be. This could happen in the Brethren Church and in relation to Grace Seminary. If it does it

will be in the direction of the loss of the distinctive ministry of the Brethren Church with its stress upon "the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible." Surely this would be a tragedy and a mark of dishonor. Let us be on guard against it.

There are other good schools which deserve our interest and prayers. We thank God for all the seminaries, colleges and Bible institutes which are true to the Word of God. We believe they have been raised up for such a time as this and we have a duty to pray for them that they may be kept true to the faith in these perilous times. But having said this, surely it deserves to be stressed that we have a particular obligation to be loyal to the one institution of learning we have which is dedicated to the purpose of propagating the Word of God and the Brethren faith. Grace Seminary is the only institution which can be expected to emphasize the doctrines that have made us a distinctive people. Neglect of these tenets will sooner or later result in the loss of our denominational distinction and we will be swallowed up by other denominational groups or by the independent movement that is sweeping the land. Thus the imperative need of maintaining Grace Seminary is evident. Groups that fail to train their own leaders soon fail of propagation and are lost as to their identity.

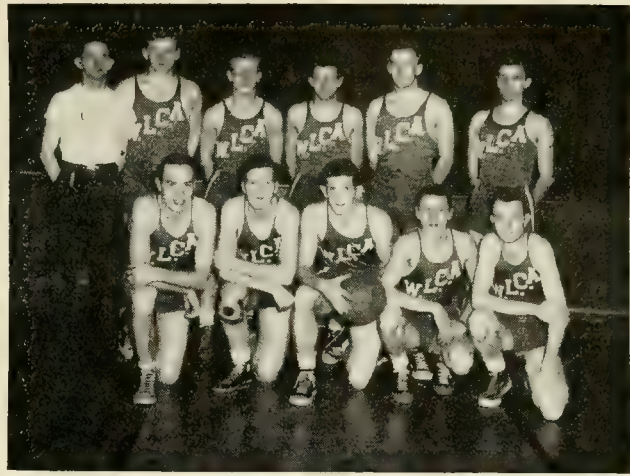
Peter Waldo, in the 12th century, was able to propagate a great evangelical movement that swept across Europe and slow down the tide of Romanism, because he inspired and trained men in the Word and in its propagation. John Wiclif laid the foundation for the Reformation movement in England because he was able to impress a large group of lay followers with the vitality of the Word of God. Thus the Lollards scattered the blessed Word across the British Isles. Much the same can be said respecting Philip Spener and his followers, the Pietists, and John Wesley and the Methodists, and Dwight L. Moody and the establishment of his type of Bible preaching and evangelism in the schools which he was influential in founding.

Grace Seminary Deserves Support

So it is with our own Brethren faith. If we expect it to live and multiply, it is inevitable that in the halls of learning this faith must be honored and taught. God has given us a good beginning in this direction in Grace Seminary with its graduate and collegiate divisions. As long as it is true to the Word of God and upholds the ideals for which it was established, it deserves the earnest support of every Brethren. May God grant that our devotion and zeal in this respect may become increasingly deepened!



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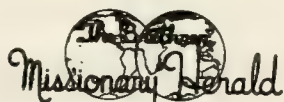
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"Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman announce the engagement of their daughter, *Elaine Christine* ('Penny') to some Herald readers) to Maxwell Brenneman, of Huntington Beach, Calif."

Bro. Herman Hein, Grace Seminary student, will preach at his home church, Winchester, Va., on July 27.

The Berrien Springs, Mich., church gave a unanimous call to Rev. Arthur F. Collins to continue as pastor for another year. Mr. Walter A. Haman, former FBI bodyguard of the Presidents, spoke at the church July 19-20.

The South Gate, Calif., church heard Rev. Alfred Dodds on June 29 and Dr. Irving Ahlquist on July 6.

The Beaumont, Calif., church had an average attendance of 122 people in Bible school during the month of June, compared with an average of 88 for the same month in 1951. The total offerings at this mission church for the year ending June 30 was \$12,324.58.

The Johnstown, Pa., First church elected Mr. and Mrs. Blair Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Hildebrand, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Noon, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Redinger, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Up-house and ordained them as deacons on June 29.

The time for the national conference is almost here. Be sure to make your summer plans to include a trip to Winona Lake August 18-24. A great missionary rally is being planned for Sunday afternoon, August 24, at which both home and foreign missionaries will speak. The closing message of the conference will be preached by Dr. Alva J. McClain.

Rev. William Schaffer, Spokane, Wash., spoke at the Temple City, Calif., church on July 9.

The Altoona, Pa., Grace church received two new members June 29.

Rev. Ben Hamilton, student at Grace Seminary, spoke at his home church, Whittier, Calif., on July 13.

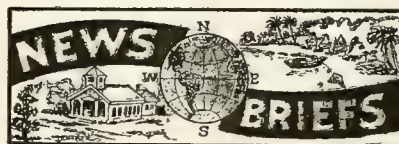
Mrs. Ben (Minnie) Holgate, of Modesto, Calif., died on June 30.

Mrs. Hannah Miller, of the Meyersdale, Pa., church, died on June 10.

Rev. James C. Beatty, pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif., Third church, was granted the Bachelor of Divinity degree by the California Baptist Seminary of Covina, Calif., at its sixth annual commencement June 1.

The Dayton, Ohio, First church elected and ordained Mr. and Mrs. Earl Diehl and Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Trissell as deacons on July 13.

At the Roanoke, Va., Ghent church five people were baptized and received into fellowship on June 29. A total of 31 people united with the church during the year that ended June 30.



Dr. Homer A. Kent, of Winona Lake, Ind., has completed 10 years as a writer on the Sunday school lessons for the King's Business, printed by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, a school from which Dr. Kent graduated.

Paul Gingrich, son of Rev. and Mrs. U. L. Gingrich, of Kittanning, Pa., was married to Miss Louise Van Buskirk at Caton, N. Y., on June 20. The groom's father performed the ceremony.

Raymond Gingrich, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Gingrich, of Akron, Ohio, and a recent graduate from Wheaton College, was awarded a summer scholarship to Oxford University in England. He will specialize in Asiatic History.

Mrs. Bettie Lee Sorge, wife of Rev. Virgil P. Sorge, was instantly killed in an automobile accident at Mineola, Tex., on June 13.

The Uniontown, Pa., church will hold a Bible conference July 27-August 3 under the leadership of Dr. Charles H. Ashman. The theme of the conference will be "The Person, Presence, and Power of the Holy Spirit."

Dr. Martin Shively, of Ashland, Ohio, died at his home on July 5. He was born on July 20, 1863, at Ross-ville, Ind., and on October 14, 1885, he married Catherine Ehresman, who survives him, along with their two sons. Dr. Shively was ordained to the ministry shortly after his marriage, preaching 17 years in Ohio, 10 in California, 6 in Pennsylvania, and had served Ashland College for the past 30 years. Funeral services were held at Ashland with burial near Dayton, Ohio.

Prof. Herbert Bess, of Winona Lake, held Bible conferences at Chico, Calif., June 29-July 2 and at Tracy, Calif., July 6-9. He is scheduled to hold conferences at these places in California: district conference July 23 and 26; Bellflower July 27-29; Beaumont July 30-August 1; and Long Beach First church August 3-6.

Dr. Elias D. White, who has served the South Gate, Calif., church as pastor since June 1939 has resigned effective August 31.

The Wooster, Ohio, church for the April-June quarter had an average attendance in the Bible school of 201 people, in the morning service it was 228, in the evening service 157, with 65 in the midweek service. The vacation Bible school had an enrollment of 187 with an average attendance of 138. The church witnessed 37 public decisions, 16 baptisms, and received 15 new members. The gifts totaled \$6,978.46 for the quarter.

Rev. C. H. Hinegardner, though living at Midland, Va., commutes to Baltimore, Md., each week end to carry on the services there. It is his prayer that a full-time pastor can be secured for the Baltimore church in the very near future. The Hinegardners became grandparents on June 19 and again on July 2.

The Covington, Va., church had a daily vacation Bible school with an average attendance of 100 children. During the last four evenings of the time the school was held a youth revival was also conducted. Those in charge of both series were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fetterhoff. There were 14 public decisions during the 2 weeks. On June 25 Rev. Lee Crist resigned as pastor, but the congregation refused the resignation. Pastor Crist decided to remain at the church.

Rev. Russell Williams, pastor of the Yakima, Wash., church, underwent surgery on July 7. He is now at home and recovering rapidly.

"Unto Him That Loved Us"

By Nathan M. Meyer, Winona Lake, Ind.

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (Rev. 1:5-6).

Notice the three statements: *loved us, washed us, made us*. These three phrases cover the whole plan of redemption: the Lord *loved us*, that is the motive in redemption; then He *washed us*, that is the method of redemption; finally, He *made us*, that is the mystery of redemption.

Now together let us consider briefly what the Lord has really done for us. First, we are told that

HE LOVED US

so much that He was willing to bear the shame of a criminal's cross and to sacrifice His own life so that we might live forever, which is the *motive* of redemption. The human mind cannot comprehend the depth of the wondrous love of our God. The poet has expressed it in these words:

"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment
made;
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
And ev'ry man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the
whole,
Tho' stretched from sky to sky."

This brings us to the second point. We are thankful that the Lord not only loved us but that He expressed His divine and measureless love when

HE WASHED US

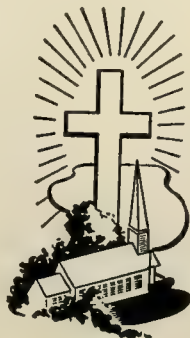
from our sins in His own precious blood. This is the fullest expression of His love and indicates the *method* of redemption. A sinless and a timeless God had from the beginning declared that the penalty of sin was death. Death here means total and eternal separation from God. This declaration was absolutely necessary from a perfect God. And here is the reason why. Sin is rebellion against God. Now a perfect God cannot tolerate rebellion and yet retain His sovereignty. He must subdue the

rebellion and banish the rebels. That is exactly what God will do in death to the sinner—not physical death, but spiritual death. This spiritual death is called the second death, and does not mean annihilation, but separation from God.

Thus it would appear that sinners are hopelessly and helplessly lost. But this is where the love of God finds expression in His grace. II Timothy 2:13 says God "cannot deny himself"—that is, He cannot be what He is not. Since He is perfectly holy and perfectly just, He cannot simply ignore and overlook man's sin. That would be a denial of His perfect justice. And yet His boundless love will not let us be cast out of His presence forever—unless by our own choice.

At this point we come face to face with the fact that there is only one way that the perfect love of God can be expressed without at the same time violating God's perfect justice. The death penalty for sin must be paid, and yet God's love cannot bear to see all mankind perish. That presents a problem. But a perfect God has a perfect answer for every problem. So God, in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son, came to earth and became man—yet without sin. He, the perfect, sinless One, willingly and gladly took upon Himself the sin of the whole world. The penalty for sin therefore was laid on Him, and thus He accomplished our redemption by sacrificing Himself. "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:2).

Thus were satisfied both God's perfect love and His perfect justice.



The work of redemption was finished. In the words of our text, He "washed us" from our sins in His own blood.

That brings us now to our third point. When a man, in his heart, accepts Christ as his Saviour, God instantly makes of him a new creation in Christ Jesus. And of such our text speaks when it says

HE MADE US

kings and priests unto God—His Father. This is indeed the *mystery* of redemption—that God in the realm and the power of the Spirit could make us perfect in His sight because, having laid our sin upon Christ, He laid Christ's righteousness upon us. This, like the love of God, is beyond our human comprehension. And yet, that is exactly what God has done. No wonder Paul exclaims, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God" (Rom. 11:33)! "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. . . . For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:17, 21).

This is a marvelous fact that God has clothed us, who are in Christ, with His own perfect righteousness. He has made us new creatures in Christ through the new birth. This new birth takes place by the power of God when anyone by faith accepts His Son as personal Saviour. This spiritual birth makes us children of the eternal God, and we are at once members of the royal family of heaven. Individually, we are saints; together we comprise that body of believers which the Bible calls "the church."

All of this is made possible, not through any merit of our own, but through the merit of our Saviour. He "made us" kings and priests of God: priests, because we have access directly to God Himself through Christ; kings, because we are members of God's royal household and we shall live and reign with Him forever. How wonderful for those who have been born again by faith in the finished work of our blessed Lord!

VIII—THE SCIENTIFIC SIGN (II Peter 3:1-6)

In this passage we have the attitude of false science toward prophecy; it is that of scoffing. The false scientists make mockery of prophecy, especially scoffing at any possibility of the return of Christ, and asking, "Where is the promise of His coming?" That is, "Where are there any indications of Christ's coming?" Not all scientists assume this attitude, for there are scientists who believe the Bible. But the general attitude of scientists is that of scoffing.

The Law of Uniformity

These scoffers argue from the law of uniformity or regularity of nature. They say, "Since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." One has written: "There never was a day when men of science were so content to assume that since creation all phenomena proceed along fixed lines, which are continuous because they are determined by fixed laws." Another has written: "Our modern world, after many centuries of research, is convinced that all things are bound together as a chain which will permit of no break." The scoffers' argument against the coming of the Lord is based on this so-called law of uniformity. They argue that Christians have always looked for the coming of Christ, but that nature goes on and on, and the Lord has not come, neither will He ever come. The law of uniformity and regularity of nature, so they argue, is proof against any disruption by the Lord.

But, hold on a minute! All things have not continued as they were from the beginning of creation! This scoffing comes out of ignorance; it is based on a fallacy—"For this they willingly are ignorant of," that some things have been changed radically by direct intervention of God since the original creation. This fact is "hidden from them through their own willfulness."

There have been two great cataclysmic interruptions of the law of uniformity since the original crea-

tion. Genesis 1:1 records the original creation, complete and perfect. Genesis 1:2 records a judgment upon this original creation. The surface of the earth bears testimony to such a judgment. There are Scriptures which imply that this came in relation to the sin of angels and the anointed cherub (Ezek. 28:12-15; Jer. 4:23-26). Then there was another catastrophe in the flood. Science has proofs of these two cataclysmic interruptions of the law of uniformity. The Bible records them with divine accuracy.

The scoffing of the scoffers in this respect is given as a sign of the last days. They, the scoffers, and their scoffing prove the very nearness of the great event which they scoffingly deny.

Scientific Age

Ecclesiastes 7:29 declares "that God made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions." David declares: "Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions. . . . Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions" (Psa. 106:29, 39). Paul warns against scientific scoffers in these words: "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called" (I Tim. 6:20). These Scriptures warn against those that would pervert nature's laws and forces by means of their inventions. All this is related to this scientific sign. Practically all inventions and outstanding discoveries have been made within the last century.

Daniel 12:4

Daniel was advised to "shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Here is a twofold scientific sign. It is the intellectual-speed sign. This prophecy is that at the "time of the end" there shall be an increase of knowledge that will enable the peoples of the world to run

to and fro. That is scientific knowledge unlocking the powers of steam, electricity, gasoline, and the very atom for communication and transportation.

Nahum 2:4

This passage forecasts the day when "the chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like lightnings." At least there is a striking comparison in this to the present-day automobile.

Isaiah 60:8

In contrast to camels as a slow means of transportation, in Isaiah 60:8 the question is asked: "Who are these that fly as a cloud?" Look away from the camels to the air and see the air filled with flying machines. Might it be that the picture given in Revelation 9:7-10 of that horde of locusts coming out of the pit, armored like horses of old, carrying poison in their tails, might it be that this is a prophetic forecast of the deadly warplanes of this day?

Speed Demons

Sir Isaac Newton was a great scientist and student of Bible prophecies. In his day he declared that the time would come when men would be able to travel at 50 miles an hour. Voltaire, the noted French infidel, made fun of Newton in these words: "Now look at the mighty mind of Newton, who discovered the law of gravitation. When he became an old man, and got into the dotage, he began to study the Book called the Bible, and it seems in order to credit its fabulous nonsense, we must believe that the knowledge of mankind will be so increased that we shall be able to travel at the rate of 50 miles an hour! The poor dotard!" Well, what would both Newton and Voltaire think if they lived today? What would they think of our streamlined trains, our speeding au-

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Molding the Minds of Men

Dr. Albert Edward Wiggam, in his column appearing daily in many newspapers, wrote on July 12 that it is very probable that in the future scientists will be able to mold the minds of men. He quoted Dr. Roger Adams as saying that in the future men may bring forth certain drugs that will permit the deliberate molding of a person, both physically and mentally. Adams thinks that we may be able to produce people different from ourselves. To this supposition Wiggam adds: "We hope they'll be better. It would place terrifying power in the hands of a dictator."

There is one now, dear reader, who can change the minds of men and it will be for the better in every case. With this one there will be no experimenting and no failures. One day this one met a man possessed of a legion of unclean demons. The demons were driven into the swine. The people rushed from the villages nearby to see what had happened. Mark tells of the event in these words:

"And they [the villagers] come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid" (Mark 5:15).

Before evil men get control of the mind turn it over to the Lord Jesus Christ and follow the admonition of the Apostle Paul: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). When this is done the mind will be at peace and quiet rest forever.

New Way to End War

The Rev. Ilsley Boone, a 73-year-old Baptist minister at Mays Landing, N. J., has made a plea for worldwide nudism as a means to end war. He has offered his suggestion to the United Nations with this explanation: "It would be difficult to tell which man was your enemy if soldiers wore no clothes."

How low in sin can a man go, even one who claims to be a preacher of the glorious Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ? It is not the presence or the absence of clothes that makes man a fighter—it is the sinfulness of his

heart in rebellion and disobedience against God, the Sovereign of the universe.

What this man needs is the robe of righteousness to clothe him for eternity. Such utterances as this from his lips give evidence that he is not acquainted with the Saviour of sinners who came that men might be clothed with His righteousness for all eternity. When John the Beloved looked into heaven in the days he spent on the Isle of Patmos he saw the saints clothed in robes of righteousness. Of this experience he wrote:

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints" (Rev. 19:7-8).

The Cure for Sin

In 1949 Millard F. Wright submitted to a delicate brain operation to cure him of his urge to steal. The 43-year-old Wright has spent one-half of his adult life in prisons. In 1949 he had Dr. Yale David Koskoff perform an operation on his brain to cure him of his criminal tendencies. On June 18 of this year he was arrested again and imprisoned at Pittsburgh, Pa., for a series of jewelry store burglaries.

When detectives asked Wright if the brain operation had been successful he shrugged his shoulders and replied, "With me it wasn't."

There are two reasons why this operation was not successful. First, the operation was by the wrong physician, and second, the operation was on the wrong part of the body. The operation should have been performed by the Great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ, and it should have been performed upon the heart, "for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23).

When men have submitted themselves to the Great Physician and have undergone the heart operation then of them it can be said: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17).

Trouble Teaches Trust

Cliff Cole, writer of the "Daily Pulpit" in the Alhambra, Calif., Post Advocate, wrote in the July 1 issue of that paper: "We speak of trials and tribulations as though they were things we shouldn't have to face or endure. Maybe they are God's vote of confidence in us."

Troubles caused King David of Israel to turn to His Lord in trust, there to find an adequate refuge in his hour of need. On one occasion, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, he wrote: "The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know ~~my~~ name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee" (Psa. 9:9-10).

Indeed, the coming of trouble is the time when one's faith or lack of faith is shown. Faith is not born in the hour of the trouble, but it is revealed then. Therefore, remember that if you want help when trouble comes you must be acquainted with the Lord in whom you can place your trust and from whom you can receive the spirit of security and peace.

The Curse of Broken Homes

One of our pastors wrote recently to the editor telling of his work as a consultant in the juvenile court of the county in which he resides. He has observed that in "85 percent of the cases that come before the court the parents are involved in marital difficulties of some nature—either desertion, separation or divorce and remarriage."

Most parents today need to be reminded again and again of God's first rule concerning marriage: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:24).

Note that word "cleave." Its first and primary meaning is to adhere closely, to cling, to stick. If parents would "cleave," the children would have parents that were interested in them and who would provide a home of love for them.

About the year 1700 the Lutheran Church in Germany abolished the private confession of the individual to the priest, but now it is being revived, which is another evidence of the building up of the super church on earth just as the Romanists hope and pray will come to pass.

The General Synod of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany voted by a large majority in a recent conference to urge all pastors to be ready to hear confession and give absolution. Revival of the practice has been manifest in local communities, but now it has been made to reach throughout the whole of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany.

This is a tragic trend within the church. We are told to confess our sins to our one High Priest, for He alone can forgive and absolve. The Apostle Paul declared: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (I Tim. 2: 5-6). Again, speaking of this same Lord Jesus, he declared: "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people" (Heb. 2:16-17).

FAVORITE SERMON TOPICS

A minister in an Episcopal church in Minneapolis, Minn., asked the people of his congregation this question: "If you could hear only five sermons during the rest of your life, what five topics would you like to hear discussed?"

The five favorite topics of the members of this particular church are:

1. Immortality. Is there life after death? How can we be assured there is?
2. How can we keep faith in the face of adversity?
3. What can we do to secure and maintain world peace?
4. How can adults keep children from losing faith?
5. When all goes well with our lives, how can we keep from feeling self-sufficient and independent of God?

God's Unshakable Things

By Rev. Jesse Hall, Canton, Ohio

"Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain" (Heb. 12:26-27).

A world-wide "shaking" is precipitating a significant "removing" throughout the earth today. Proud nations have fallen, to rise no more, history-changing documents are being repudiated, seemingly impregnable organizations are folding up, while "indispensable individuals" (so-called) are as the grass of the field that withereth and falleth away (I Pet. 1:24).

Furthermore, this is but the prelude to a "shaking" that promises to climax all other previous shakings by its magnitude and extension. Haggai, the prophet, links this far-reaching and climactic event with the second coming of Jesus Christ (Hag. 2:5-6).

Ignorant scoffers contend that "all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation," and continue "walking after their own lusts" to their certain destruction (II Pet. 3:3-4). While instructed believers know that their only security in the midst of such fearsome conditions is to be realized by "laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life" (I Tim. 6:19).

The Bible indicates that there are at least four unshakable things: the Christ of God, the Word of God, the Church of God, and the Child of God. These are the things "which cannot be shaken," that will remain steadfast in the midst of that dreadful day. "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation" (II Pet. 3:14-15). It is our plan to look briefly at each of these "unshakable things" in ensuing articles.



The Bob Wells Evangelistic Party, composed of Dr. Robert J. Wells, evangelist; Forrest Schickedanz, song leader-soloist, and Les Barnett, organist, announced that they will hold campaigns only in places approved by the American Association for Deeper Evangelism.

Wells, in explaining the position of the team, said: "Certain segments of the Christian faith, either nationally or on the local church level, have taken positions which are incompatible with fundamental New Testament evangelism. Because of these attitudes, our party is unwilling to undertake evangelistic efforts under such sponsorship.

"I do not believe," said Dr. Wells, "that the liberal or modernist preacher is entitled to the recognition, endorsement, and assistance given him in the average city-wide campaign.

"I cannot in good conscience instruct converts to 'go to the church of your choice,' when I realize that in the majority of the cases the convert is not capable of making the right decision.

"I do not want my ministry to assist or encourage the liberal or modernistic church or council in the slightest way.

"I believe that in view of the subtle and clever tactics employed by the apostate National Council, the issues must be more clearly drawn than ever, and I desire to have my position made so 'crystal clear' that even the most uninformed convert will understand and will thus be led in the right direction."

CHURCHES, GROCERS COOPERATE

In Enid, Okla., the grocerymen decided to close their stores on Sunday. The churches of the city commended the grocerymen through large paid for and signed advertisements in the local newspapers. The grocerymen showed their appreciation for this recognition by the churches by placing paid for and signed advertisements in the same papers declaring that it was their intention to keep their stores closed on Sunday.

There are many communities in the United States that ought to give consideration to similar action. God asks for only one day out of seven and He ought to have it, for without Him we are or have nothing.



Listie, Pennsylvania

The Listie Brethren Church was led in 2 weeks of revival and evangelistic services this spring by Rev. Mark Malles. The services began on April 14. The attendances were good, the interest was fine, and the Lord gave us good weather to contribute to the success of the soul-winning venture.

Rev. Mark Malles, pastor of our Altoona church, faithfully and diligently ministered with the Word and in prayer, in the homes and in the church. The lives of new folks in the community were reached with the Gospel in a special way, and there has been a definite harvest of fruit since. Some of our church people gave up their habits and confessed their sins of unfaithfulness. The church was definitely enriched spiritually and numerically through this special effort, for which we thank our always faithful Lord.

We also sincerely appreciate the generosity of the Altoona Brethren for permitting us to use their faithful and diligent pastor. And we are grateful to Brother Malles for his preaching and praying while with us. *Paul L. Mohler, pastor.*

It was a real privilege to preach the Gospel in a 2-week evangelistic meeting at the Listie Brethren Church this spring. The fellowship with the Lord's people in the church and in their homes was certainly a joy. Especially did I enjoy the hospitality and fellowship of the pastor, Rev. Paul Mohler, and his wife. These folks have been definitely used of the Lord in leading the Listie church to real victories. The building, which has been recently enlarged and redecorated, now provides adequate facilities for a good-sized Bible school, boys' and girls' organizations, and other departments of the church. New people are being added to the number of the saints and are helping to strengthen the church.

Many new families were contacted during the meetings and some of these seem to be definite prospects who can be won to the Lord by con-

tinued contact. The Lord brought decisions in a number of Christian hearts and some received Christ as Saviour. We praise Him for the victories won and pray that the Lord will continue to use the pastor and the congregation in an ever-widening testimony.—*Mark E. Malles, evangelist.*

Clayton, Ohio

The Lord is blessing us here at the Clayton church. Before we arrived on the field the people completely redecorated the parsonage inside, adding some closets and an inside basement stairway. Painters are engaged to paint the church building and also the exterior of the parsonage this summer. Plumbers are contracted to lay the lines for running water from the parsonage to the church building. Many other smaller items have been added which add to the welfare of the church life.

The vacation Bible school conducted this summer was a real success. With a total enrollment of 80, there was an average attendance of 58 children. Through the help of a contest, the offerings for the 2-week period amounted to \$68.27. This offering will be sent to our Navaho mission station along with other smaller projects designated for that work. The closing exercise was witnessed by a full church of parents and children. Fifteen young people accepted Christ as their personal Saviour at the close of the school.

The following week the pastor and family were surprised when the church gave them a food shower and also a purse of money. Refreshments were served by the church members, and the pastor's family was grateful for the full cupboards left behind. The Lord is working in our church and we are praying for the salvation of many lost souls in this community.—*Clair Brickel, pastor.*

Kittanning, Pennsylvania

The 2 weeks which we invested with the Brethren church in Kittanning, Pa., were rich in exceptional fellowship. A deep devotional spirit prevailed from the first service. There were many evidences of the Holy Spirit's presence and power. The "joy unspeakable" and the "peace which passeth understanding" were manifested in many ways.

In a most pronounced way this re-

vival was a *prayer revival*! Three preprayer meetings were held each night and the attendance was excellent. The prayer meetings held after services were well supported, too. Many entered into the day of "fasting and prayer." The prayer list contained over 100 names. Prayer power was felt in every service.

This was a *Sunday school revival*! I have never seen more loyal support on the part of the Sunday school officers and teachers anywhere. Invitations were sent out, visits were made, contacts were made, everything possible was done to win the members of the Sunday school to Christ and the church.

This was a *seed-sowing revival*! The seed of the Word of God was sown in many homes. Pastor, evangelist, and members went forth sowing the seed. It was sown by way of radio, by means of the printed page, and from the pulpit. It will yet bear harvest. Only mushrooms spring up over night and die about as quickly. It takes time for the seed of the Bible to produce a harvest.

This was a *fellow-workers revival*! Pastor and evangelist and people were led of the Spirit in a unity of purpose and plans that was marvelous. We were "all with one accord in one place," as on the Day of Pentecost. "Rejoice with us" in the good news of the "Good News Revival" at Kittanning.—*Dr. Charles H. Ashman, evangelist.*

Hagerstown, Maryland

Wonders never seem to cease here in Hagerstown! So many wonderful things have happened to us here since the completion of our Bible school building that we must speak of the things God hath wrought.

Our Bible school enrollment now stands at 450 and the attendance was over 400 on several days in June. Such an attendance had not been witnessed before except on Easter or on Rally Day. Best of all, we still have plenty of room to grow in our large, fully departmentalized building, and we are growing steadily.

Our daily vacation Bible school in past years had never exceeded an enrollment of 200 and the average attendance usually was around the 150 mark. This year we felt we should plan for at least 200, and you can imagine our joy when the enrollment went to 325 and the average attendance was 262, or a daily increase of 105 over a year ago. The

'Mid pleasures of earth
And treasures no worth,
A grasping for silver and gold,
'Mid fortune and fame,
A well-received name,
The love of the many grows cold.

God's houses of prayer,
Forlorn to despair,
Forsaken by sheep of the fold,
So little besought
Of God to be taught,
The love of the many grows cold.

Comedians' mirth
And Christendom's dearth,
Forgotten the landmarks of old;
With televised vice
And virtue's demise,
The love of the many grows cold.

From fleshly display
And worldly array,
The mind of indulgence runs bold;
The sports of the land
Pull men like the sands,
The love of the many grows cold.

Does God shut His eyes,
His Word compromise,
That we to our selfishness hold?
—And while we thus dream
With wanton esteem,
Our love — ours, God's "many" —
grows cold.
—Charles Bergerson.

THE SCIENTIFIC SIGN

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tomobiles, our faster-than-sound
planes?

Prophecy Scientifically True

The Bible is not a textbook of science, but it is scientifically correct. There is no contradiction between the Creator and the Revelator! There is no conflict between the facts of science and the revelations of the Bible. Between the false guesses and suppositions and charges of science (falsely so called) and the Bible there may be conflict at times.

Bible prophecies are scientifically correct. Let the scoffers mock and the mockers scoff, the prophecies of the Word of God will come to pass. The very fact that we have this class of scoffers and mockers today is a sign that we are in the last days and that "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

"MARANATHA" (I Cor. 16:22).

Browsing Among The Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

ISAIAH FIFTY-THREE, by Edward J. Young. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 1952. 91 pp. Cloth. \$1.50.

The 53d chapter of Isaiah is commonly recognized as one of the mountain peaks of divine revelation. Dr. Edward J. Young, professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary, has produced a concise volume dealing only with this one chapter and the last three verses of the preceding chapter, which really are a part of the 53d chapter. The volume is at once expository and devotional. In his careful survey of this great chapter, the author has succeeded in bringing forth the inner meaning of this portion of the Holy Scriptures.

The book contains only 91 pages, but the author makes every word count. He wastes no space with trifles or extraneous material. He plunges into the heart of each verse as he moves along in his exposition so that by the time one has finished reading the book a new appreciation of the Calvary experience of our Lord is received. Each verse of the chapter is dealt with, each problem considered. The author, by reason of his knowledge of the Hebrew, has been able to point out the exact meaning of the inspired writer with respect to the atoning sacrifice of the Messiah. The treatment is in readable style so that the scholarship of the author can be appreciated by the average reader.

The book appears in an attractive style. It will be of help to any preacher, teacher, or Bible student who is seeking a fuller understanding of Isaiah's greatest chapter.—
Dr. Homer A. Kent.

staff of 35 adults was one busy, but very efficient and happy staff. Attendance at the closing program, on one of the hottest evenings of the summer, was 473. This service made us very conscious of the fact that the day is not so far away when we shall have to enlarge our church auditorium. It is the old but true story: a growing Bible school makes for a growing church.

On July 6 the pastor was extended a hearty call to lead the church for the ninth year. It is a joy indeed to serve a church which has vision and which shares its blessings with thousands daily by radio. The Family Altar broadcast continues to be a blessing and through its ministry whole families are being saved and have united with the church.

Evangelist William Smith will direct the radio broadcasts and church activities while the Lepps visit loved ones in Canada and attend conference at Winona Lake. Your prayers will be deeply appreciated for his ministry here.

This fall the church will cooperate with the Christ for Everyone crusade in a 3-week campaign with Chalk Artist Phil Saint. Brethren, pray for us.—Walter A. Lepp, pastor.

PRIESTS SEEK TRUTH

During his 1-month tour of Puerto Rico, Haiti, and Cuba, which began June 20, Dr. Walter M. Montano expects to contact two Roman Catholic priests who have written to him asking for assistance in leaving the priesthood. These men have taken this step knowing that to leave the priesthood will mean excommunication from the Roman Catholic Church, ostracism from all former friends, and persecution by the Romanists.

Dr. Montano is a former priest who escaped from a monastery in Bolivia a number of years ago and since then has been instrumental in helping a number of disillusioned priests to leave the priesthood and become established in "the faith" as taught by Biblical Protestantism.

Lord—

What?

Where?

When?

How?



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard
Editor, Foreign Mission Number

The Report of Your Gifts

It is with a note of thanks to all of you people and praise to our good God that we in this issue of the Herald submit the report of all gifts received since March 1, 1952. This is regularly thought of as the "Easter Offering." The total is \$159,600.58. Last year it was \$129,499.04. For this fiscal year the total offering is \$180,167.88. Last year it was \$145,225.72. This, as you will note, is about \$30,000 above the offering of last year as far as the Easter offering is concerned, and about \$35,000 more for the annual offering. This is an increase of about 23 percent for the Easter offering and about 20 percent for the annual offering. It is a reason for all of God's people to rejoice.

In response to many requests, and in harmony with the policy of other of our national boards, names of donors are not being printed in the published report. Receipts are sent to all individual donors, but the printed report is by districts and by congregations. Please study the report carefully.

"Lord—What? Where? When? How?"

We have given expression to the cover picture in these words. Each young person should ask these questions in the light of the Word of God. It is not our purpose nor the purpose of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church to make missionaries. It is only our purpose to present the needs of the fields of the world, and the teaching of the Word of God. It is God's business to make missionaries! In John 7:17 (R.V.). Jesus said, "If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know." If you have a mind set on knowing the will of God for your life, it is God's business to make His will known to you and He will do it. Then it is your business to be willing to do what He reveals to you. That's the hard part. The field is the world—and as foreign missions, home missions, Grace Seminary, the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, and other agencies of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, we stand or fall together. Are you willing to say, "Lord—What? Where? When? How?"

A Work of Faith

Soon after you read these items our various national boards will be meeting in annual session. Before another foreign mission number of the Herald comes to you we will have met in national conference. Let all that we

do be a work of faith, and let every action be bathed in prayer. As individual members of our Brethren churches you may not know all the problems that will challenge members of these boards, but you know God! Plead with God for a blessing; implore Him for guidance for all our Brethren work.

Willing To Be Dead

I was greatly impressed with a statement in one of our Sunday school lessons recently—"YE ARE DEAD." Certainly we should not be dead to the present issues of life, nor to spiritual things, nor to the challenges of a lost world—we should be violently alive to all of these things. But "ye are dead"—dead to the slights of others, to the mistreatment of others, to the ridicule of others, even to our own "rights," honors, dignities, and dead to the praises of men. Dead men have no corns or bunions; their feelings are never hurt; their eyes never see wrong things; their tongues never gossip, criticize, and are never sharp or caustic. Probably the greatest challenge any of us face as we come together for meetings of national boards or conference is that we shall, in the words of Romans 6:11, "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead . . . but alive . . ." Being dead to sin, to self-glory, to our selfish rights, to little slights and injustices, to personal affronts and criticism will solve most of the problems in our Brethren homes, churches, offices, boards, societies, and conferences. Just be willing to be dead!

One Church Supports 111 Missionaries!

As a result of a missionary conference ending on May 4, the Grace Chapel, an independent church located in Philadelphia, gathered sufficient funds to care for the support of 15 additional missionaries. The total number for which they now give support is 111. We rejoice in such a missionary spirit. But I doubt if the people of Grace Chapel love the Lord more than do the people who are members of our Brethren churches, yet, with those going to the field this fall, we will have only a few more than 80 missionaries in service. The Brethren Church is making most commendable progress in foreign missions, with the increase of 20-23 percent in offerings this year. However, in the words of a note from one of our board members a few days ago, "We will need about that much increase in percentage (per year) for the next 10 years, if the Lord tarries, and I believe He will provide it."

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Is There One in Your Bible?

Pressed leaves, locks of hair, clippings, tracts—all of these may be in your Bible, but is there one of the new prayer booklets in your Bible? We would like for one of these new booklets, entitled "Remember in Prayer," to have a place of permanent residence in your personal Bible. There are sufficient, we believe, that every Bible may have one. Then when you read, pray—pray by name for your missionaries, both home and foreign. Your pastor should have a sufficient supply of these booklets on hand; if not, we trust he will write for more. These booklets are for use in daily prayer, with at least

five missionaries and one Brethren denominational interest to be remembered on any day in the month.

Foreign Mission Project Lists Have Been Prepared

These have been mimeographed and mailed to representative groups which we thought might desire them. If you have not received a copy, please write our Brethren foreign mission office at Winona Lake, Ind., and we will be happy to send you a copy and to answer any questions you may have. These lists of projects are arranged by fields and contain both large and small items.

RETURNING TO ARGENTINA

(Editor's Note—Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt and three children, Rita, Lynn, and Aldo, sailed from New York on July 10 for Argentina. They are returning to that land to begin their second term of service, and should arrive there shortly before you read these lines. Pray much for them—they will begin a new work in the large city of Buenos Aires.)

A NEW TERM OF SERVICE

As we look back over our year of furlough, we praise God for it. Above all other blessings, it has given us opportunity to appraise our first term of service and see where we have failed and how our service can be improved.

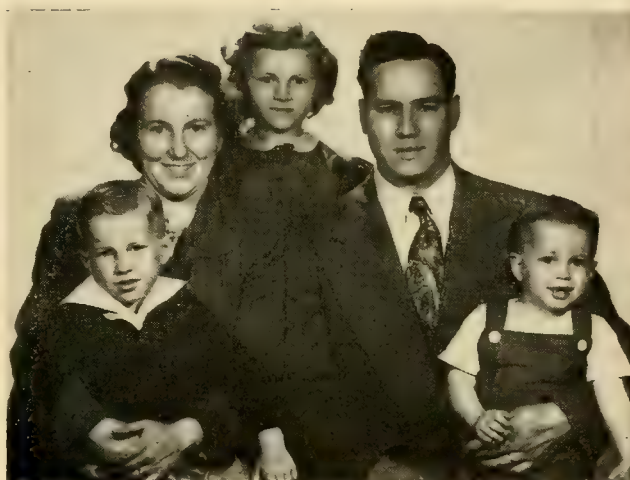
We anticipate this new term of service with even greater joy than the first. Now we know more or less what to expect, but we do not expect an easy term. Beginning a Brethren testimony in Buenos Aires will mean tireless efforts. More than that, it will demand a daily supply of divine wisdom. This will be a new undertaking and a very important one, with many decisions to be made demanding more than just our human wisdom.

You have given, and given again, that we might have the privilege of telling the lost of the Saviour. You have prayed, but may I admonish you in the words of the Apostle Paul: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador . . ." (Eph. 6: 18-20).—Solon Hoyt.

BUT GOD!

It's raining! It's our last night in the homeland! Thoughts come and go. Will we ever see our loved ones again on this earth? What will happen in the 5 years we are gone? Homesickness, loneliness—yes, plenty, but God! He hath said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." He gave His all for us and the little we have we return to Him.

Cars are coming and going, people are rushing here and there in the streets below our window here in the Sudan Interior Mission home (New York). It makes me think of the city to which we are called—Buenos



Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt, Lynn, Rita, and Aldo

Aires—filled with people rushing to and fro without a knowledge of our Saviour. Will they receive the message we have to offer?

When the Lord passed through Samaria and gave the water of life to the woman at the well, He said: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." That is our desire tonight as we look forward to our next term on the field. If we do His will we know the results will be accordingly. Pray for us as we go, that we may be completely yielded to His will.—Kathryn Hoyt.

IS THIS A PAGAN NATION?

In our largest city only 2 percent of the people attend Protestant churches.

The average pastor preaches to a church 70 percent empty.

Less than 5 percent of Americans go to church on Sunday night.

More than half the Negroes of America have no church affiliation.

Of our people 90 percent attend no church regularly.

Of our children and young people 40,000,000 grow up without religious instruction.

In this country 75,000,000 people do not go to church at all.—The Prophetic Word.



Charles Sumey

“Why Do I Have To Be Sick”

By Rev. Charles Sumey, Bassai, Africa



“Polly” Sumey

“Charles, you get right back in that bed!”

“Aw, Polly, it won’t hurt me to be up a little while.”

“No sir, right now, understand, back to bed.”

So after grumbling something about “man being head of house,” I resigned myself to my fate. Then the wheels started turning. Why do I have to be sick anyhow? It’s a waste of time lying around in bed. What if my tonsils are swollen like two sausages, look at the work I have to get done. If I don’t get that yearly station report out, Kliever will be on my back sure, and he’s too big a guy to haul around. Look at all those chapel-offering books waiting to be totaled, letters to be written, work to be done on the truck—

“Hey, Polly, let me out of here!” But that woman surely is stubborn. So here I am in bed, all my work waiting, and so on. Surely the eternal God, Author of time and eternity, sitting in the heavens, wonders why that skinny little frame of flesh and bone tossing impatiently on the bed thinks the world can’t get on without him. Why do I have to be sick? Because! Why not? Everybody else has to be sick at one time or another—sure, but I don’t like it. It’s useless lying around with somebody else waiting on me. I’d rather have all my sick days counted up and then lopped off the other end of life—seems like that would be more practical.

Then the Lord showed me just how necessary it is for us to have these brief respites to get caught up with ourselves and to make solid plans for days ahead. So I have learned my lesson! Next time sickness overcomes me I will quietly lie down and peacefully accept it as part of God’s plan???? Oh, no, I won’t! I’ll grumble, and twist, and squirm, and harass my poor wife until I come to the same conclusions I came to today—that sickness is just a brief respite to get caught up with ourselves and to make solid plans for the days ahead. Guess we never do learn our Father’s elementary lessons.

“Polly, bring me a pen and paper—maybe I can dash off a letter to Mr. Barnard while I lie here.”

Just the other day Polly and I thought it would be nice to be sociable to the wife of our new boy. Besides, she’d just had a new baby that we wanted to see. At our invitation Ellen came, all dolled up, with her babe in her arms. She looked very uncomfortable sitting in the chair, and probably wishing it was about two feet closer to the ground. Enthusiastic me grabbed the baby, but quickly returned her when I found that she was full of enthusiasm, too—running over with it! So after I washed my hands, noting the long periods of silence I held a dish full of salted peanuts out to Ellen and told her to take some. She did—the dish and all—and munched slowly on the peanuts all the while we talked. It came time for good-bys and, as Polly was fearful for her dish, I held my hand out for it, and guess what! Ellen calmly emptied the remainder of the nuts in a rag and took them home.

Thankful? No; she doesn’t know what the word means. Since then our mouths have dropped open a thousand times at the ingratitude of some of these folks for the things we have done for them.

Only when the light of Jesus Christ breaks through do they *begin* to know how to say, “Thanks,” and then it’s a long pull. We are told that the sign of “thanks” in this country is to hold both hands out for the object, but I have my suspicions that they do that to keep from dropping any. “In everything give thanks.” Did you ever say a silent word of thanks for that cool drink of water, that puff of cool wind, that little flower that gives so much pleasure? There are a million things to keep us in an attitude of thanks to our heavenly Father. Let’s not be like Ellen and take them for granted.

We saw something boomerang just the other day. Joel, one of our Karre preachers, came to me and asked me to mediate between him and his wife—dangerous job, even in America. It seems as though the wife’s family had trumped up a charge against Joel and talked her into leaving him for another man. That’s bad. No one to cook his food or to care for the children—besides, we don’t permit unmarried pastors—too much of a temptation—so it looked as though we’d have to take Joel out of his pastorate if the family couldn’t be forced to take the “strings” off his wife. Perhaps you don’t know it, but out here the wife belongs to the family always. They sell her body to the husband, but even that goes back to the family at death. Lots of the Christians aren’t strong enough to break away from these old ties.

The big chief, David, is a professing Christian (along with two or three of his many wives) and he is very favorable to the mission. So he and I, but mostly he, warned the family, the wife, the preacher, and everybody else who looked interested—there is always a crowd, for there is no privacy in Africa. Guess it must have been pretty convincing. The wife went home and that’s where the boomerang struck me. Years ago this Joel had forsaken the Lord and had taken five wives. After 8 years of suffering in sin he gave up the last four of his wives and kept the first one, which is his present troublesome wife. Now his sin was still finding him out; what he had sowed he was still reaping. That principle is in operation in America as well as Africa, among Christians as well as Christ-haters.

Polly and I were out in the “bush” holding a Bible conference. It was the last place in the world we expected to see a “white man,” much less Al Balzer. A bridge was out and Al had to detour on his way to Bozoum and, seeing our truck, he stopped for a chat and a bite to eat and then was on his way again. Imagine our surprise about a half-hour later to see Al laboriously pedaling away on a bike coming up the path, looking like

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REPORT OF GIFTS (EASTER OFFERING)

To the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church—March 1, 1952, to July 1, 1952

ATLANTIC DISTRICT

| | Easter | Fiscal |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Alexandria, Va. | \$439.10 | \$454.07 |
| Allentown, Pa. | 599.99 | 599.99 |
| Baltimore, Md. | 68.60 | 68.60 |
| Hagerstown, Md. | 2,191.52 | 2,370.52 |
| Martinsburg, W. Va. | | 75.27 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. (1st) .. | 4,326.50 | 4,361.50 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. (3d) .. | 3,031.85 | 5,753.94 |
| Seven Fountains, Va. | 9.00 | 9.00 |
| Washington, D. C. | 4.19 | 58.98 |
| Winchester, Va. | 1,437.24 | 1,437.24 |
| Atlantic District | 281.00 | 340.57 |
| | 12,388.99 | 15,529.68 |

Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church,
Alexandria, Va.

General Fund 439.10

First Brethren Church, Allentown, Pa.

General Fund 25.00

Floyd Taber Fund 574.99

Bible Brethren Church, Baltimore, Md.

General Fund 68.60

Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

General Fund 2,181.52

Africa General Fund ... 10.00

First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

General Fund 2,461.25

Africa General Fund ... 115.00

Africa Hospital Fund ... 150.00

Africa Leper Fund ... 5.00

Argentina General Fund ... 85.00

Baja Calif. General Fund ... 10.00

Brazil General Fund ... 25.00

France General Fund ... 10.00

Foster Fund 5.00

Jobson Fund 150.00

Lester Kennedy Fund ... 15.00

Minnie Kennedy Fund ... 140.00

Maconaghy Fund 15.00

Edward Miller Fund ... 25.00

Schwartz Fund 345.60

Roy Snyder Fund 146.54

Tyson Fund 618.11

Wagner Fund 5.00

Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

General Fund 101.90

Africa General Fund ... 50.00

Argentina General Fund ... 5.00

France General Fund ... 30.00

Maconaghy Fund 2,708.50

Floyd Taber Fund 36.45

Tyson Fund 100.00

Trinity Brethren Church,
Seven Fountains, Va.

Floyd Taber Fund 9.00

First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.

General Fund 4.19

First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

General Fund 1,430.24

Africa General Fund ... 7.00

Atlantic District

Foster Fund 125.00

Floyd Taber Fund 156.00

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Artesia Easter \$219.60 Fiscal \$261.80

Beaumont 735.04 735.04

Bell 253.23 264.27

Bellflower 696.26 725.51

Chico 146.00 146.00

Compton 1,079.00 1,112.68

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|---|-----------|-----------|
| Fillmore | 411.90 | 411.90 |
| Garvey | 341.83 | 390.89 |
| Glendale | 1,020.35 | 1,155.61 |
| La Crescenta | 70.00 | 70.00 |
| La Verne | 1,970.65 | 1,970.65 |
| Long Beach (1st) | 24,800.87 | 27,337.20 |
| Long Beach (2d) | 3,484.94 | 3,484.94 |
| Los Angeles (1st) | 3,289.89 | 5,370.46 |
| Los Angeles (2d) | 2,182.26 | 2,901.26 |
| Los Angeles (3d) | 1,150.39 | 1,337.89 |
| Modesto (La Loma) ... | 986.53 | 986.53 |
| Modesto (Brethren
Christian Center) | 76.88 | 76.88 |
| San Bernardino | 478.92 | 504.00 |
| San Diego | 403.68 | 573.43 |
| Seal Beach | | 75.02 |
| South Gate | 2,077.25 | 2,108.64 |
| South Pasadena | 1,047.50 | 1,117.79 |
| Temple City | 1,336.31 | 1,336.31 |
| Tracy | 322.23 | 366.72 |
| Whittier (Community) .. | 1,229.40 | 1,229.40 |
| Whittier (1st) | 3,464.92 | 3,485.92 |
| California District | 833.00 | 1,203.00 |
| | 54,108.83 | 60,739.74 |

Carson Avenue Brethren Church,
Artesia, Calif.

General Fund 212.58

Minnie Kennedy Fund ... 7.02

Cherry Valley Brethren Church,
Beaumont, Calif.

General Fund 700.04

Africa General Fund ... 11.00

Argentina General Fund ... 11.00

Baja Calif. General Fund ... 1.00

Brazil General Fund ... 1.00

France General Fund ... 1.00

Munn Fund 10.00

Bell Brethren Church, Bell, Calif.

General Fund 248.23

Minnie Kennedy Fund ... 5.00

First Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.

General Fund 688.76

Minnie Kennedy Fund ... 7.50

Grace Brethren Church, Chico, Calif.

General Fund 146.00

First Brethren Church, Compton, Calif.

General Fund 1,044.00

Baja Calif. General Fund ... 10.00

Brazil General Fund ... 5.00

France General Fund ... 5.00

J. Paul Miller Fund 15.00

First Brethren Church, Fillmore, Calif.

General Fund 401.90

Altig Fund 10.00

Grace Brethren Church, Garvey, Calif.

General Fund 321.32

Africa Leper Fund 20.51

First Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif.

General Fund 1,002.35

Africa Special Fund ... 5.00

Baja Calif. General Fund ... 8.00

France General Fund ... 5.00

Mountain Brethren Church,
La Crescenta, Calif.

General Fund 20.00

Africa Leper Fund 50.00

First Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif.

General Fund 1,587.65

Africa General Fund ... 159.00

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| Africa Leper Fund | 20.00 |
| Argentina General Fund .. | 108.00 |
| Brazil General Fund ... | 16.00 |
| Goodman Fund | 50.00 |
| Minnie Kennedy Fund ... | 5.00 |
| Sickel Fund | 25.00 |
| | 1,970.65 |

First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

General Fund 20,746.32

Africa General Fund ... 1,051.95

Africa Hospital Fund ... 435.00

Africa Leper Fund 602.35

Africa Special Fund ... 10.00

Argentina General Fund ... 498.75

Baja Calif. General Fund ... 242.00

Brazil General Fund ... 448.00

France General Fund ... 112.00

Altig Fund 30.00

Byron Fund 20.00

Sibley Edmiston Fund ... 50.00

Hill Fund 35.00

Jobson Fund 55.00

Minnie Kennedy Fund ... 10.00

Nielsen Fund 20.00

Samarin Fund 94.50

Floyd Taber Fund 150.00

Tyson Fund 25.00

Williams Fund 150.00

Zielasko Fund 15.00

Second Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

General Fund 3,239.94

Africa General Fund ... 50.00

Africa Leper Fund 25.00

Argentina General Fund ... 15.00

Beaver Fund 10.00

Churchill Fund 20.00

Hill Fund 10.00

Minnie Kennedy Fund ... 15.00

Kliever Fund 75.00

Sickel Fund 10.00

Sumey Fund 15.00

First Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

General Fund 3,073.89

Africa General Fund ... 63.00

Argentina General Fund ... 5.00

Baja Calif. General Fund ... 75.00

Brazil General Fund ... 42.00

France General Fund ... 25.00

Balzer Fund 5.00

Hoyt Fund 1.00

Second Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

General Fund 1,582.26

Balzer Fund 600.00

Third Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

General Fund 956.95

Africa General Fund ... 3.00

Argentina General Fund ... 1.00

Baja Calif. General Fund ... 16.00

Brazil General Fund ... 147.50

France General Fund50

Goodman Fund 25.44

La Loma Grace Brethren Church,
Modesto, Calif.

General Fund 912.28

Africa General Fund ... 25.00

Cripe Fund 5.00

Garber Fund 5.00

Edward Miller Fund ... 29.25

Wagner Fund 10.00

Brethren Christian Center, Modesto, Calif.

General Fund 67.52

Minnie Kennedy Fund ... 9.36

Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church,
San Bernardino, Calif.

General Fund 376.43

Minnie Kennedy Fund ... 27.25

| First Brethren Church, San Diego, Calif. | | |
|--|--------|--|
| General Fund | 442.29 | |
| Argentina General Fund .. | 10.00 | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund .. | 12.63 | |
| Minnie Kennedy Fund .. | 14.00 | |
| | 478.92 | |

| First Brethren Church, South Gate, Calif. | | |
|---|----------|--|
| General Fund | 84.00 | |
| Africa Special Fund .. | 30.00 | |
| Altig Fund | 96.00 | |
| Beaver Fund | 1,867.25 | |
| | 2,077.25 | |

| Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif. | | |
|--|----------|--|
| General Fund | 977.77 | |
| Africa Leper Fund .. | 6.90 | |
| Argentina General Fund .. | 20.00 | |
| Brazil General Fund .. | 38.73 | |
| Samarin Fund | 5.00 | |
| | 1,047.50 | |

| Temple City Brethren Church, Temple City, Calif. | | |
|--|----------|--|
| General Fund | 926.58 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 21.55 | |
| Africa Leper Fund .. | 11.63 | |
| Africa Special Fund .. | 40.00 | |
| Argentina General Fund .. | 11.50 | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund .. | 7.15 | |
| Brazil General Fund .. | 46.80 | |
| France General Fund .. | 6.40 | |
| Altig Fund | 234.70 | |
| Roy Snyder Fund | 30.00 | |
| | 1,536.31 | |

| First Brethren Church, Tracy, Calif. | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--|
| General Fund | 233.80 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 36.00 | |
| Africa Leper Fund .. | 1.00 | |
| Africa Special Fund .. | 11.43 | |
| Argentina General Fund .. | 30.00 | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund .. | 5.00 | |
| Brazil General Fund .. | 5.00 | |
| | 322.23 | |

| Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. | | |
|---|----------|--|
| General Fund | 292.24 | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund .. | 6.00 | |
| J. Paul Miller Fund .. | 931.16 | |
| | 1,229.40 | |

| First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. | | |
|---|----------|--|
| General Fund | 3,014.92 | |
| Argentina General Fund .. | 50.00 | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund .. | 175.00 | |
| Brazil General Fund .. | 175.00 | |
| Altig Fund | 25.00 | |
| Dowdy Fund | 25.00 | |
| | 3,464.92 | |

| California District | | |
|------------------------|--------|--|
| General Fund | 605.00 | |
| Jobson Fund | 213.00 | |
| Minnie Kennedy Fund .. | 10.00 | |
| Mishler Fund | 5.00 | |
| | 833.00 | |

CENTRAL DISTRICT

| | Easter | Fiscal |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Alto, Mich. | \$56.54 | \$85.74 |
| Berne, Ind. | 2,712.75 | 2,823.62 |
| Berrien Springs, Mich. . | 105.59 | 115.59 |
| Camden, Ohio | 217.15 | 271.93 |
| Clay City, Ind. | 300.48 | 300.48 |
| Clayhole, Ky. | 133.90 | 141.85 |
| Clayton, Ohio | 442.92 | 442.92 |
| Covington, Ohio | 134.90 | 134.90 |
| Dayton, Ohio (1st) | 7,105.49 | 7,130.49 |
| Dayton, Ohio (Bethany) . | 35.80 | 35.80 |
| Dayton, Ohio (N. Riv.) . | 3,404.83 | 4,219.36 |
| Dayton, Ohio (Patt. Pk.) | 721.55 | 721.55 |
| Dryhill, Ky. | 22.16 | 28.30 |
| Flora, Ind. | 1,331.17 | 1,331.17 |
| Fort Wayne, Ind. | 3,656.81 | 3,724.01 |
| Huntington, Ind. | 55.70 | 55.70 |
| Jackson, Mich. | 56.98 | 56.98 |
| Lake Odessa, Mich. | 872.05 | 928.92 |
| Leesburg, Ind. | 222.00 | 222.00 |
| New Lebanon, Ohio | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| New Troy, Mich. | 581.06 | 621.06 |
| Osceola, Ind. | 1,618.85 | 2,319.35 |
| Peru, Ind. | 502.98 | 605.78 |
| Sampleville, Ohio | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Sharpsville, Ind. .... | ..... | 37.42 |
| Sidney, Ind. | 1,519.27 | 1,519.27 |
| South Bend, Ind. | 453.74 | 534.43 |
| Troy, Ohio | 44.00 | 94.11 |
| Warsaw, Ind. | 85.00 | 85.00 |

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| Winona Lake, Ind. | 3,038.02 | 3,043.02 |
| Central District | 198.00 | 419.00 |
| | 29,779.69 | 32,199.75 |

| Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich. | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--|
| General Fund | 31.50 | |
| Floyd Taber Fund | 25.04 | |
| | 56.54 | |

| Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--|
| General Fund | 2,196.16 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 135.00 | |
| Argentina General Fund .. | 55.00 | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund .. | 25.00 | |
| Brazil General Fund .. | 55.00 | |
| France General Fund .. | 40.00 | |
| Foster Fund | 30.00 | |
| Hoyt Fund | 30.00 | |
| Lohnes Fund | 125.00 | |
| Williams Fund | 21.59 | |
| | 2,712.75 | |

| Grace Brethren Tabernacle, Berrien Springs, Mich. | | |
|---|--------|--|
| General Fund | 95.25 | |
| Williams Fund | 10.34 | |
| | 105.59 | |

| First Brethren Church, Camden, Ohio | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|
| General Fund | 197.15 | |
| Hoyt Fund | 10.00 | |
| Floyd Taber Fund | 10.00 | |
| | 217.15 | |

| First Brethren Church, Clay City, Ind. | | |
|--|--------|--|
| General Fund | 300.48 | |

| Clayhole Brethren Church, Clayhole, Ky. | | |
|---|--------|--|
| General Fund | 133.90 | |

| First Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--|
| General Fund | 312.77 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 50.65 | |
| Africa Hospital Fund .. | 10.00 | |
| Africa Special Fund .. | 25.00 | |
| Dunning Fund | 5.00 | |
| Hoyt Fund | 19.75 | |
| Floyd Taber Fund | 19.75 | |
| | 442.92 | |

| First Brethren Church, Covington, Ohio | | |
|--|--------|--|
| General Fund | 90.60 | |
| Habegger Fund | 15.00 | |
| Hoyt Fund | 14.65 | |
| Floyd Taber Fund | 14.65 | |
| | 134.90 | |

| First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio | | |
|--|----------|--|
| General Fund | 5,911.34 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 23.50 | |
| Africa Special Fund .. | 10.00 | |
| Africa—Roy A. Patterson Memorial Dispensary .. | 1,118.15 | |
| Argentina General Fund .. | 5.00 | |
| Brazil General Fund .. | 12.50 | |
| Hoyt Fund | 25.00 | |
| | 7,105.49 | |

| Bethany Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--|
| General Fund | 35.80 | |

| North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio | | |
|---|----------|--|
| General Fund | 2,668.83 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 500.00 | |
| Hoyt Fund | 236.00 | |
| | 3,404.83 | |

| Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio | | |
|--|--------|--|
| General Fund | 667.85 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 2.00 | |
| Africa Leper Fund | 16.70 | |
| Argentina General Fund .. | 2.00 | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund .. | 2.00 | |
| Brazil General Fund .. | 2.00 | |
| France General Fund .. | 2.00 | |
| Byron Fund | 27.00 | |
| | 721.55 | |

| Hell for Certain Sunday School, Dryhill, Ky. | | |
|--|-------|--|
| Altig Fund | 10.00 | |
| Beaver Fund | 12.16 | |
| | 22.16 | |

| Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind. | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|--|
| General Fund | 1,281.17 | |
| Hoyt Fund | 25.00 | |
| Jobson Fund | 25.00 | |
| | 1,331.17 | |

| First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind. | | |
|--|----------|--|
| (Fund designations to be received later) | 3,656.81 | |

| Grace Brethren Church, Huntington, Ind. | | |
|---|-------|--|
| General Fund | 37.80 | |
| Hoyt Fund | 17.90 | |
| | 55.70 | |

| Grace Brethren Bible Class, Jackson, Mich. | | |
|--|-------|--|
| General Fund | 56.98 | |

| Grace Brethren Church, Lake Odessa, Mich. | | |
|---|--------|--|
| General Fund | 133.05 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 9.00 | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund .. | 1.00 | |
| Brazil General Fund .. | 3.00 | |
| France General Fund .. | 6.00 | |
| Cripe Fund | 720.00 | |
| | 872.05 | |

| Leesburg Brethren Church, Leesburg, Ind. | | |
|--|--------|--|
| General Fund | 119.00 | |
| Argentina General Fund .. | 8.00 | |
| Edward Miller Fund .. | 95.00 | |
| | 222.00 | |

| First Brethren Church, New Lebanon, Ohio | | |
|--|--------|--|
| General Fund | 100.00 | |

| New Troy Brethren Church, New Troy, Mich. | | |
|---|--------|--|
| General Fund | 461.06 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 104.00 | |
| Floyd Taber Fund | 16.00 | |
| | 581.06 | |

| Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind. | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--|
| General Fund | 1,618.85 | |

| Peru Brethren Church, Peru, Ind. | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|--|
| General Fund | 403.50 | |
| France General Fund .. | 5.00 | |
| Jobson Fund | 94.48 | |
| | 502.98 | |

| Sampleville Brethren Mission, Sampleville, Ohio | | |
|---|-------|--|
| General Fund | 20.00 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 30.00 | |
| | 50.00 | |

| Sidney Brethren Church, Sidney, Ohio | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--|
| General Fund | 1,464.27 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 50.00 | |
| Brazil General Fund .. | 5.00 | |
| | 1,519.27 | |

| Sunnymede Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind. | | |
|---|--------|--|
| General Fund | 358.74 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 2.50 | |
| Argentina General Fund .. | 7.50 | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund .. | 30.00 | |
| Brazil General Fund .. | 7.50 | |
| France General Fund .. | 2.50 | |
| J. Paul Miller Fund .. | 40.00 | |
| Floyd Taber Fund | 5.00 | |
| | 453.74 | |

| First Brethren Church, Troy, Ohio | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--|
| General Fund | 44.00 | |

| First Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind. | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--|
| General Fund | 5.00 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 30.00 | |
| Estella Myers Fund | 50.00 | |
| | 85.00 | |

| Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. | | |
|--|----------|--|
| General Fund | 2,457.82 | |
| Africa General Fund .. | 68.00 | |
| Africa Special Fund .. | 62.06 | |
| Argentina General Fund .. | 43.00 | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund .. | 15.00 | |
| Brazil General Fund .. | 89.52 | |
| France General Fund .. | 10.00 | |
| Abel Fund | 17.30 | |
| Goodman Fund | 17.60 | |

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| Hoyt Fund | 6.15 |
| Jobson Fund | 13.00 |
| Minnie Kennedy Fund .. | 10.53 |
| Edward Miller Fund ... | 101.66 |
| Schrock Fund | 27.30 |
| Miss Ruth Snyder Fund | 75.00 |
| Floyd Taber Fund | 10.38 |
| Williams Fund | 13.70 |
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| | 3,938.02 |

Central District

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|-------------------------|--------|
| General Fund | 105.00 |
| Africa General Fund ... | 15.00 |
| Foster Fund | 20.30 |
| Edward Miller Fund ... | 6.00 |
| Floyd Taber Fund | 30.00 |
| Williams Fund | 21.70 |
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| | 198.00 |

EAST DISTRICT

| | Easter | Fiscal |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Accident, Md. | \$13.00 | \$13.00 |
| Aleppo, Pa. | 231.08 | 231.08 |
| Altoona, Pa. (First) ... | 1,487.83 | 1,516.54 |
| Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ... | 560.60 | 586.31 |
| Chambersburg, Pa. | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Conemaugh, Pa. | 2,324.27 | 2,392.55 |
| Conemaugh, Pa. (Mundy's Corner) | 1,343.70 | 1,376.33 |
| Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill) | 508.00 | 518.00 |
| Everett, Pa. | 137.35 | 170.66 |
| Grafton, W. Va. | 154.42 | 154.42 |
| Harrisburg, Pa. | 762.62 | 1,216.40 |
| Holidaysburg, Pa. | 793.78 | 793.78 |
| Hopewell, Pa. | 541.95 | 562.46 |
| Jenners, Pa. | 168.35 | 173.35 |
| Johnstown, Pa. (1st) ... | 5,512.59 | 5,525.39 |
| Johnstown, Pa. (River-side) | 215.00 | 215.00 |
| Kittanning, Pa. | 1,200.86 | 1,200.86 |
| Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo) | 88.96 | 88.96 |
| Leamersville, Pa. | 934.30 | 1,025.15 |
| Listie, Pa. | 1,199.91 | 1,199.91 |
| Martinsburg, Pa. | 1,586.49 | 2,324.66 |
| Meyersdale, Pa. | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Summit Mills, Pa. | 536.61 | 546.70 |
| Uniontown, Pa. | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Waynesboro, Pa. | 2,367.73 | 2,498.18 |
| York, Pa. | 87.66 | 87.66 |
| East District | 100.00 | 734.83 |
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| | 23,832.06 | 26,127.18 |

First Brethren Church, Accident, Md.

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| Brazil General Fund ... | 13.00 |
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Aleppo Brethren Church, Aleppo, Pa.

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| General Fund | 231.08 |
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First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.

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| General Fund | 879.83 |
| Africa General Fund ... | 13.00 |
| Argentina General Fund | 2.00 |
| Bickel Fund | 20.00 |
| Goodman Fund | 500.00 |
| Floyd Taber Fund | 58.00 |
| Tyson Fund | 15.00 |
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| | 1,487.83 |

Grace Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.

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| General Fund | 25.00 |
| Roy Snyder Fund | 535.60 |
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| | 560.60 |

Pond Bank Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pa.

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| General Fund | 25.00 |
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Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

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|-------------------------|----------|
| General Fund | 424.58 |
| Africa Special Fund ... | 20.00 |
| Jones Fund | 973.44 |
| Kent Fund | 25.00 |
| Maconaghy Fund | 15.00 |
| Schwartz Fund | 20.00 |
| Miss Ruth Snyder Fund | 846.25 |
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| | 2,324.27 |

Pike Brethren Church (Mundy's Corner), Conemaugh, Pa.

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| General Fund | 1,283.70 |
| Africa Special Fund ... | 50.00 |
| Brazil General Fund ... | 10.00 |
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| | 1,343.70 |

Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

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| Argentina General Fund | 122.71 |
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| Brazil General Fund ... | 122.71 |
| Dunning Fund | 262.58 |
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| | 508.00 |

Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.

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| General Fund | 86.46 |
| Hoyt Fund | 50.89 |
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| | 137.35 |

First Brethren Church, Grafton, W. Va.

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| General Fund | 102.81 |
| Africa General Fund ... | 10.00 |
| Argentina General Fund | 3.00 |
| Brazil General Fund ... | 3.00 |
| Hoyt Fund | 16.53 |
| J. Paul Miller Fund ... | 6.08 |
| Munn Fund | 13.00 |
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| | 154.42 |

Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| General Fund | 762.62 |
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Vicksburg Brethren Church, Hollidaysburg, Pa.

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| General Fund | 778.78 |
| Hoyt Fund | 15.00 |
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| | 793.78 |

Yellow Creek Brethren Church, Hopewell, Pa.

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| Roy Snyder Fund | 541.95 |
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Jenners Brethren Church, Jenners, Pa.

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| General Fund | 168.35 |
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First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| General Fund | 3,530.79 |
| Africa General Fund ... | 850.70 |
| Africa Special Fund ... | 50.00 |
| Argentina General Fund | 14.00 |
| Brazil General Fund ... | 18.00 |
| France General Fund ... | 5.00 |
| Bickel Fund | 762.00 |
| Hoyt Fund | 13.28 |
| Kliever Fund | 251.54 |
| J. Paul Miller Fund ... | 17.28 |
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| | 5,512.59 |

Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| General Fund | 215.00 |
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First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.

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| General Fund | 1,200.86 |
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North Buffalo Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.

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| General Fund | 59.34 |
| Africa Special Fund ... | 29.62 |
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| | 88.96 |

Leamersville Brethren Church, Leamersville, Pa.

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| General Fund | 769.56 |
| Africa General Fund ... | 31.00 |
| Africa Special Fund ... | 58.74 |
| Argentina General Fund | 10.00 |
| Brazil General Fund ... | 5.00 |
| Dunning Fund | 5.00 |
| Roy Snyder Fund | 55.00 |
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| | 934.30 |

Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.

| | |
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| General Fund | 272.05 |
| Sheldon Fund | 927.86 |
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| | 1,199.91 |

First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Hoyt Fund | 11.90 |
| J. Paul Miller Fund ... | 14.21 |
| Sumey Fund | 1,560.38 |
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| | 1,586.49 |

Meyersdale Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| General Fund | 119.75 |
| Hoyt Fund | 20.87 |
| Williams Fund | 9.38 |
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| | 150.00 |

Summit Mills Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Africa Special Fund ... | 2.82 |
| Goodman Fund | 520.75 |
| Hoyt Fund | 5.77 |
| Williams Fund | 7.27 |
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| | 536.61 |

First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Hill Fund | 800.00 |
|-----------------|--------|

First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| General Fund | 2,292.73 |
| Africa General Fund ... | 20.00 |
| Argentina General Fund | 20.00 |
| Baja Calif. General Fund | 5.00 |
| Brazil General Fund ... | 30.00 |
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| | 2,367.73 |

York Brethren Bible Class, York, Pa.

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| General Fund | 87.66 |
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East District

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|------------------------|--------|
| Floyd Taber Fund | 100.00 |
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IOWA DISTRICT

| | Easter | Fiscal |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Cedar Rapids | \$407.58 | \$430.03 |
| Dallas Center | 916.22 | 988.48 |
| Garwin | 657.48 | 720.83 |
| Leon | 479.99 | 583.14 |
| North English | 598.49 | 690.50 |
| Waterloo | 2,640.17 | 3,092.64 |
| Iowa District | 126.50 | 156.50 |
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| | 5,826.43 | 6,662.12 |

Grace Brethren Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| General Fund | 350.65 |
| Goodman Fund | 10.00 |
| Lester Kennedy Fund ... | 10.00 |
| Estella Myers Fund ... | 14.10 |
| Schrock Fund | 6.00 |
| Kenneth Sheldon Fund | 10.00 |
| Williams Fund | 6.83 |
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| | 407.58 |

First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| General Fund | 853.90 |
| Africa General Fund ... | 25.00 |
| Baja Calif. General Fund | 5.00 |
| France General Fund ... | 5.00 |
| Williams Fund | 27.32 |
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| | 916.22 |

Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| General Fund | 10.00 |
| Thurston Fund | 639.74 |
| Williams Fund | 7.74 |
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| | 657.48 |

Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa

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|-------------------------|--------|
| General Fund | 455.37 |
| France General Fund ... | 10.00 |
| Williams Fund | 14.62 |
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| | 479.99 |

Pleasant Grove Brethren Church, North English, Iowa

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| General Fund | 160.03 |
| Africa General Fund ... | 2.50 |
| Africa Hospital Fund ... | 43.45 |
| Argentina General Fund | 2.50 |
| Brazil General Fund ... | 10.00 |
| Byron Fund | 18.75 |
| Don Miller Fund | 167.50 |
| J. Paul Miller Fund ... | 167.50 |
| Estella Myers Fund ... | 18.75 |
| Williams Fund | 7.51 |
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| | 598.49 |

Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa

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| Brazil General Fund ... | 5.00 |
| Schrock Fund | 2,635.17 |
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Iowa District

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| Africa Special Fund ... | 26.50 |
| Williams Fund | 100.00 |
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| | 126.50 |

MIDWEST DISTRICT

| | Easter | Fiscal |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Albuquerque, N. Mex. | \$19.00 | \$36.30 |
| Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex. | 22.57 | 72.30 |
| Beaver City, Nebr. | 110.90 | 134.50 |
| Cheyenne, Wyo. | 152.59 | 169.96 |
| Cordillera, N. Mex. | 36.40 | 49.13 |
| Denver, Colo. | 105.51 | 105.51 |
| El Prado, N. Mex. | 4.05 | 5.94 |
| Portis, Kans. | 1,210.63 | 1,359.84 |
| Taos, N. Mex. | 74.36 | 184.07 |
| Midwest District | 85.00 | 134.00 |
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| | 1,821.01 | 2,241.55 |

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| Grace Brethren Church,
Albuquerque, N. Mex. | | Hoyt Fund | 1,296.50 | 1,317.32 | Northwest District | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| General Fund | 19.00 | First Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio | | | 5,795.26 6,971.94 | | |
| Arroyo Hondo Brethren Church,
Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex. | | General Fund | 213.49 | | Grace Brethren Church, Albany, Oreg. | | |
| General Fund | 15.00 | Africa General Fund ... | 5.00 | 218.49 | General Fund | 457.56 | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund | 7.57 | Grace Brethren Church,
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio | | | Africa General Fund ... | 6.00 | |
| | 22.57 | General Fund | 297.58 | | Argentina General Fund | 10.00 | |
| Grace Brethren Church, Beaver City, Nebr. | | Danville Brethren Church, Danville, Ohio | | | Wagner Fund | 10.00 | |
| General Fund | 110.90 | General Fund | 318.00 | | Williams Fund | 13.45 | 497.01 |
| First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo. | | Findlay Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio | | | Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash. | | |
| General Fund | 152.59 | General Fund | 5.00 | | General Fund | 485.24 | |
| Cordillera Brethren Church, Taos, N. Mex. | | Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio | | | Africa General Fund ... | 20.00 | |
| General Fund | 30.00 | General Fund | 924.47 | | Baja Calif. General Fund | 5.00 | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund | 6.40 | West Homer Brethren Church,
Homerville, Ohio | | | Williams Fund | 31.00 | 541.24 |
| | 36.40 | General Fund | 481.60 | | Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Oreg. | | |
| Grace Brethren Church, Denver, Colo. | | Africa General Fund ... | 50.00 | | General Fund | 324.62 | |
| General Fund | 105.51 | Argentina General Fund | 25.00 | | Williams Fund | 10.00 | 334.62 |
| D. V. B. S., El Prado, N. Mex. | | Lester Kennedy Fund .. | 50.94 | | Seattle Brethren Bible Class, Seattle, Wash. | | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund | 4.05 | Charles Taber Fund ... | 50.93 | 658.47 | General Fund | 351.50 | |
| First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans. | | Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio | | | Africa General Fund ... | 75.00 | |
| General Fund | 1,191.99 | General Fund | 10.00 | | Williams Fund | 10.00 | 436.50 |
| Williams Fund | 18.64 | France General Fund ... | 3,487.00 | | First Brethren Church, Spokane, Wash. | | |
| | 1,210.63 | Lester Kennedy Fund .. | 75.00 | | General Fund | 612.07 | |
| Canon Brethren Church, Taos, N. Mex. | | Charles Taber Fund ... | 75.00 | 3,647.00 | Africa General Fund ... | 10.00 | |
| General Fund | 74.36 | First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio | | | Brazil General Fund ... | 10.00 | 632.07 |
| Midwest District | | General Fund | 529.90 | | First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash. | | |
| Africa General Fund ... | 52.50 | Argentina General Fund | 25.00 | | General Fund | 1,729.88 | |
| Argentina General Fund | 32.50 | Foster Fund | 18.81 | | Africa General Fund ... | 184.50 | |
| | 85.00 | Lester Kennedy Fund .. | 12.59 | | Argentina General Fund | 182.00 | |
| NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT | | Kliever Fund | 510.00 | | Baja Calif. General Fund | 37.00 | |
| | | Schwartz Fund | 5.00 | | Brazil General Fund ... | 17.00 | |
| Akron | Easter \$2,121.69 Fiscal \$2,155.32 | Charles Taber Fund ... | 12.60 | | France General Fund ... | 7.00 | |
| Ankenytown | 775.42 895.82 | Tyson Fund | 10.00 | 1,123.90 | Dunning Fund | 530.00 | |
| Ashland | 2,912.81 2,981.61 | First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio | | | Kliever Fund | 5.00 | |
| Canton | 1,317.32 1,317.32 | General Fund | 1,171.90 | | Munn Fund | 23.00 | |
| Cleveland | 218.49 232.49 | Dowdy Fund | 139.09 | | Williams Fund | 6.61 | 2,721.99 |
| Cuyahoga Falls | 297.58 329.58 | Foster Fund | 29.61 | | Grace Brethren Church, Yakima, Wash. | | |
| Danville | 318.00 352.50 | Lester Kennedy Fund .. | 39.14 | | General Fund | 571.83 | |
| Findlay | 5.00 37.68 | Schrock Fund | 20.30 | | Williams Fund | 50.00 | 621.83 |
| Fremont | 924.47 1,134.24 | Charles Taber Fund ... | 39.14 | | Northwest District | | |
| Homerville | 658.47 671.13 | Floyd Taber Fund | 53.44 | 1,492.62 | Kliever Fund | 10.00 | |
| Mansfield | 3,647.00 3,960.41 | First Brethren Church, Sterling, Ohio | | | SOUTHEAST DISTRICT | | |
| Middlebranch | 1,123.90 1,153.25 | General Fund | 887.66 | | | | |
| Rittman | 1,492.62 1,529.62 | Brazil General Fund ... | 50.00 | | Boone Mill, Va. | Easter \$22.87 Fiscal \$22.87 | |
| Sterling | 1,158.99 1,178.99 | Hoyt Fund | 42.10 | | Buena Vista, Va. | 1,761.03 1,761.03 | |
| Wadsworth | 17.00 17.00 | Lester Kennedy Fund .. | 59.62 | | Covington, Va. | 1,007.61 1,129.51 | |
| Wooster | 1,584.58 1,783.89 | Munn Fund | 60.00 | | Hollins, Va. | 559.07 | |
| Northern Ohio District.. | 117.41 353.28 | Charles Taber Fund ... | 59.61 | 1,158.99 | Johnson City, Tenn. | 196.45 213.67 | |
| | 18,690.75 20,084.13 | First Brethren Church, Wadsworth, Ohio | | | Limestone, Tenn. | 579.49 604.49 | |
| First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio | | General Fund | 17.00 | | Radford, Va. | 181.11 181.11 | |
| General Fund | 2,030.45 | First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio | | | Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) .. | 3,046.51 3,104.32 | |
| Fogle Fund | 16.00 | General Fund | 968.76 | | Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights) .. | 140.49 145.49 | |
| Lester Kennedy Fund .. | 37.62 | Africa General Fund ... | 134.00 | | Southeast District | 212.00 243.54 | |
| Charles Taber Fund | 37.62 | Argentina General Fund | 5.00 | | | 7,147.56 7,965.10 | |
| | 2,121.69 | Baja Calif. General Fund | 5.00 | | Grace Brethren Chapel, Boone Mill, Va. | | |
| First Brethren Church, Ankenytown, Ohio | | Brazil General Fund ... | 7.00 | | Foster Fund | 11.61 | |
| General Fund | 667.42 | France General Fund ... | 5.00 | | Minnie Kennedy Fund .. | 11.26 | 22.87 |
| Africa General Fund ... | 25.00 | Foster Fund | 103.90 | | First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va. | | |
| Baja Calif. General Fund | 25.00 | Lester Kennedy Fund .. | 72.50 | | General Fund | 1,717.03 | |
| France General Fund ... | 30.00 | Charles Taber Fund ... | 102.92 | | Africa General Fund ... | 44.00 | 1,761.03 |
| Fogle Fund | 28.00 | Floyd Taber Fund | 180.50 | 1,584.58 | First Brethren Church, Covington, Va. | | |
| | 775.42 | Northern Ohio District | | | General Fund | 1,007.61 | |
| West Tenth Street Brethren Church,
Ashland, Ohio | | Baja Calif. Special Fund | 117.41 | | Johnson City Brethren Church,
Johnson City, Tenn. | | |
| General Fund | 2,463.16 | NORTHWEST DISTRICT | | | General Fund | 177.99 | |
| Africa General Fund ... | 1.00 | | | | Africa General Fund ... | 10.00 | |
| Africa Leper Fund | 50.00 | Albany, Oreg. | Easter \$497.01 Fiscal \$600.47 | | Hoyt Fund | 2.87 | |
| Argentina General Fund | 1.00 | Harrah, Wash. | 541.24 1,261.91 | | Williams Fund | 5.59 | 196.45 |
| Baja Calif. General Fund | 1.00 | Portland, Oreg. | 334.62 346.62 | | Vernon Brethren Church, Limestone, Tenn. | | |
| Brazil General Fund ... | 1.00 | Seattle, Wash. | 436.50 536.50 | | General Fund | 547.28 | |
| France General Fund ... | 1.00 | Spokane, Wash. | 632.07 680.08 | | Foster Fund | 10.21 | |
| Foster Fund | 35.00 | Sunnyside, Wash. | 2,721.99 2,879.98 | | | | |
| Lester Kennedy Fund .. | 46.05 | Yakima, Wash. | 621.83 656.38 | | | | |
| Munn Fund | 132.70 | | | | | | |
| Estella Myers Fund | 50.35 | | | | | | |
| Sheldon Fund | 84.50 | | | | | | |
| Charles Taber Fund | 46.05 | | | | | | |
| | 2,912.81 | | | | | | |
| First Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio | | | | | | | |
| Foster Fund | 20.82 | | | | | | |

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Mrs. I. D. Bowman, wife of Rev. I. D. Bowman, died on June 29 at the home of her daughter at Howe, Ind.

At the Ashland, Ohio, church five people were baptized and received into the membership on June 22. Dr. Robert Culver preached the morning sermon there on July 6, and Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber conducted the evening service, their last in this country before returning to their work for Christ in Africa.

James Crawford and Frances Sammons were married on July 6 in the home of the bride at Long Beach, Calif. The ceremony was read by Rev. Albert Flory. Both of these people have been and will continue as staff members in the Brethren Day Schools of Long Beach.

The Northwest District Conference was held at Harrah, Wash., July 2-6. The special speakers were Dr. Alva J. McClain, Rev. and Mrs. Hill Macconaghy, and Rev. C. A. Risley. Rev. Harry Sturz was elected moderator, Rev. Russell Williams, vice moderator and representative on national conference executive committee, Mrs. Russell Williams, secretary, Mr. Ernest Morrell, treasurer, and Rev. Glen Welborn, statistician.

The Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church received two members by baptism on July 6.

The La Verne, Calif., church received a member by baptism on June 22.

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt spoke at the Gull Lake Bible Conference, Gull Lake, Mich., June 21-27, and at the Keswick Victorious Life Conference, Keswick, N. J., July 19-27. He will conduct a Bible conference at the Osceola, Ind., church August 5-10.

The Bellflower, Calif., church received two members by baptism on June 29.

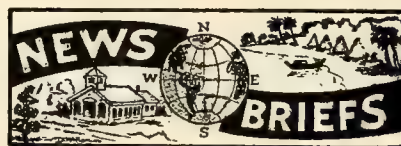
The Martinsburg, Pa., church received two members in June. The Sunday school set a new record on June 29 with 214 people present. The average for the quarter ending June 30 was 184. The vacation Bible school had an average of 106. The congregation gave its pastor, Rev. Gerald Teeter, a unanimous call to continue another year as pastor, with an increase in salary.

The East District's Kamp Keystone set a record in enrollment with 213 in the junior camp and 115 in the senior camp.

The Bell, Calif., church heard Rev. Ray Dilgarde, member of the La Crescenta church, on June 15 and 29.

Rev. Richard DeArmey, pastor of the Sidney, Ind., church, preached at his home church, Johnstown, Pa., First, on July 13.

Dr. Russell Barnard, Winona Lake, preached at the Sidney, Ind., church on July 13.



Bro. James O. Young, member of the Osceola, Ind., church, has accepted the pastorate of the Covington, Ohio, church. He should be addressed at 208 S. Wall St., Covington, Ohio (add to Annual, p. 71).

Bro. Kenneth Kohler, member of the Philadelphia, Pa., Third church and vice president of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, preached at the Johnson City, Tenn., church on July 13.

Rev. Clarence Lackey resigned as pastor of the Seven Fountains, Va., church and accepted the pastorate of the North English, Iowa, church effective July 20. The North English church has redecorated the parsonage for the coming of the Lackeys.

The Osceola, Ind., church witnessed nine decisions for Christ the last Sunday in June and the first two Sundays in July. Average attendance in Sunday school the second quarter of this year was 201. Rev. Bernard Kruse spoke at the church on July 13.

Rev. Ward Miller, pastor of the Osceola, Ind., church, was elected to a 3-year term on the board of direc-

tors of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The Sharpsville, Ind., church re-elected Bro. Scott Weaver, Grace Seminary student, as pastor. Since July 1 three men have publicly confessed the Saviour, 10 people have come for baptism, five of whom have already asked also for church membership.

The Clay City, Ind., church held a reception for the Ralph Burns family on July 11 with 64 people in attendance. After the program a number of gifts were given to Pastor and Mrs. Burns.

Rev. Jesse Hall has resigned as pastor of the Canton, Ohio, church effective October 15.

Rev. Glenn O'Neal preached on "Our New Home" on June 29 at his church, Los Angeles, Calif., First. The sermon was favorably reviewed in the next day's issue of the Los Angeles Times by the church editor of the paper.

The William Samarins and the Don Millers arrived in Africa by airplane from Paris on June 30.

At the Covington, Va., church the average attendance for the first 6 months of this year was 173 in morning worship, 133 in evening service, 65 in prayer meeting, and 250 in the Sunday school.

The Leesburg, Ind., church combined with three other churches in the community in holding a vacation Bible school, July 7-18, with an average attendance of 73 pupils.

Rev. F. E. Nordby, pastor of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church of Connersville, Ind., wrote to the editor: "I felt you might be interested in a news item on our series of special services we had with Rev. William Gray, of Allentown, Pa. Brother Gray was with us for a very successful revival series June 10-22. The services were well attended. Souls found the Saviour and are continuing steadfast in the faith, and a renewed spirit of devotion is expressed on the part of all the congregation."

By action of the church, Rev. John Neely will continue as pastor of the Conemaugh, Pa., Brethren Church until a successor is called or until Brother Neely accepts a call to another charge.

Five young people of the Clayton, Ohio, church received the rite of baptism July 20. Rev. Clair Brickel is the pastor.

THE WITNESS OF ARCHEOLOGY AS TO IRON AND COPPER IN PALESTINE

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Professor of Archeology at Grace Seminary

A Scripture which has received remarkable verification through recent archeological investigation is Deuteronomy 8:7-9. This is a wonderful passage descriptive of the Promised Land and reads as follows: "For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass [copper in A.S.V.]." For a long time this passage perplexed Bible students. Its validity at times was even questioned. The latter part of the passage referring to iron and copper in the land seemed to have no factual correspondence. But then archeology came to the rescue. The rocks began to speak again.

Almost Entirely Wasteland

Recent discoveries of numerous iron and copper deposits and smelting operations in the area of the Arabah have removed all reason for doubting the trustworthiness of the sacred record at this point. The Wadi Arabah is a part of a great geological rift located immediately south of the Dead Sea and extending to the Gulf of Aqaba, eastern arm of the Red Sea. The territory of the Arabah is today almost entirely wasteland containing practically no population except for a few wandering Bedouin who in the springtime find a little pasture for their meager flocks. During the writer's visit to the southern end of the Dead Sea in connection with a party who were seeking the whereabouts of the long lost cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, he took a trip with a number of archeologists into the upper part of the Arabah. On horseback we wandered through a region desolate and uninviting. The few inhabitants we

met gave every evidence of poverty and depression. Wells are scarce. Dust and heat are distressingly oppressive during the greater part of the year though in early spring the weather is delightful.

Iron and Copper Deposits Discovered

In spite of its forbidding character, this is the place which has provided irrefutable testimony to the accuracy of that portion of Scripture cited above. Nelson Glueck, director of



Dr. Kent

the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem and intimately associated with all the recent investigations in the Arabah, has this to say on the matter of these discoveries: "It is now known that along the entire length of the Wadi Arabah there are deposits of copper and iron. These were intensively worked in ancient times, particularly during the time of King Solomon. At numerous places throughout the Wadi Arabah the archeological survey of the American School found ancient mining and smelting sites" (National Geographic Magazine, Feb. 1944, p. 237). The same writer goes on to say that "slag and ore specimens on analysis have shown up to 58.7 percent iron and 10.3 percent copper" (ibid.). A detailed description of these mining sites appears in Glueck's book, "The Other Side of Jordan" (ch. 3).

For some time past through the investigations of such men as R. G.

Head, English official, and G. S. Blake, geologist, it had been known that there were mineral deposits in this region; but it took the joint expedition of the American School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem, Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, and the Transjordan Department of Antiquities in 1934 to bring fuller light on the detailed facts.

About 19 miles south of the Dead Sea the expedition began its significant findings. It came upon an apparent fortress by the name of Khirbet Hamr Ifidan situated on the top of an isolated hill and near to a small spring. The reason for such a fortress in such an isolated place was soon discovered in that it commanded the roads leading to a number of very important mining and smelting sites a short distance away. About 4 miles in a straight line southeast of the fortress they came to a large ruined site called Khirbet Nahas, which literally means Copper Ruin. It proved to be what its name implies, a great copper mining and smelting site.

Ruined Furnaces Visible

Commenting on the place Glueck says: "Between the hills on the south and west sides of Khirbet Nahas and the wudyan (valleys) on the east and north sides lies a large flat area packed with ruins of walls, large buildings, miners' huts, and smelting furnaces, and black with great heaps of copper slag. Great quantities of cupriferous sandstone are visible in the immediate vicinity. . . . Of particular interest are the numerous small ruined furnaces visible on the site" ("The Other Side of the Jordan," pp. 59-60). This location proved to be the center of a series of other mining and smelting sites in the vicinity. There is Khirbet Gheweibeh, a little more than 3 miles distant, smaller in size than the former place but containing ruins of small smelting furnaces and piles of black slag. In the Wadi es-Sabrah several miles southeast of Petra were found large

deposits of copper sandstone and numerous specimens and entire veins of very rich iron ore together with ruined buildings devoted to the smelting of ore.

Coming nearer to the Gulf of Aqaba the expedition investigated the Wadi Mene'iyeh which possessed the largest and richest copper and smelting center in the entire Arabah with furnaces and piles of slag. Among the mining camps of this section is a strong fortress which evidently acted as the southern counterpart of Khirbet Hamr Ifdan on the north guarding the approaches to the other mining camps in the south.

The Time Is Right

Of special interest in connection with these discoveries is the time

ore from eight different places in the Wadi which analysis was made by John C. Weaver of the University of Cincinnati. The result is conclusive of the presence of iron and copper in the area under discussion.

That this area was included in the Promised Land seems conclusive in view of several passages of Scripture. For instance, in Joshua the record is presented of the final conquest of Palestine. The southern border was in the region of Mt. Seir (11:17), which forms the eastern boundary of the Arabah and which region is equated with the land of Edom in the Scriptures. This boundary was included in the whole land which Joshua took "according to all that the Lord said unto Moses" (Josh. 11:23). This fact is again



Poverty-stricken inhabitants of the northern Arabah living in goat-hair tents. (Photo by writer.)

element. From a careful examination of the pottery gathered at the various sites, the conclusion has been reached that "during no period were mining and smelting activities carried on in the Wadi Arabah as extensively as during the iron age" (Glueck), which includes the time of Solomon. This coincides with the demands of the Scripture passage above cited which indicates that following the days of Moses, after the occupation of the land by Israel would they find iron and copper in plenty. It further harmonizes with other passages which show the activities of Solomon in this region during his reign. Glueck closes his chapter on the consideration of the mines of the Arabah by presenting the results of the chemical analysis of slag and

corroborated by the action of Solomon in making Ezion-geber on the Red Sea and at the southern extremity of the Arabah a seaport in his kingdom.

The Bible Is Confirmed

And so from the Arabah, a region hot, dry, and desolate, a place unproductive of riches in the present day, comes another testimony to the trustworthiness of holy Scripture. Though the mines of the territory now are unworked, the smelters are cold, and the wheels of industry no longer move, yet the witness is clarification to the accuracy of that which has been written in God's holy Word. It was possible for Israel to dig iron and copper from the hills of the Promised Land *and they did*.

God's Unshakable Things

THE CHRIST OF GOD

By Rev. Jesse Hall, Canton, Ohio

"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever . . . thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail" (Heb. 1:8-12).

In fulfillment of Bible prophecy, the thrones and kingdoms of men are surely tottering to their final fall. But in the midst of this shaking, the throne and kingdom of the Son of God remain unmoved. He is the King Eternal (I Tim. 1:7). His power, His authority, and His dominion remain steadfast—for "of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end" (Isa. 9:6-7).

Through the incarnation, the crucifixion, and the resurrection, Jesus Christ remains the God-Man for all eternity (see John 1:14; II Tim. 2:5-6; Rev. 1:13, 18). As such He is the unshakable and unchanging Saviour and Lord of all who place their trust in Him, owning Him Lord of their lives.

His character remains inviolate. All the pressure that can possibly be exerted upon Him by the hosts of the rulers of the darkness of this world could never change His mind, nor shake Him from His declared purpose of redemption for believing sinners (Rom. 5:8; John 13:1; Rom. 8:38-39). Of all the mighty personages that will ever appear on God's footstool, the earth, He alone remains the same, unshaken and unshakable. He is "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8).

"Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;

Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;

Change and decay in all around I see:

O Thou who changest not, abide with me."

—H. F. Lyte.

MEMPHIS CHURCH GROWING

Dr. Robert G. Lee has been pastor of the Bellvue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., for 24½ years, and during that time there have been 17,032 additions to the church, or an average of 14 per Sunday.

The Brethren Missionary Herald

Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

By Conard Sandy

A Statement From the Editor

The editor, the writer of this page, is very appreciative for all the material that has been sent to him for use on this page of the Herald. It is impossible for him to write a note of gratitude to all who send in items of interest from time to time, therefore he must use this means to thank every one who has thus helped.

It is impossible for one person to read all the papers, magazines, reports, and pamphlets that are constantly coming from the presses. Therefore when any reader of this magazine reads something worth while and passes it along to the editor it is an aid for the betterment of our paper.

Be sure, however, in sending in material for the editor's consideration that proper credit is given for every item sent. Either mark clearly on the clipping the full name of the paper from which it is taken, with volume, number, page, and date; or send the whole paper or magazine with the particular item to be noted carefully marked. Here at the office we must know the full source of all material we use.

On Drinking Impure Water

For a thousand years Britons have been drinking water from St. Walston's Well, Bawburgh, England, because they believed it had certain miraculous powers to bring about cures for the sick. The vicar of the church nearby, Dr. Herbert L. Davies, claims that he gets scores of requests from invalids and sick people to have him mail bottles of the water to them.

Now the vicar is faced with a real problem. Dr. Irene M. Green, the local health officer, said the water has been examined and was found to be so impure that it is unfit for human consumption. The vicar declared that he is in a "difficult position," for, said he, "I don't want to destroy people's faith."

Jeremiah, as God's messenger to the people of Israel during the days of the Babylonian captivity, had to deal with a very similar problem, though in a more spiritual sense. It was such a startling thing that he

called the heavens to witness the sin of the people and what they had done in forsaking God. Note his words:

"Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jer. 2:12-13).

As the people of Israel turned to their own ways and forsook the living waters, and as the people of England are turning to impure water for cures, even so many people turn from the fountain of living water today and try to satisfy themselves with the philosophies and teachings of men wherein there is no satisfaction, nor ever can be.

The Safest Place of All

Mr. C. P. Jenkins, of Houston, Tex., believes he has the best safe in all the world. Three times his safe has been stolen from his sea food and poultry store and three times it has been recovered unopened. The thieves have battered it in every conceivable manner, yet they have been unable to force it open to remove its contents. Mr. Jenkins summed it up thus: "That's the best safe in the world. Burglars just can't get in it."

Dear reader, you can have a safe that is much better than the one possessed by Mr. Jenkins. It is the safe God has prepared in heaven and over which He keeps watch at all times. Of this safe the Lord Jesus said:

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:19-21).

When treasure is laid up in God's safe both the safe and the treasure will be secure forever. No thief of any kind can ever molest the safe or the treasure. Deposits must be

placed in this safe in time—after death there will be no opportunity for making the deposits.

The Measure of a Man

Gen. Mark Clark, speaking of his work in the Korean War, recently declared: "The measure of a man in this command is his readiness to fight for the principles in which the free world believes."

"The measure" of any man is his "readiness to fight" for the things he believes. That is, a man is known for what he believes strongly enough to defend. If a man believes in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ he will be willing to defend that name from all who attack it by misusing it. His sword in this battle will be the sword of the Spirit and he will use it diligently.

To the men at Corinth the Apostle Paul wrote: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity" (I Cor. 16:13-14).

What is the measure of your manhood, your womanhood? Are you ready and willing to defend the things you believe? If not, why not? Is it that you are a coward, or is it that you do not believe the right thing?

Why Go to Church

As usual, the Communists are wrong on why Christians go to church services. The Czechoslovakian Information Minister, Vaclav Kopecky, claims that "the only reason they (Christians) visit churches is to demonstrate their hatred of the people's democracy and to pray for a new world war."

The only reason why he can speak thus is because he does not know why the children of God attend the services of their respective churches where the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is preached, believed, and practiced. This writer has never met one person who attends church for the reason proposed by this unbeliever. What he needs is a few trips to a fundamental church where he

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CALIFORNIA CAMPS LARGE AND FRUITFUL

Capacity crowds and better gave the California camps perhaps the largest total number of campers they have ever had. Tahquitz Pines, owned by Los Angeles County Christian Endeavor, and the scene of Brethren camps for more than 10 years, is built to accommodate about 275 campers and staff.

However, there were 293 on the grounds Junior High and Senior week, with 104 Seniors, 156 Junior Highs, and over 30 staff members. Although nights were quite cold, the weather was ideal in the daytime, and a great camp was enjoyed. Decisions were made for Christ right from the beginning of camp. On Wednesday night, after the showing of some pictures by Hill Maconaghy, scores of young people presented their lives to Christ for His service. Dr. Mayes, who spoke to the Junior High group nightly, said he had never seen a better faggot service in that age group than they had on Friday.

Twenty-six found Christ as Saviour at this week's camp; 118 dedicated their lives to Christ for full-time service; 113 recorded a renewal of their vows to the Lord; and 86 pledged that they would read their Bibles and pray daily—an important decision, because that's the one that will enable a Christian to keep his other decisions.

Junior week, which followed, found 305 still on the grounds after half a dozen went home because of homesickness or other illness. Over 275 of these were 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-grade campers—and if you don't

think they can be a noisy, exuberant bunch, you should have been there!

But again the Lord worked right from the start, and there were decisions for Christ in the cabins and in the classes right from the start of camp. Although I do not yet have the tabulations of decisions, I'm sure



40 or 50 boys and girls found Christ as Saviour, and many other forward steps were taken for Him. I wish you might have seen how concerned some of these boys and girls were for their parents and other loved ones who were unsaved!

All in all it was a very successful 2 weeks of camp. The Devil lost a lot of souls, the cigarette companies lost some customers, as well as prospects, the Lord got some new workers, and we who worked with the campers got a lot of blessing. Needless to say, your youth director was happy to be back at Tahquitz Pines for the first time in 5 years!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIANS ENJOY CAMP, TOO

A number of our young people from Chico, Modesto, and Tracy at-

tended the family camp owned and operated by Bro. Wesley Platt, of Manteca. Brother Platt had graciously invited these churches to participate in his camp. Since the southern California camp is several hundred miles away, they accepted, and Brother Clough and Brother Rambo were on the teaching staff. Dr. Vincent Bennett, well-known Bible teacher, was the featured speaker at the camp, which had well over 150 in total attendance.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR BETHANY CAMP

Our national Brethren youth camp, held on the Bethany campus during the national conference, August 18-24, is now receiving registrations. Two-dollar preregistration assures young people of a place in the camp, and saves a dollar penalty which is attached to late registrations. Plans are under way for a full set of morning activities, and Bruce Button will be the Bible hour speaker each morning at 8:30. Brother Button is well known for his work among the Jews, but he also has a knack of presenting Bible truths in a very practical and interesting fashion that has proved popular and helpful to young people.

BBC and SMM sessions will follow the Bible hour, with the popular "BYF Jam Session" finishing the morning activities, save for the Bethany choir practice, which will be included in the program by popular demand.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF SOUTHEAST FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Lee Crist and the Covington people extended hospitality to the full in entertaining the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches in conference July 7-9.

In his moderator's address, Rev. Galen Lingenfelter laid down a four-point program which was good foundation for the rest of the conference, namely: (1) In the Brethren Church we have the sure Word of God; (2) We need to believe this sure Word of God; (3) We need to teach the sure Word of God; and (4) We need to live the sure Word of God.

The president of the National Sun-

day School Board, Rev. Harold Etling, stressed the idea that the Sunday school is the strongest arm of the church. Dr. Robert Culver was the principal Bible lecturer of the conference, his messages being full of spiritual vitamins for the Christian.

The Brethren Youth Fellowship, the district camps, and the mission board each had its place on the program.

One very encouraging item was the application for membership by and the acceptance of the Roanoke, Va., Washington Heights church as a fully organized Brethren church.

Rev. John Burns, Johnson City, Tenn., was elected moderator and Dr. Randall Rossman, Limestone, Tenn., the vice moderator. Other officers elected are W. V. Findley, secretary; Mrs. J. L. Lloyd, assistant secretary; Rev. William Howard, treasurer; and B. H. Conner, statistician. These four are from Roanoke, Va. Representative on national conference executive committee is Rev. Galen Lingenfelter.

The conference next year will convene at the Roanoke, Va., Clearbrook church.—W. V. Findley, secretary.

IX—FOUR MORE SIGNS OF THE TIME OF THE END

The Industrial Sign

In James 5:1-9 we have a prophetic picture of the industrial conditions in the "last days" of the present age. This passage foretells a period of intense and fierce conflict between what is known today as capital and labor. The capitalists amass great riches because of keeping back the just wages of the laborers. The laborers persecute the capitalists. It is foretold that there would be multiplied and intensified conflict between the two special classes, which would be organized for the warfare. The Christians are exhorted to be "patient unto the coming of the Lord." They are urged to "stablish their hearts" for "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." They are warned not to take matters into their own hands, such as in striking, not to harbor hatred and grudge in their hearts, but to wait for the "judge which standeth at the very door," who will render justice when He comes. Surely this industrial sign is meeting widespread fulfillment today, indicating that the "coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

The Iron and Clay Sign

In Daniel 2:31-45 we have the course and destiny of the gentile world foretold. The last stage of gentile rule is pictured as an attempt to make the iron and clay to stick together. The iron clearly is a symbol of despotic dictatorship, for it is declared that "iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things." The clay is of the earth, brittle, easily broken, and is a symbol of a democratic, socialistic form of government. Now iron and clay will not adhere, nor stick together. Here is a prophecy that in the last days the last form of gentile government will be an attempt to mix despotism and democracy. This will be the governmental form until the "stone cut out of the mountain without hands" crushes the metal image and becomes a great mountain filling the whole earth. This stone represents Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords. Here is a picture of the

world conflict between nations today. It is a description of the battle between two ideologies of government. In our own U. S. A. these two are struggling for supremacy. The governmental leaders are trying to mix the two, seeking to satisfy both, and the present confusion is the result. Gentile governments are waning, becoming weaker and weaker, and falling apart. Man's rule of man is a failure!

Criminal Sign

The prophetic Word of God foretells an increase of crime in the world as we come to the rapids of time near the end of the age. II Timothy 3:13 foretells that "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." Matthew 24:12 foretells that near the end of the age "iniquity shall abound." The "mystery of iniquity" has always been working. Iniquity is lawlessness! It is revolt against constituted authority. Any revolt against constituted authority, constituted according to the Bible, is crime. What a picture the world presents today—a black picture of crime! Children revolting against parents, citizens revolting against government, wives revolting against the headship of husbands, church members revolting against any form of discipline; a world-wide revolu-

tion is raging today! It is a revolution against all authority. Each person demands to be his or her own God! Individual dictatorship, each person dictating to self—this is lawlessness. The Devil promised Eve that he would make her to become her own god. He is trying to make good on that promise, knowing his time is short. Not only the diabolical and atrocious deeds of the so-called criminal, but all refusal to obey the Bible is a part of this revolution. Now all this is a sign indicating that "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

The 666 Sign

Revelation 13:16-18 foretells the coming of a universal trust, a unified humanity, all under one head, and gives the "number of his name." The number of the man is 666! The totality of man in the consummation of man's day is 666. In the Scriptures "6" is man's number. He was created on the sixth day. He is supposed to do his work in 6 days. Repetition denotes fullness; 3 times 6, 6 repeated 3 times, makes 666; 666 denotes the world under man, apart from God, the very best and fullest man can produce. This will be man's last effort to be God! On every hand we behold this "getting together," "heaping together," "binding together," confederating, unifying of man's systems. Politically, industrially, socially, religiously, in everything the world is getting ready for the beast under whose rule the 666 sign shall meet final fulfillment. Now before this can come to pass, the Lord Jesus Christ will come for His own. God's chosen bride will never come under the rule of the beast. But the feverish haste of the world to get together indicates that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh!

All these are world signs. Christians ought to be vigilant that they do not become involved in these things. The great need of this hour is for separated Christians—separated from the world and separated unto Christ.

"MARANATHA" (I Cor. 16:22).



NEWS from the CHURCHES

Roanoke, Virginia (Clearbrook)

Praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings bestowed upon us of the Clearbrook area. Certainly His guiding hand was in our midst, and we truly needed the hand of the Lord day and night. The Lord blessed us with a wonderful daily vacation Bible school during the day and a real spiritual revival by night, June 8-22.

Bro. Robert (Bob) Ashman, our evangelist and children's worker, displayed the kind of spirit and willingness in the Bible school and revival that we like to think about, but don't always see. His suitcase of Bible magic is ever ready to keep the interest of the young people, and every bit of the magic has a sound Biblical application.

The growth of the school clearly depicts the interest and satisfaction of the boys and girls—the first week began with 74, with a high of 117 for the week; the second week began with 120, with a high of 121. To hear the boys and girls sing the many new choruses and recite verses was climaxed only by the 20 boys and girls who accepted Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour. We know the Lord made it possible for Brother Ashman to be with us at this particular time. We had a wonderful group of adults who were faithful in the teaching and office work of the school.

Yes, we had a revival campaign—every night for 2 weeks. Our first Sunday-morning service with our evangelist was evidence of the Lord's approval, for He gave Brother Ashman a message that was made to order for the hearts of the people here at Clearbrook; 10 fine rededications were made at the close of the service. Not only did our brother preach God's Word without compromise or favor, but he led us every night in a

stirring song service. In the early part of the meeting a fine young man gave his heart to the Lord, then later on two more grown boys accepted Christ as their Saviour; a fine mother, already saved, came for church membership and rededication. A real sweet spirit prevails throughout the entire church. There were souls for which we prayed that were not saved, but this we do know: the Word of God was faithfully proclaimed, opportunity to come to Christ was given in the home, from the pulpit, and in other places.—*William E. Howard, pastor.*

Middlebranch, Ohio

The dedication of our remodeled building on July 13, combined with a homecoming service, was a great success. The three messages for the day were given by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of Winona Lake. He did a wonderful piece of work for us.

The afternoon dedication service was attended by 120 people. Rev. Richard Burch, Cuyahoga Falls, read the Scripture lesson, Rev. Harold Etling, Akron, led in the opening prayer, and Dr. Hoyt gave the dedicatory sermon. The pastor led in the dedication and Rev. Jesse Hall, Canton, offered the dedicatory prayer. Rev. Paul Mohler, former member of the church and now pas-



tor at Listie, Pa., led in receiving the offering, and Rev. Joseph Gingrich, of Sterling, gave the benediction. Rev. Charles Bergerson, Wadsworth, was the pianist, and Rev. Russell Ward, Cleveland, was our guest chorister.

Other preachers present were Rev. Edwin Boardman, Ashland, a former pastor of the church; Rev. Don Bartlett, Sharpville, Ind., a former member here; and Rev. Milo Williams, of Massillon. Rev. Lester Pifer and family and Dr. Raymond Gingrich and family were present in the evening service.—*Edward Lewis, pastor.*

THOUGHTS FOR . . . PILGRIMS

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would hear the pure Gospel of Christ and of grace.

What To Do When Afraid

Dr. Carl Hujer, a scientist, has analyzed the reactions of people when they are afraid. He has come to this conclusion: "When people of the world are troubled, they unconsciously seek escape in the unreal and see things like the Loch Ness monster [supposed big sea serpent] and flying saucers."

This, indeed, may be true of the people of the world, but it surely is not true of those people who have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Christians have learned to trust the Lord at all times, even when troubles, fears, and perplexities come.

The Psalmist David summed up the saint's reaction to trouble thus: "Be merciful unto me, O God. . . . What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. . . . In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me" (Psa. 56:1, 3-4, 11).

DECKER DIRECTOR OF NAE

Dr. Rutherford L. Decker assumed full-time responsibilities as executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals on July 1. He has been identified with NAE since its beginning in 1942. He resigned as pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., to assume this new office in the interdenominational NAE.

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THE WORD OF GOD DECLARES:

"The wicked earneth deceitful wages;
But he that soweth righteousness hath a sure reward."
(Proverbs 11:18, A. S. V.)





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The *Johnstown, Pa.*, First church received two members on June 29. Rev. Kenneth Moeller, of Bryan University, spoke at the church on July 20.

The *Ashland, Ohio* church received four people into membership by baptism on June 29, and two on July 13. There were nine decisions for Christ in the junior church on July 6. Rev. James Dixon, former pastor of the church, preached at both services on July 20.

At the *Mansfield, Ohio*, church two people accepted the Saviour on July 13 under the ministry of Rev. Kenneth Ashman, of Wooster. He spoke there also on July 27.

The *Wooster, Ohio*, church heard Rev. Gerald Smelser, of Cleveland, at both services on July 27.

The *Johnstown, Pa.*, Riverside church, pastored by Rev. Ralph Hall, had 73 people present in Sunday school on July 13, and 72 present on July 20. Rev. Richard DeArmey spoke there on July 13.

Rev. James Hammer, pastor of the Fort Wayne, Ind., church, has moved to 829 Belle Ave., Fort Wayne 6, Ind. (change Annual, p. 73).

At the *Hagerstown, Md.*, church one person accepted the Saviour on July 6. Evangelist William Smith began as supply pastor of this church on July 20. Pastor Walter Lepp and family are vacationing with relatives in Canada.

At the *Martinsburg, W. Va.*, church four people were baptized and received into the membership July 13.

Mrs. Mary C. Shoemaker, member of the Conemaugh, Pa., church, died on July 16.

The *Flora, Ind.*, church, pastored by Rev. Charles Turner, is another one of the churches that is using

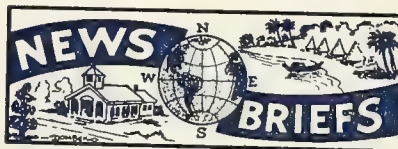
paid-advertising space in the local newspaper for the pastor to present a brief message each week.

The *Taos, N. Mex.*, church had special meetings July 21-27 under the leadership of Rev. Robert Ashman, of Winona Lake, Ind. This church was instrumental in having the picture, "Mr. Texas," shown in Taos following the Indian dances—the first Protestant service held publicly in Taos.

Rev. Carl Sisson resigned as pastor of the Bell, Calif., church, effective July 1, and has moved to 13437 Florence Ave., South Whittier, Calif. (change Annual, p. 70).

Rev. Robert Dell, pastor of the La Crescenta, Calif., church, has moved to 2911 El Caminito, La Crescenta, Calif. (change Annual, p. 72).

The *Berrien Springs, Mich.*, church, pastored by Rev. Arthur Collins, heard Mr. Jay E. Perry at both services on August 3.



The *Roanoke, Va.*, Ghent church will hear Bro. Jack Peters at both services on August 10 and 17.

The Robert Williamses arrived at their station in Africa on July 4; the Orville Jobsons and the Floyd Tabers arrived at their stations on July 16.

Little Anne Goodman, the 3-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Goodman, Jr., Brethren missionaries to Africa, has been ill for 3 months. Her illness has now been diagnosed as poliomyelitis. By the time this is read the Goodman family should have arrived in the United States in order that Anne might have proper treatment. Pray for them.

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Jenkins, Clarks-ville, Mich. (Lake Odessa church), became the parents of James Thomas Jenkins on July 22.

The *Middlebranch, Ohio*, church heard Rev. Don Bartlett, a former member of the church, preach on July 20.

The *Central District* at its recent conference in Dayton, Ohio, received two new churches into its fellowship: Grace Brethren Church, Ozark, Mich., and Grace Brethren Church, Jackson, Mich.

The *Harrah, Wash.*, church heard Bro. Eddie Motter on July 13.

The *Sterling, Ohio*, church called its pastor, Rev. Joseph L. Gingrich, to serve another year. This church heard Rev. Wayne Weber on July 23.

The *Whittier, Calif.*, church received a member by baptism on July 20. Rev. Paul Miller is leading the prayer meeting at this church during August and will preach at the church on August 3.

Dr. James Boyer, Grace Theological Seminary professor, delivered 10 Bible messages at the Erieside Bible Conference, Willoughby, Ohio, July 18-23.

Prof. John Whitcomb, professor of Old Testament studies in Grace Seminary, left July 27 for a 5-week tour of the countries of the Mediterranean Sea area. He is a member of the Flying Seminar of the Winona Lake School of Theology.

The *Long Beach, Calif.*, Olive Avenue church, pastored by Rev. John Mayes, had an attendance of 75 in both the Sunday school and morning service on July 13, with 27 in the youth meeting and 29 in the evening service. The total offering for the day was \$150.

The *Dayton, Ohio*, North Riverdale church heard Mr. Edmund Caes on July 27 and August 3.

The *Waynesboro, Pa.*, church received one member on June 29.

Rev. Garrett John Wolters, born May 5, 1859, died July 23, 1952, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amanda Lemon, Portis, Kans. In 1882 Brother Wolters married Katherine Debey, who preceded him in death. He is survived by seven children. Brother Wolters was ordained to the ministry in 1882, was one of the charter members of the Portis, Kans., church, and preached for more than 30 years in that community.

The *prayer booklets* have been sent to all the churches. If your church needs more of them send your request to the office of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Use your booklet daily as a prayer guide.

It is not too late to make your plans and execute them in attending the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Other members of the Brethren Church will be at Winona Lake August 18-24. Why not join with them in fellowship?

"And Enoch Walked With God"

(Gen. 5:21-24; Amos 3:3; Col. 1:10)

By Rev. Edward Lewis, Middlebranch, Ohio

Perhaps the greatest testimony any man could have was that of Enoch, mentioned in the 24th verse of Genesis 5: "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

A little girl came home from Sunday school one day and her mother, who usually went, but couldn't attend this Sunday, asked her what the lesson was about. "Enoch," the little girl replied. "What about him?" asked Mother. "Well, he was taking a walk with God one day and he got so far away from home that God said: 'You're too far away from home and it's so late that you might just as well stay with Me.'" That story isn't too far stretched, as we shall see.

Amos' Question

In Amos 3:3 the question is asked, logically, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" When two men decide to go into business, a contract must be drawn up. Why? Well, they must both see eye to eye before they can start. Divorces in every case are caused because two people cannot agree. I'd like for you who are married to think back upon your courtship days. The things that brought you together as man and wife had to be agreed upon before you became one. Before you can become a part of the bride of Christ you must first of all agree on a vital point—the new birth.

You'll notice an interesting thing about Enoch in Genesis 5:22. He evidently didn't start to walk with God until after Methuselah was born. And an interesting thing about this name is that it means "Fountains of Waters." A child being born into his household caused him to walk with God. He realized his responsibility in bringing up his son and that he would bring him up in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Those of you today that are parents will especially note this, I trust.

God's Standards

We are not told how Enoch walked with God, but I don't think it would be adding anything to Scripture to venture to mention some of the ways. The reason we can do this is because

of the fact that two cannot walk together unless they be agreed. Now then we know what God's standards are, so in order for Enoch to agree with God he had to follow God's standards.

First, then, he had to be separated from the darkness, for in God "is no darkness at all." Since Enoch walked with God we know that he walked "in the light, as he is in the light" (I John 1:5, 7). To conform to this standard Enoch had to come out from among those who lived in his day and he had to be separated unto God. He had to be willing to die to the world.

Also, Enoch had fellowship with God in conversation. As they walked together they talked of heavenly things and not of worldly matters. The saints of God today are urged to carry on a conversation with God in prayer without ceasing.

Furthermore, these two walked together because they had things in common and were pleasing to each other. The Spirit of God summed up His testimony concerning Enoch in these words: "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God" (Heb. 11:5). Enoch was interested in God and the things of heaven. He lived pleasing to God here on earth and was thus ready to be translated into the eternal presence of his God.

The Christian's Walk

How much like Enoch are we? The Apostle Paul has set forth for us the walk of the Christian in Colossians 1-2. Christians are urged to

"walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing" (1:10), and "as ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him" (2:6).

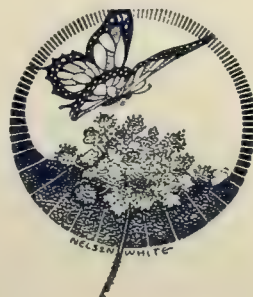
How can one walk with Christ Jesus? The walk must begin and continue in faith in the Saviour. As a child begins to walk by placing faith in the adult who is helping him, even so must the children of God begin by placing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As the walk continues the child of God must keep it pleasing to both God and himself by engaging in study of the eternal Word of God and in the fellowship of constant prayer. The Bible is God's instruction sheet for us and prayer is our means of learning God's truth for us as revealed in His Word.

As there was a satisfactory result or reward for Enoch, even so will there be for every Christian who walks with God in this dispensation of the history of the world. When a baby begins to walk by faith his legs grow stronger and stronger as he continues to exercise them. Even so the saint grows stronger spiritually as he walks with God in the light and faith that he does have. When one is yielded to the Lord it is easier to walk with Him, for then the mind of Christ is preminent.

Those who walk with God in this sweet fellowship will be "fruitful in every good work," will increase "in the knowledge of God" and will be "strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light" (Col. 1:10-12).

Remember, two cannot walk together unless they agree with each other and agree to walk together. If we want the blessings and riches that the Lord is desirous of giving to His children then we must agree with Him, exercising faith, reading His Word and engaging in unceasing prayer. For those who thus walk with the Lord He has spiritual graces and fruits that will bring His blessing in time and in eternity.

Dear reader, are you now walking with the Lord Jesus?



Who Should Attend Conference

Just 9 days after the date of the issue of this number of the Brethren Missionary Herald the Sixty-Third Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene, the Lord willing, at Winona Lake, Ind. The dates of the conference are August 18-24.

At this time the question before every member of the denomination is: Who should attend this conference this year?

1. Those members of the Brethren Church who need to be reminded again of the *faithfulness* of our God, for indeed His faithfulness is great, ought to attend and hear the reports of conference and of the various auxiliaries of the denomination.

2. Those who need to have their own *faith* strengthened and encouraged for these troublous times at the end of the age ought to be present to hear the Bible teachers and the missionaries as they open up the wonders of God's Word.

3. Those who need to have the *fellowship* of the saints renewed in their own hearts ought to be present to meet and commune with the saints of God in the Brethren Church from other parts of His vineyard.

4. Those who need to be reminded that the *friendship* of "the world is enmity with God" (Jas. 4:4) ought to attend and see how God has given to others victory over the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

Indeed, members of the Brethren Church, every one of you ought to be present at this conference if it is at all possible for you to do so. The Lord of the church will richly bless you through the conference.

Cost of Alcoholic Beverages

The United States Department of Commerce has just reported that \$9,150,000,000 was spent by the people of this nation for liquor, wine, and beer during 1951. This is an average of \$59.80 for every person in the country—man, woman, and child.

In commenting on this report, the Pentecostal Evangel (Aug. 3, 1952), declared: "The government is three billion dollars richer, due to the taxes [on these alcoholic beverages], but the nation is inestimably poorer—in money, as well as in morals.

Drinking costs the nation many billions of dollars in loss of manpower, increase of crime, drunken-driver accidents, treatment of alcoholics, etc."

It is still "woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him" (Isa. 5:22-23).

The above-mentioned paper quotes Dr. Robert V. Seliger, chief psychiatrist of the Neuropsychiatric Institute in Baltimore, Md., as claiming that there are now a million chronic addicts, four million heavy drinkers, and 40 million social drinkers in this country.

In light of this how can we sing, "God Bless America"?

Our National Defense Is Costly

The cost of war is constantly increasing. Here are some examples illustrating how this cost is mounting higher and higher. A medium tank which cost \$81,300 during World War II costs \$244,000 today; a medium bomber that cost then \$402,000 now costs \$3,476,000; and a destroyer that cost then \$9,900,000 now costs the taxpayer \$27,500,000.

War, however, with all its costliness will never settle the problems of the world. John Foster Dulles, a recognized authority on international affairs, recently declared: "We cannot solve the problems of the world by becoming a militarized nation which seeks to win its way by force and intimidation."

The answer to the world's unrest is not a philosophy, but a person, even the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. The prophet of God centuries before the coming of the Lord Jesus declared of Him that "his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isa. 9:6-7).

Yes, Christ is the answer—the only

answer—for this world's problems and perplexities. Therefore every child of God ought to join with the Apostle Paul in this prayer: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

The Boast of the Proud

Recently Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet Russia's foreign minister, declared in open and defiant boast: "No force on earth will be able to overthrow the Kremlin. It would be a ludicrous, preposterous attempt."

These words remind one of the haughty, proud boast of King Nebuchadnezzar more than 25 centuries ago. Daniel recorded the boast and the judgment that followed in these words: "All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee" (Dan. 4:28-31).

Beloved, "the fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate," saith the Lord of the universe (Prov. 8:13).

What the People Want

A speaker at one of the recent political conventions in Chicago said: "Our party will give to the people what they want."

Many people ought never to have what they want, for their wants are determined by sinful desires that arise from sinful hearts. What we ought to have is what we need and what we can use for the glory of the Lord. The Apostle Paul was satisfied to know that he had a God who could and would supply the needs of His people "according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

Don't be misled these days by words from the lips of the politicians. Anchor your faith on the words of the eternal God.



THE BRETHREN CALENDAR

By Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman

DAYTON, OHIO (BETHANY)

Just two years ago Bethany's outlook was dark. Most of our members were gone, we were without a pastor, and we had no finances. Occasionally our prayer meeting group was composed of only two families, but we met, kneeled, and prayed. We seldom asked for material things, but we asked for the spiritual riches of the Lord.

God sent us Bro. Rodney Wysong and the work began to grow. Then the Lord took Brother Wysong unto Himself. Our pastor now is Bro. John Evans.

Our attendance is about 60 in the Sunday school and morning church services. The prayer meeting is usually attended by 20 or more people. In addition to these gains we are improving our building; we are adding a furnace room and have plans for a new auditorium.—*Donald Talbot, deacon.*

BUMP OF AFFECTION

When Gypsy Smith was conducting a very successful series of revival services in Kansas City, an old preacher came into the room where Smith was sitting after the service, placed his hand on the evangelist's head and felt about it.

"I am trying to find the secret of your success," he confessed.

"Too high! Too high! My friend, you are too high!" admonished Smith. "The secret of whatever success God has given me is not up there, but down here"—and he placed his hand upon his heart.—*The Gospel Banner.*

AMISH BUILD HIGH SCHOOLS

The Amish people in Indiana have kept more than 300 of their children from attending public high schools because they do not want their children taught the theory of evolution which appears in the biology courses. These leaders now have agreed to conduct their own high schools where religion, agriculture, home economics, chemistry, and physics will be taught.

Something new and different will be ready for the Brethren churches at national conference time. A 12-months calendar, starting with October 1952 and continuing through September 1953 will be distributed. All the agencies of the Brethren Church will be presented in word and picture. Important dates of Brethren history will be set forth. The "Day of Prayer"—the 15th of each month—will be blocked out for emphasis. Room will be provided for personal notes for each day of the month.

This calendar is the product of 2 years of planning. It is a two-color production. The art work is unique, the pictures are fresh, and the layout is appealing. Brethren will be happy to have the calendar in the home for ready reference.

Fifteen thousand copies of this 14-page calendar are being printed. To meet the large expense the following plan has been followed: Each of the

cooperating agencies of the Brotherhood have presented generous gifts. Each church has been requested to donate 10 cents per calendar for the local congregation. In most cases this amounts to less than a \$10 bill. Letters to this effect have gone to all the churches. The response has been favorable and the cooperation fine.

The calendars for your church will be packed and ready at national conference. Your representative should secure them there. Your check for the same should be sent in or be ready then. In case no representative from your church is present at Winona Lake your calendars will be sent to you, postage collect.

It should be emphasized that the calendar is not another financial appeal. It is a new endeavor with the purpose in mind of acquainting the Brethren people with Brethren history and present programs. Look forward to receiving your calendar from your local pastor and church.

CONFERENCE ON PROPHECY AND THE JEWS TO FOLLOW BRETHREN

The Eighth Annual Conference on Prophecy and the Jews is set for August 24 to September 1 at Winona Lake, Ind. This is the week immediately following the Sixty-Third Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Plan to extend your vacation for this extra week and enjoy fellowship with God's people around the prophetic phase of the Scriptures.

Among the Bible teachers and preachers who are on the program for this conference are Dr. Alva J. McClain, Dr. William Ward Ayer, Dr. Hyman J. Appelman, Dr. Edwin Johnson, Dr. Herbert Lockyer, Dr. John Bradbury, Dr. Oswald J. Smith, and Dr. Peter Hoogendam.

HE KNOWS BEST

The Lord's answers to prayer are infinitely perfect, and eternity will show that often when we were asking for a stone that *looked like bread*, He was giving us *bread* that to our shortsightedness *looked like stone*.—*Selected.*

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 130

Every American who does not wish a super state to take over his nation in toto, should join Senator John Bricker and more than 60 senatorial associates who are attempting by an amendment to the Constitution to prevent such a catastrophe.

The bill, S. J. Res. 130, when passed by both houses and ratified by three-quarters of the States, will forever prevent executive action by President, Department of State, or other agency, to, by treaty or agreement, affect constitutional rights of the citizens of the U. S.; give to an international organization or foreign power "any of the legislative, executive, or judicial powers vested in the Constitution."

It further prevents a treaty or executive agreement to alter or abridge the laws of the U. S., and prevents executive agreements to take the place of treaties. It also limits all executive agreements to one year after the term of office "for which the President making the agreement shall have been elected." In word, the bill restricts government by presidential directives. Support this bill wholeheartedly!—*Christian Action, July 1952.*

PUBLICATION OFFERING REPORT

AUGUST 1, 1951 - JUNE 30, 1952

Note, please, that this report is for 11 months. Only monies received from churches or individuals after July 31, 1951, and before July 1, 1952, are recorded in this report.

Prior to this year the books of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company were closed as of July 31, but that did not give the staff and the auditor sufficient time to get the financial report ready for the meeting of the board of directors in the annual meeting in August. Therefore, this year the books were closed as of June 30, which will be the date of the closing in the future. This is in conformity with the dates used by many of our churches and most of the other auxiliary boards of the denomination.

This means that, with a few exceptions, this report does not include offerings given this year for Brethren publications.

ATLANTIC FELLOWSHIP

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| Alexandria, Va. | \$22.60 |
| Allentown, Pa. | 5.00 |
| Hagerstown, Md. | .50 |
| Martinsburg, W. Va. | 26.25 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. (1st) .. | 81.00 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. (3d) .. | 34.00 |
| Washington, D. C. | 264.50 |
| Winchester, Va. | 112.50 |
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CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

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| Beaumont | 1.00 |
| Bell | 19.00 |
| Bellflower | 22.00 |
| Fillmore | 22.50 |
| Glendale | 60.46 |
| La Verne | 70.85 |
| Long Beach (1st) | 44.15 |
| Los Angeles (3d) | 11.00 |
| Modesto (La Loma) | 5.00 |
| San Diego | 22.00 |
| South Gate | 50.00 |
| South Pasadena | 2.00 |
| Temple City | 88.00 |
| Tracy | 37.00 |
| Whittier | 115.00 |
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CENTRAL DISTRICT

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| Camden, Ohio | 23.50 |
| Clayhole, Ky. | 17.80 |
| Clayton, Ohio | 16.75 |
| Covington, Ohio | 50.33 |
| Dayton, Ohio (1st) | 306.66 |
| Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) .. | 169.00 |
| Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park) .. | 56.00 |
| Flora, Ind. | 1.00 |
| Huntington, Ind. | 11.10 |
| Leesburg, Ind. | 71.20 |
| New Troy, Mich. | 175.00 |
| Osceola, Ind. | 52.25 |
| Peru, Ind. | 12.26 |
| Sidney, Ind. | 26.50 |
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EAST FELLOWSHIP

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| Altoona, Pa. (1st) | 31.00 |
| Harrisburg, Pa. | 35.50 |
| Holidaysburg, Pa. | 50.00 |
| Hopewell, Pa. | 17.00 |
| Jenners, Pa. | 20.65 |
| Johnstown, Pa. (1st) | 186.81 |
| Kittanning, Pa. (1st) | 2.00 |
| Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo) .. | 10.00 |
| Leamersville, Pa. | 61.00 |
| Listie, Pa. | 75.62 |

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| Martinsburg, Pa. | 21.50 |
| Meyersdale, Pa. | 42.00 |
| Mundy's Corner, Pa. | 22.00 |
| Waynesboro, Pa. | 225.13 |
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IOWA DISTRICT

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| Dallas Center | 156.00 |
| Waterloo | 44.00 |
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MIDWEST DISTRICT

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| Chevenne, Wyo. | 3.28 |
| Portis, Kans. | 5.00 |
| Taos, N. Mex. (Canon) | 5.00 |
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NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

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| Akron | 95.90 |
| Ashland | 61.00 |
| Cuyahoga Falls | 61.12 |
| Freemont | 141.95 |
| Homerville | 35.00 |
| Mansfield | 109.50 |
| Middlebranch | 55.00 |
| Rittman | 50.00 |
| Wadsworth | 5.00 |
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NORTHWEST FELLOWSHIP

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| Albany, Oreg. | 22.00 |
| Harrah, Wash. | 48.00 |
| Northland, Oreg. | 5.00 |
| Yakima, Wash. | 10.00 |
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SOUTHEAST FELLOWSHIP

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| Covington, Va. | 85.29 |
| Johnson City, Tenn. | 17.05 |
| Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook) | 14.00 |
| Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) | 128.56 |
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MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

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| National Fellowship of Brethren | |
| Lavmen | 25.00 |
| Miscellaneous gifts | 34.20 |
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| | 59.20 |
| Grand Total | <hr/> |
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CHAPLAINCY ORIGIN NOTED

The legal origin of the United States Army chaplaincy is found in a resolution adopted by the Continental Congress on July 29, 1775. This resolution established the chaplaincy as a vital part of the United States military service and provided that chaplains should receive \$20 per month. Now there are more than 1,400 Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish chaplains working with the military men of the nation around the world.

Maj. Gen. Ivan L. Bennett, Chief of Army Chaplains, in a special statement commemorating the 177th anniversary of the chaplaincy, declared that the mission of the "religious ministry" in the Army is not merely to develop good soldiers, but "to lead people to the sources of spiritual renewal and emotional health."

God's Unshakable Things

THE WORD OF GOD

By Rev. Jesse Hall, Canton, Ohio

"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89).

The writings of men are constantly needing revision and very often are completely repudiated. Entire libraries change in a generation. But time has not left its mark on the Bible. Here is a Book that stands unshakable and unchanging. Not one book, nor paragraph in the entire Scriptures has ever needed revision. Nothing new has ever been discovered during the centuries since the Scriptures were completed, that nullifies what has been written.

Here is a Book that is not subject to the laws that control books; they die, it lives; they grow old, it is unaging. Here is a Book that truly satisfies the soul as it offers healing for the sin-sick, sight for the blind, strength for the weak, food for the hungry, rest for the weary, knowledge for the ignorant, liberty for the captive, and life for the dead.

No human quality ever found in any other book could accomplish this. "God in the Book" is the only explanation, "for all scripture is God-breathed" (see II Tim. 3:16 and John 6:63). It is the voice of God to man, bringing a message of love and grace. "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word" (see Prov. 22:20-21).

It is our conviction that upon the Scriptures you may rest with fullest confidence and never be disappointed. What the Scriptures say you may believe. This Book invites us to partake of salvation from sin, of fellowship with God, and of the hope of glory. "And the scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35).

Heaven and earth may pass away, but the Word of the Lord abideth forever.



Suggested Prayer Requests for August

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—

A Word of Thanksgiving—Praise and thank our wonderful Lord for the largest annual income in the history of our Foreign Missionary Society—\$180,167.88. To do what the Lord directs for this next year will cost about \$200,000.

Pray for—

1. Wisdom for our board of trustees in the expenditure of this amazing offering.

2. The 12 to 16 missionary candidates who plan to leave for various fields during this fall season. In August the following plan to sail to France for language study: Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason and family, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy, Rev. and Mrs. Martin Garber, and Miss Mary Ann Habegger.

3. The opening of a Brethren testimony in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the largest city in the Southern Hemisphere, and for the Solon Hoyt family as they serve there.

4. The Argentine National Council (the missionary men and seven men elected by the Argentine church) as it plans for greater Argentine participation in the work.

5. Good health for our missionaries. Health hazards are so numerous, especially in relation to little children.

6. Mrs. Rose Foster, that she may be healed of the difficulty causing such great pain in her feet and legs, and that she may be able to accept appointments in church visitation.

7. A Mexican-born Mexican pastor for our Baja California work.

8. The work which has started without outside support in Honolulu, Hawaii; for Bro. Fred Fogle as he plans for regular services in France; and for a Brethren testimony in Germany, if such may be the Lord's will.

9. The meeting of the board of trustees, beginning on August 11 and during the 2 weeks following, and for the meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society at Winona Lake, Ind., August 22.

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL—

1. Begin praying for the Thanksgiving home mission offering, that it will be sufficient to accept every opportunity and to meet every need in Brethren home missions.

2. Pray for the decisions of the directors at the annual home mission board meeting, that God's will may be done in each one. If you are unable to attend the national conference, remember to pray for it.

3. Pray for the Evan Adams family, our new missionaries to the Navaho Indians, that the Lord will give strength, wisdom, and ability for reaching the Navahos for Christ.

4. Pray that the Lord will provide the financial needs of the Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Oreg.,



including refinancing and the completion of items not yet finished.

5. Pray for the Temple City Brethren Church that it may have the help of God in relocating, building, and preparing for the Christian day school.

6. Pray for the South Bend, Ind., church, where John Zielasko, the pastor, and his family will be leaving the work to go to Brazil for foreign missionary service.

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the way He has so marvelously cared for the needs of Grace Seminary during the past 15 years. Pray definitely and earnestly for the new Grace Theological Seminary monthly finance plan now being launched among our churches. Ask the Lord to lay it upon the hearts of at least 6,000 of his people to give liberally during the next 12 months.

2. Praise God for the 60 students who have pre-enrolled thus far in the

seminary division of the school. Pray especially that the Lord will lead many high-school graduates to enroll in the collegiate division in September.

3. Praise the Lord for two annuities that have come to the school this summer. Pray that the Lord will lay it upon the hearts of many of His children to provide the school with many annuities.

THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD COMPANY—

1. Praise the Lord for the publication offerings that have been given for this work through the various congregations.

2. Pray that the Lord of the church will direct the board of directors in session at Winona Lake beginning August 13. Pray that all proposed plans of the board may be first of all from Christ.

3. Pray for the national conference that will convene at Winona Lake August 18-24, the Lord willing. Pray that the love and mind of Christ may prevail in the conference and in the workings and relationships of the various auxiliary organizations.

THE SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA—

1. Pray for our officers and patronesses as they prepare for SMM in the coming year.

2. Pray that each SMM girl will complete her projects and goals before national conference.

3. Pray for our work in Brazil, our missionaries, the Keith Altigs and the Edward Millers, as they labor there for the Lord.

THE BRETHREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray for the Bethany Youth Camp at Winona Lake, for the physical and spiritual welfare of the young people who attend.

2. Pray for the leaders of BYF as they plan the work of the coming year.

3. Pray that our young people may get behind this work in a real way.



“Occupy” IN BRAZIL

By Edward D. Miller, Macapá, Terr. Fed. do Amapá, Brazil

Brazil is the largest and only Portuguese-speaking country in South America. At the mouth of the mighty Amazon River, in the north of the country, the Brethren Church has chosen to “occupy” for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our first two stations in this vast territory are located in the State of Pará, on the south, and in the Federal Territory of Amapá on the north. In the town of Icoaraci our first Brethren Church has been established with about 15 baptized believers. Many of these people had never heard the Gospel until the Brethren Church first proclaimed the Good News through word and song. On the other side of the Amazon River is the town of Macapá. Since January of this year public services have been held in our own building. Thus far there have been about 15 first-time confessions of faith in Christ. This gives one a brief sketch of our progress to date here in Brazil, but since we are primarily interested in how we can best “occupy” for our Lord here on this field, just what are the prospects for the future?

In this vast Amazon valley there are literally thousands who are unable to read and write. Thus out of our Sunday school class of about 25 there are only about half of this number who can read the Word of God and sing the hymns from the songbooks. This presents a definite problem to the missionaries when it comes to teaching these new converts. Naturally the spiritual growth of these believers will be slow and at times almost at a standstill. It is here that the teaching ministry comes in. Of course the children are the ones we are primarily interested in as they are the future of the church. Our need in the near future is for a Bible institute where we can train our own converts in the Word of God.

Along this same line there is a tremendous opportunity for orphanage work. There are so many illegitimate children and the people are so poor that children can be had for the asking. In fact in many cases babies are given away before they are born. The Unevangelized Fields Mission has experimented with this work for many years and it has proved quite successful. Many of their national workers have come from these homes. Government restrictions and regulations are few and the results for Christ and the Brethren Church in the

future will be great if we can but supply the funds and the personnel to undertake such a work.

When thinking about the mighty Amazon River one naturally wonders about the great many people that live along the banks and shores of its numerous islands and tributaries. The only means of contact they have with the outside world is by boat or in many instances little “canoas.” Certainly a launch is the only way of reaching many of these out-of-the-way places with the Gospel. With a well-equipped launch the missionaries can spend weeks visiting these small villages and homes that have never heard the message of salvation, and certainly we cannot deny these simple people the opportunities of God’s gift of eternal life just because they are hard to reach. This is just another way in which the Brethren Church can “occupy” in Brazil.

Within the borders of this large country of Brazil there is not only a Portuguese-speaking population, but in the interior there are numerous Indians with their many tribal languages. Some of these Indians are still savage and many missionaries have laid down their lives taking the Gospel to these backward natives. However, not far from Macapá there are friendly, but as yet uncivilized, Indians to be found. Just a 2-day trip up the Jarí River is the tribe of Aparai Indians and it was this tribe that I was privileged to visit some months ago. Here is a village of about 60 Indians who had never once heard the Gospel preached. What a tremendous challenge is ours: to be the first missionaries to bring the Gospel to this particular tribe in Brazil. Farther up this same river the main village of this tribe lives and we are told that there are hundreds more living there. How this ought to stir the Brethren Church into “occupying” this field soon, before it is too late.

To date there are two families here in Brazil representing the Brethren Church in this vast territory. Within a year there will be more, perhaps four or five families. But what are these when there is so much to be done, so much territory to occupy, and so little time? There are churches to establish needing pastors, schools and orphanage work needing teachers and nurses, Indian work where missionaries with special linguistic training are needed, and even more important, many prayer warriors in the homeland are needed to help us “occupy” for Christ and the Brethren Church here in Brazil.

OCCUPY IN FRANCE

By P. Fred Fogle, France

Here are some questions to ask yourself. Now that the Brethren Church has begun to fulfill its responsibility in a Gospel testimony in France, what can I do? What can my part be? What would God have me to do in order that I, all the ladies of the Women's Missionary Council, and the entire Brethren Church might "OCCUPY IN FRANCE." The Brethren occupation of France is the work of all Brethren, and the occupation will advance as each one does his or her share.

I. The Principle of Occupation (Luke 19:13).

You have chosen as your yearly theme and verse for 1951-52 the words of Jesus, "Occupy till I come." By this time in the year you very well know the meaning, but let us notice that the nobleman in the parable, who is a figure of Christ, told the 10 servants to

A. Occupy because they had the means for occupation.

In the case of the parable they had been given 10 pounds. When Christ gives us a task He always gives us the means to do it. You, my readers, each one I am sure, have the means for occupation for the Lord in the tasks He has called you to do, and the means to occupy in France. The great difficulty many times is that we do not have the willingness to obey His will. That difficulty was not present in the life of Paul, who said, "For me to live is Christ." The only thing that he wanted to do was God's will.

B. They were to occupy in a certain place.

It is impossible to conceive of occupation without a place for occupation. Christ wants us to occupy on earth for Him while He is away. The only tools that God now has for doing His work are the Christians who love Him enough to do something about His desire for occupation. The entire Book of Acts is a story of how the first Christians occupied for the Lord. There is no reason why we should do less.

C. They were to occupy for an indefinite period.

They were to occupy until the nobleman returned. Our Lord has been away a long time. He may be coming back very soon. But regardless of how soon one might think He is coming, the work of Christians for Him will not be finished until that time. We cannot lay aside our duties ahead of time. We cannot be like many workers who lay aside the daily work 15 minutes before the 5-o'clock whistle. It is necessary to work for Him until the night comes when man works no more.

II. The Opportunities for Occupation in France.

Knowing the principle, what are the opportunities for its application in France? Some of the facts that I am going to include are taken from the book entitled, "Inside Facts on Europe," by G. P. Raud. If you want a real challenge for missions in Europe, you should read this book, and especially the part which tells of France. The sad fact is that we have not occupied as soon as we should have. In every generation the true Gospel light has been denied the majority of the people of Europe. That is still true in this generation. In France there are a number of godly people who are doing the work of occupation among their own people, but they are not sufficient in number in relation to the need. There are 35,000,000 people in France without religion, and yet a

larger number are without Christ. France should have had immediately after the war a large corps of consecrated witnesses. What a wonderful thing it would be if today God would raise up 1,000 workers from within the country, or from without, to preach the Gospel of Christ according to the Scriptures! France has many great cities which have few witnesses to Biblical salvation. The part of France called "Bretagne," which is strongly Roman Catholic, and the central portion suffer an aridity caused by a lack of the "water of life." The "Auvergne" has almost no living Gospel witness in comparison.

There is a young lady who comes to our home each week to help us with French in return for some instruction in English. I talked with her not long ago about salvation. She was a baptized Catholic, as are most French people, but she said that she preferred Protestantism. She did not know the reason for her preference, because as she said, "I know nothing about it." One might say, and be rather sure of being correct, that the real reason is that Catholicism fails to satisfy the needs of the human soul. She also said that she had never read the Bible in her life, and that means that she knew nothing of salvation by the grace of God before I talked with her. She is typical of the masses of French people. It is a real opportunity when a Christian can talk with a person like that and impart the truths of God's Word.

Another thing that makes the opportunity in France great is the present religious liberty enjoyed which compares favorably with that of the United States.

III. The Material Needs for Occupation.

It is early yet to say just exactly what will be the material needs for occupation in France, but let us look into the future. Christian literature will be needed for distribution, such as tracts, pamphlets, New Testaments, and even Bibles later on. Posters and advertising will be used. Other expenses connected with the preaching of the Gospel will present themselves. The establishing of the testimonies that will be begun will be expensive. These are the responsibilities of your foreign missionary society, but not only so; they are the responsibilities of each of us as Brethren.

IV. The Method of Occupation.

It may seem impossible to occupy for the Lord in a country that you have never seen and probably never will see, but it can be done. And by occupying you can have a part in the winning of souls in France.

First of all, take the task to heart, think of France as your responsibility, and God will soon show you how to occupy.

Secondly, you already know that you can and must occupy by praying. Pray for your workers, for all Christians in France, for continued freedom to preach the Gospel in this country, for the many who do not know the true Gospel, and for the supplying of every spiritual and material need of the future.

Thirdly, you can help in the material needs in any way that you might feel the Lord to lead you.

There is much to be done for the Lord in France. Will you let Him use you to do it?

"THE GLORY OF MAN"

WHERE AND HOW CHRISTIAN WIVES FAIL

By a Christian Laywoman

"Because God made thee mine, I'll cherish thee . . ."

Ah, another wedding—a good time to relax and reminisce. It is strange but wonderful how such music wipes away the webs from one's memory. It may be 5, 10, 12, or more years since this message was sung on HER DAY, but the recollection is ever sweet.

To some mayhap it is not so sweet, for failure's hauntings. Hark! *"Here comes the bride . . ."* One more to start on the way of hopeful wedded bliss. If only some experience from the "oldster's" life could be of help to this radiant bride. But the oldster can pray for her young sister. She is sure to fall into one of three types of Christian wives: the suppressed, the superior, the supplementary.

Surely this bride, so dewy-eyed, so full of adoration for the young man by her side, will never be suppressed, never a mousey, no-opinioned individual. But there are such wives. Such a one yields to every whim of an increasingly selfish, dominating husband. He may be a nominal Christian or unbeliever. This wife is afraid to stand for her belief. Seldom does she strive to put first things first, lest friend husband criticize her efforts. She may claim to fulfill the exhortation of Ephesians 5:22, where we read, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord," but it is only a sham. She only uses her husband as an excuse for not stepping out for the Lord.

The superior Christian wife is the type, elevated in her own mind, that pretends to be of higher spiritual rank than her husband. She works in many organizations in the church and demands the credit due. Her husband may attempt to serve in his simple way, yet she nags because he isn't doing more. She has definitely failed to heed Ephesians 5:23: "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body." There can be no shining light of sweet testimony from this home.

The supplementary Christian wife fulfills every requirement of the Ephesians passage, then goes a bit further. She considers Galatians 5:22-23, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." There can be no sham in such sincere yielded service. There is no desire to overrule in the ideas of her husband. Lack of understanding finds no place where there is love, love, and more love. There will be agreement, a time of sharing problems as well as blessings. She will encourage family altar, reading of the Word, and kneeling together in prayer. She stands firmly beside her husband as he serves the Lord, ready and willing to be a helpmeet to him" (Gen. 2:18).

Any wife who fails to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ in her life may never succeed in helping her husband have a greater desire to serve Him. Therefore the testimony of the home will be powerless in leading others to our Lord.

Come now, the wedding party has swept past us. It is time to return to reality. As Christian wives let us take stock on our knees in prayer. We must estimate the



We have come to the end of another year in the work of the Women's Missionary Council of the Brethren Church. As we look back over the months I wonder just how much our motto, "Occupy Till I Come," has really meant to us individually. Most of us WMC members knew that those words were the keystone around which the work of WMC was built in 1951-52. Some of us followed this theme as it wove itself into the pattern of our WMC Herald each month. The leading articles were each a challenge to OCCUPY in some field of endeavor for Christ. But was it the faithful few or was it many who really put this theme into action in 1951-52? The answer is yours. The record is completed—the year cannot be recalled. Your cooperation or lack of it, your zeal or its lack, your personal spiritual growth or your spiritual anemia have all gone into the record. You can be assured that Christ is pleased if you put *your very best* into the year's work.

But let's be *really* honest. No excuses this time! We know that our silly man-made excuses which we have the unmitigated nerve to offer to a thrice-holy God will *never* stand before the piercing eye of His omniscience. Many of us, some in the upper brackets of leadership perhaps, have succeeded in pulling the wool over the eyes of a good many people, thus salving over a caloused conscience. But a reckoning day is inevitable for us all. No pretense, no sham, no "would-be" will be able to stand up in that day. Only the gold, silver, and precious stones of pure, unselfish service will remain to honor God and give us reward.

Having honestly searched our hearts as to how well we have occupied in the past for our dear Lord Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins and failures to Him and set our faces and wills as a flint toward the new year in WMC. As long as Christ tarries in His heaven may we give ourselves anew unto Him, having realized the barrenness of lip service only. The sweetness of fruit proffered to Him tomorrow will make us ever wonder why we idled away today leaving our hands full of nothing.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

value of the fruits of our service. As in spring house-cleaning, let us begin cleaning our cupboard of worship, and restock with love, joy, gentleness, goodness, meekness, and all that is needed. There may be others lacking on our shelves, which, if placed there, will lead to a better testimony.

Where there is spiritual harmony between the man and wife there is a beautiful testimony for Him that speaks louder than word of mouth. We leave the suppressed and superior wives, choosing and striving to be rather the supplementary wife, praying the new bride will blossom into such beauty.

My Dear Janet,

You have asked me what I think about the discipline of children. I'm afraid it is a subject far beyond my limited experience, since I taught the 5th and 6th grades only 3 years, and am a mother of only 6-months standing. However, I shall try to give you a few of my thoughts on the subject.

We mothers often wonder and ask each other when we should begin to discipline our children. I believe discipline can and should begin right from birth. For instance, in the matter of getting babies to sleep, they can be taught to go to sleep themselves, without help from Mother. Of course, there is nothing so hard for a mother as to hear the pitiful sound of her baby crying, especially if he's a sickly or colicky baby, without going to him and singing or rocking him to sleep. However, if she can possibly stand to let him cry himself to sleep, it really pays in a very short while. This is the first place where a mother must exercise her own self-discipline in order to discipline her children. Naturally there are times when exceptions are in order, but I think you'll find that if you answer a baby's demand the few times he has real need, he will be reasonable when he is normal. Again, in the toddler stage, when curiosity begins to dominate the child's actions, one gentle pat on that little hand with an emphatic "No!" soon teaches him respect for Mother's authority. Most important of all, from beginning right on, is consistency. More discipline is wrecked because parents say one thing and don't carry it out immediately. My rule has always been "gentle but firm." I only pray that I can carry out this rule with my own children, because it really worked in my teaching.

The thing I learned from teaching school is that discipline is an outgrowth of respect. Children are great imitators, and no child will want to be like someone for whom he has no respect. This is where we must be so careful every moment, if we would have our children follow good examples instead of bad. The respect they give us depends on our appearance, our spirit, our self-control (watch that temper and that tongue!), our attitude toward and the way we treat each member of our family; even the way we organize our work and use our leisure time—what little we parents have—are great factors in influencing children.

I suppose the reason we are so much interested in this subject is that we all want our children to reflect the best in us, and especially in our Saviour, so that their lives may be as full and as effective for the Lord as possible. And we are so much a product of our backgrounds. I can think of four types of background which are obvious in the lives of some of the people I have known. Until they become constrained by the love of Christ, the product of the slums who is saved in the rescue mission is hard put to see the value of deeply probing the Scriptures, and the converted skeptic finds it hardest to yield completely to the Lord and to establish the family altar in the home. The one who is raised in the Christian home, and has had every advantage of Bible teaching, takes so much for granted, and is often intolerant of those of other backgrounds in their struggle to grasp Scriptural truth. The one who has had a very religious background with little actual Bible teaching and knowledge, when converted tries the new life for a while, then may be either completely won to it or returns to his habitual mode of living, with just the

This letter should have appeared last month with the symposium on "Child Discipline."—Ed.

added assurance of his salvation. Of course, as we behold the Lord Jesus, and become completely yielded to Him, He changes and removes these faults and weaknesses in us till we become true images or reflectors of Him.

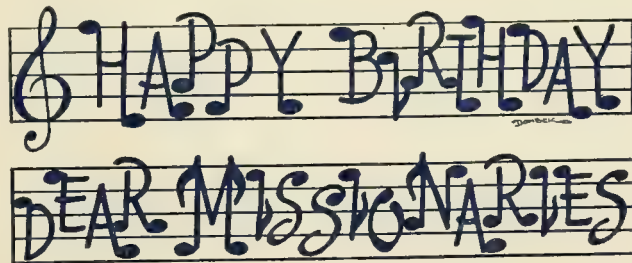
Early discipline means a lot in the way our children will conduct themselves as witnesses to our Lord, because the better disciplined they are, the easier it will be for them to resist the weaknesses of the flesh in these matters.

The most important thing of all is that self-discipline is the most effective and necessary type of discipline. It is the goal and end of all teaching on the subject. I found that one of the hardest things in my school teaching was the accomplishment of self-discipline in the lives of my students. It should always be kept before our children as a goal to reach as soon as possible. I remember when I was a child, I would make up a time schedule of the things to do on Saturdays, and keep to it as closely as I could. Naturally it didn't always work out as planned, but I got so I would plan in my mind a time and method for everything I did, and I still do. Don't ever discourage your children in their first clumsy attempts at note-keeping and childish tabulations. It is teaching them, and bringing them ever closer to that goal of self-discipline.

I have really rambled on, Janet, but I hope these thoughts may help you in some small way in your problem. May His grace, His peace, and His love abide with you always.

Yours, because of Calvary,

Marjorie.



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| (On sick leave in the States.) | |
| Nancy Lee Miller..... | October 24, 1947 |

Dear WMC Sisters,

The 50 WMC members at Akron, Ohio, send greetings to all the other WMC sisters in the brotherhood—or should we say “sisterhood”?

We have been slow in reporting our activities, but that does not mean we have not been “on the beam.” We began the new year with a “Little Red Schoolhouse” program in September, at which time we were privileged to have an “imported student” in the person of Rose Foster. Since we always have our meetings on the last Monday evening of the month, we distribute novel invitations to all the ladies of the church the Sunday before. The October meeting was in the form of a campfire meeting, with pumpkin invitations; in November lovely “autumn leaves” were handed to the ladies with a “cute” invitation to the meeting on the back; of course, that program took on the nature of the Thanksgiving season at which time our leader gave an illustrated Bible lesson. We had our candlelight consecration meeting in December, and the usual Christmas setting made this an unusually beautiful service. In January the invitations took on the form of tiny snowmen and our leader had a “snowflake” program. We always work in the program materials furnished by the national program committee and are enjoying same.

The following will give some idea of what we are doing for others: we are buying SMM pennants for girls earning same; we are sending birthday cards to all the missionaries and have a missionary offering bank into which members give an offering on their own birthdays; we are participating in all the district and national projects; we sent a houserobe to Marie Mishler; we sent clothing and food to a child evangelism worker in Canada; we mailed 18 Christmas boxes to soldier boys; we remembered all the church widows (15) with Thanksgiving baskets; we had a food and clothing shower for a family that lost everything by fire; three ladies are holding child evangelism classes and just recently we sent Valentine love gifts to our own members who are preparing for the ministry at Grace Seminary. In February we are giving “ourselves” a tea towel shower for our church kitchen and are getting clothing boxes ready for one of the home mission points.

At least 32 of our members are regular attendants at our weekly prayer services, which average 100 or more each week. We praise the Lord for the fine leadership we have in the persons of our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Etling, who are a constant source of inspiration to everyone.

May the Lord bless you all as we strive to occupy until He comes.

Mrs. Frank Lindower, President.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

It was a real thrill to see 50 mothers and daughters gather in the fellowship hall at Bell Brethren, Calif., for the annual mother-daughter banquet. A good ham dinner was served by the men of the Brotherhood. Following the dinner the Jr. SMM sang “The Old Rugged Cross.” The women’s trio sang “Just a Closer Walk With Thee.” A mother and a daughter gave their testimonies. Our speaker for this occasion was Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, Brethren missionary to Africa. She told us about the lives of women and girls in Africa. How thankful we all were to have been born in this country,

Dear WMC friends:

We wish we could write to you personally to say, “Thank you” for all the birthday cards and notes, but we’re afraid that if we attempted it we wouldn’t have time to do all the other things that need to be done. All your notes and cards with their friendly wishes certainly helped to make our birthdays happy ones, and we do thank you. It is good to be remembered by folks back home, and it is wonderful to know you are supporting us with your prayers.

We are convinced that it is only through prayer that we will see great things accomplished here for the Lord. So you see, the part you can play in helping in the mission work here is as important as the part we are taking. As we work and pray together, we’re confident that the Lord will bless.

The busy summer season has ended and the winter season has begun. Although there are not so many extra activities now, we certainly don’t sit around with folded hands. Jim taught a course in our Bible institute during the month of May. He made the 90-mile trip to La Carlota every Tuesday morning and returned Wednesday evening, feeling almost too tired to conduct our weekly Bible study meeting. The road is full of ruts and bumps. How one feels them in the old Model A Ford we are driving these days!

Little Michael and his mother are content to stay at home when Daddy has to go away. They’ll miss him when he goes to Buenos Aires next week for 3 or 4 days to care for some mission business, but it has happened so often that they are used to it by this time.

Our little Michael is the best missionary in the family. He helps us to make many contacts. Not so long ago he was very sick; we believe the Lord used his sickness to draw us closer to our own family of believers and to act as a testimony to the neighbors. Many of them carry their sick babies to quack doctors who profess to heal in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, but use magic, mysterious words and actions to do so. We face so much superstition and fear in our work; it makes progress difficult.

While Jim is busy with his pastoral work, teaching, personal work, etc., I find my time occupied caring for the house and the baby, teaching a Sunday school class of young people, planning our women’s meetings, playing the organ for the meetings, and accompanying my husband when he calls in the homes. We hope to do more during the coming year, for we are equipped with a better knowledge of the language now than when we started here a year ago.

Thank you again for your many kind wishes. May the Lord richly bless you and use you in His service.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Margaret Marshall.

P. S.—Just as I finished this letter, the mailman brought a birthday card for Michael from a WMC. May we take this opportunity to thank you in advance for all the cards he may be receiving during this coming month? He’ll enjoy every one.

under the influence of the Gospel. It was a challenge to pray more for the native women and girls as well as for the missionaries.

In Him,
Mrs. Carl Sisson, Cor. Sec.

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Sisterhood of MARY and MARTHA

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DAVID BRAINERD—MISSIONARY TO THE INDIANS

By Miss Mary Emmert

One of the earliest missionaries of modern times was David Brainerd, an American born in 1718 in Connecticut. Although he only lived to be 29 years old, yet his 5 years of work among the Indians were of great missionary value.

David was converted when a small child, and gave himself wholly to God. He was very serious-minded and careful not to do anything that would displease the Lord. The diary of all his experiences and dealings with God has caused many others to dedicate their lives also to Him.

David Brainerd prayed much and humbled himself before God, feeling that he was sinful and unworthy of any mercy. When he finally saw that he was nothing in himself, but that it was all of God's mercy and grace, then the Lord led him to go as a missionary among the Indians of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

He gave up all earthly pleasures, counting them as mere bubbles, that he might live wholly for God's glory. He wrote in his diary: "I long for God and a conformity to His will in inward holiness, ten thousand times more than anything here below."

In December of 1742 he set out on horseback into the pathless wilds. He went to visit a very fierce tribe, where to his surprise he was welcomed by the warlike people, instead of being skinned alive as he expected.

The reason for their friendliness was that a band of warriors, whom they had sent to kill him, had found him praying as they crept toward him. They saw a large rattlesnake coiled at his side, lifting its head and darting out its tongue, ready to strike the man of God, but then it glided away without any visible reason.

The Indians said, "The Great Spirit is with paleface." So they permitted him to journey to their camp. He did not have much success in converting them from their wild ways, however. Living there was very difficult, also, for he could not find much food and he had very poor shelter. Sometimes he slept on the wet ground. He rode long distances on horseback, often got caught in bad storms and lost in the wilderness.

His health broke and from this time on he was a victim of tuberculosis, suffering greatly, but yet he kept on.

In the last 2 years of his life he was used of God to bring about a great spiritual awakening among the Indians in New Jersey. The Holy Spirit brought them under great conviction for their sins, and there was generally much weeping in each meeting where he spoke. Their genuine repentance for sin resulted in many conversions.

He said that the power of God came upon them like a great rushing wind or mighty flood of water bearing them down before it. Young and old were converted,

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

SINGSPIRATION.

INTERCESSION—Circle prayer (using suggestions in prayer box).

SCRIPTURE—Psalm 119:1-16.

TRAINING FOR AMBASSADORS:

Juniors—"Sharon's Sermon."

Seniors—"Spiritism."

SPECIAL NUMBER.

REPORT ON AMBASSADORS:

Juniors—"David Brainerd."

Seniors—"Let's Get Acquainted."

BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

OFFICIAL REPORT

NATIONAL BOARD: First meeting of the national board of SMM will be held on Saturday, August 16, at 9 o'clock at the seminary building in the pastor's study.

MATERIAL: If you have not received your material, program booklets, etc., for the new year by the first part of September, perhaps you did not send in a statistical report. No report, no material!

CABINET MEETING: As soon as your new material arrives, have your fall cabinet meeting. Once you have gone over the material, the presentation to the entire Sisterhood will be much easier. An understood, well-planned, well-presented program will make for a more successful year.

VICE PRESIDENT: The devotional program is your responsibility. With your patroness look over the Junior and Senior program material and decide which is best suited for your Sisterhood.

CULTS: Seniors, you really have something to chew on in these articles by Dr. Kent, but you will find them well worth your time and effort. It would be a good idea to keep a list of the Scriptures to combat these cults in a notebook or in your Bible. Further help in these studies can be found in such books as "The Chaos of Cults," by J. K. Van Baalen, or "Heresies Exposed," by William Irvine.

some having been "medicine men," others great drunkards or wicked hardened criminals.

Mr. Brainerd carefully taught them the meaning of the Bible truths and saw to it that they had given up their old wicked lives before he baptized them. He had a group of nearly 100 sincere Christians at this one place before he died.

They grew to love him very much, and often crowded around his horse and held the bridle, that they might catch a few more words of instruction.

His brother John took over his work when he came to the end of his earthly journey in 1747.

SHARON'S SERMON

By Miss Mabel Donaldson

"Oh, Mother," called Sharon as she rushed in from school. "I guess I told Mary off just now."

"Sharon, whatever are you talking about?" asked Mother as she put aside her sewing.

"Well, today Mary said there was no God. People couldn't see Him. They couldn't shake hands with Him. They couldn't talk to Him on the telephone, and all important people have been on the television. She hasn't seen God on the screen of their set. So she doesn't think there is a God."

"What did you say to her?" asked Mother, anxious to hear Sharon's answer to these questions. Mother knew they were the same arguments that grown-ups used so many times when she had tried to show them that they needed to take Jesus as their Saviour.

"I just said that surely there must have been someone who made the flowers, and that if God wanted to He could stop the rain and the sunshine so that living things would die. I told her that even she said her prayers at night, and I wondered why she did if she didn't want God to hear and answer them. I even told her that there must be a God because somebody had to make the air she breathed to keep her alive. Then I asked her if she went to Sunday school, and she said her mother wouldn't bother to get up in time to send her. She really had never thought very much about God. I believe I got her thinking and she won't say such foolish things again."

"But," said Mother, "didn't you tell her about God's own Word, the Bible? None of those who wrote the Bible doubted there was a God. They were working for Him. They believed He existed. They knew that all men could know God if they would only come nigh unto Him. Paul wrote in Romans that even sinners and unbelievers could know God. He stated that even nature speaks of the very existence of God. Romans 1:18-21 are good verses to read to Mary. Let's study them together."

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

"Oh, Mother," said Sharon, "now I see. Mary's heart has been darkened by sin and she can't appreciate God the way I can. I'll surely show her the way to Christ, and then explain those verses to her. Why, they don't even have a teeny-tiny doubt that there is a God. They take it for granted and all human beings that don't take that attitude are foolish in the sight of God and other people. I wonder if there are other verses I can show her? Will you find some for me, Mother?"

"There are others in this same book, Romans. Let's take a look in the second chapter and at verse 15. It says, 'Which shew the work of the law written in their

hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.' That says that even our very brains and thoughts will testify unto us that there is a God. The trouble is that most people just don't listen to their consciences. They think it is foolish to do so, but God made our consciences to speak to us and, I'm sure, Mary's has spoken to her many times. I imagine it is speaking to her right now, and her thoughts are telling her again and again all the things you mentioned to her today."

Sharon listened to her own thoughts for a while. Sure enough, they were telling her a very important Bible verse she had learned in Sunday school just last week. Why hadn't she thought of it sooner? It was a good one to tell Mary. She would surely tell her first thing tomorrow morning. Why, the Bible opened by saying, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." That is Geneses 1:1. Nobody living was as old as that verse. Surely Mary will see that everything depended upon God. He must exist, for someone has to keep everything running smoothly and see that they don't fall into space or crash into each other. If God was in the beginning and there has been no ending, then He must still be somewhere. She would tell Mary all about that wonderful lesson she had learned when she learned the verse. Surely Mary will see then that there is a God and she will be glad down in her heart to take His Son as her Saviour. She will be glad that God let her live long enough to hear this little sermon from Sharon, and the one she was going to give tomorrow.

As Sharon got ready for school next morning, Mother said, "Dear, let's pray before you go today and ask the Holy Spirit to touch Mary's heart. Let's ask God to give her wisdom to see these things you are going to tell her. He can cause her to say with Job of old, 'Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are! And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven' (Job 22:12-14). I hope when you get through talking to her today, finishing the fine sermon you began yesterday, that the words of Psalm 14:1 won't be said of her: 'The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.'"

DO YOU KNOW?

1. Who says there is no God?
2. What will God do with those who keep on saying He does not exist?
3. How can we escape His judgment?
4. Does it pay to learn Bible verses?
5. Does the Bible ever doubt there is a God?
6. Did the men who wrote the Bible for God ever question His existence?
7. Could you help a friend as well as Sharon did?

SPIRITISM

By Dr. Homer A. Kent

(Note: As we begin this series of studies on some of the outstanding cults abroad today, it will be well to state that the plan will be to study each cult under six headings. In this way we hope to gain a comprehensive view of each cult.)

I. *Names and Definition.* The cult under consideration in this study is commonly known by one or the other of two names, Spiritism or Spiritualism. Van Baalen, the author of "The Chaos of Cults," prefers the title Spiritism. He fails to see where any spirituality enters into the system. Many others prefer this title. Such men as Biederwolf, Ferguson, and others prefer the title Spiritualism for the cult.

Whichever title is used the cult is the same and has been simply defined as "the theory that the spirits of the dead can and do communicate and hold intercourse with those who are still in this world" (Biederwolf). Such an idea at once arouses the interest of countless numbers of people who have lost loved ones. The movement seems to flourish in times of war and unusual distress.

II. *Origin.* Spiritism is a very old system but in its modern form it arose with the mysterious rappings heard by Kate and Margaret Fox at Hydesville, N. Y., in 1848. What happened in connection with these strange noises is carefully described by Charles Ferguson in his book, "The Confusion of Tongues" (p. 21f.). March 31, 1848, is considered the exact date of the origin of the movement—"a date which was destined to be indelibly imprinted on the minds of the coming generations as the daybreak of a new era in the spiritual development of humanity."

III. *History of the Movement.* Following the 1848 experience of the Fox sisters the belief that communication with the dead is possible became an epidemic. "Spirit circles" were formed in various parts of the country. Mediums came into prominence. This sort of thing quickly spread to the British Isles and to Europe. In 1893 the National Spiritualists Association of the U. S. A. was organized. Then in 1896 the London Spiritualist Alliance was formed. From those days till now the movement has been widespread, appealing mainly to those who have had little knowledge of the solid rock of God's Word.

IV. *Doctrinal Viewpoint.* What are its beliefs? One needs to "try the spirits whether they are of God" (I John 4:1). This can be well done by examining Spiritism's beliefs in the light of the Word of God.

First, What is there of truth in the system? It believes in life after death or immortality. Here its likeness to Christianity ceases. And even here its concept of life after death is violently in contrast to the Christian conception. Spiritism deceives many people because it often uses Christian terminology. It sings church hymns and otherwise presents itself as a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Second, What is there of error in the system? (1) It has a wrong belief concerning God. It makes Him an impersonal being. "We abrogate the idea of a personal God" (Wilkins). (2) It has a wrong belief concerning the Bible. It denies its divine inspiration. It is "one of the pen and ink relics of Christianity" (Davis). (3) It has a wrong idea concerning the Holy Spirit. It denies

His personality and says that He is nothing more than holy breath. (4) It has a wrong conception of the atonement. "Getting rid of the Cross is one of the two readjustments mankind needs to make for his welfare" (Doyle). "Ten thousand bleeding Christs will not atone for the least transgression of the laws of our being" (Nevius). (5) It has a wrong belief concerning the hereafter. It denies the existence of hell. It extends the day of salvation beyond the grave into the other world. There are seven spheres into which the spirits of the departed go. The spirits of the wicked dwell in the lowest sphere in places of darkness and misery until repentance begins to take hold of them and then they gradually rise into the upper spheres. The Bible asserts that "now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2).

V. *Belief Concerning Christ.* Spiritism holds Him to be an advanced spirit of the sixth sphere, a medium. He is the greatest spirit of whom the other spirits have knowledge (Doyle). Conan Doyle says in his book, "The Vital Message": "Reading many authentic communications one finds that the idea of redemption is hardly ever spoken of, while that of example and influence is ever insisted upon. In them Christ is the highest spirit known, the son of God, as we all are, but nearer to God, and therefore in a more particular sense His son." Furthermore, Christ is held to be a great reformer (Davis). Spiritism denies His deity.

VI. *Refutation of Spiritism.* How may this cult be refuted? In the following ways:

1. By showing that attempts to communicate with the dead are strictly forbidden by Scripture (Lev. 19:31; Deut. 18:9-12; I Chron. 10:13-14). The latter Scripture is especially important in that it shows that the thing Saul did in calling for Samuel greatly displeased the Lord (see I Sam. 28).

2. By presenting the pure Gospel of the grace of God, seeking the guidance of the Spirit of God. Those who are entrenched in this cult are needy sinners just like others and know not the saving Gospel (Eph. 2:8-9; Tit. 3:5; John 3:16; etc.).

3. By showing that this is the day of salvation. Scripture makes no provision for salvation after this life. It knows of no spheres into which man may climb in the next world (II Cor. 6:2).

Concluding Questions. Is there anything to such a system which contains so many errors? Is it all fraud? Do the dead actually return to communicate with the living? Let me say three things in answer to such questions:

First, undoubtedly most of the manifestations in connection with the spiritistic seances are fraudulent. It has been so proved again and again.

Second, but we need not say that all such manifestations are fraudulent. It is difficult to discount altogether the testimonies of such men as Sir Oliver Lodge and Prof. Alfred Russell Wallace.

Third, under no conditions are we to suppose that these manifestations are of God. God has plainly forbidden this sort of thing. If there are nonfraudulent manifestations they must be the work of evil spirits (see I John 4:1 and I Tim. 4:1).

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

By Mrs. Harod Etling

A young lady read a book which she did not particularly enjoy. Some time later she was introduced to a young man whom she much admired. During the evening's conversation she discovered that the new-found friend was author of the book she had so recently read. The young lady went home and stayed awake practically all night to reread the book. This time she thoroughly enjoyed it because she knew the author.

To appreciate the great life work of the Apostle Paul, it will help to learn somewhat of his early life. Let us assume he is before us as a missionary on furlough and let us question him.

"Where were you born?"

"Girls, I was born in Tarsus, a very important city. It was known especially as a university center. Its streets were always crowded with soldiers and sailors from all over the world. There were also many merchants and tradesmen there."

"Paul, you have accomplished so much, you must have had an interesting parentage."

Yes, girls, I did. Both of my parents were Hebrews of the tribe of Benjamin. They were Romans by citizenship, but living in Greek territory—Tarsus of Cilicia—when I was born. Thus I was a Hebrew by birth, Greek by training, and Roman by inheritance. This has been a blessing to me. After I became a missionary, I spoke Hebrew or Greek as the need presented itself, and stood before Roman kings and governors.

"I lived in Tarsus about 14 years, so my playmates were Greek and we enjoyed good literature, poetry, sculpture, and the fine things of life."

"Yes, girls, sometimes I would have liked less strenuous subjects, but I studied and got ready. One day my chance came. So will yours if you keep to the richer, more spiritual things of life."

"After 14 years my parents thought I might be greatly influenced by the Greek inasmuch as I was a Hebrew. Consequently they sent me to Jerusalem to learn to be a rabbi. I studied at the feet of Gamaliel, one of the world's best teachers."

"Rabbi, Brother Paul?"

"Yes, girls. That leads me to tell you of my religion

and zeal. In your day the Pharisees are considered proud and haughty. Mother and Dad taught me all the laws of Moses. They taught me to be moral and religious. In fact, I was very zealous for my religion throughout my life. My greatest desire up to the time of my conversion was to threaten and persecute Christians. In fact, I had papers in my pocket authorizing me to kill Christians at the time I was called of God. You see, I thought I knew all about God, but when Stephen was martyred I knew somehow he was different. That just angered me the more. Now I see how Christlike he was. I am sure his sacrifice was the beginning of eternal life for me. As I think about it, how good God was to me the chiefest of sinners. Girls, no matter what your sin of the past, God will forgive you as He did me. If you have zeal, use it for the Lord who revealed Himself to me. I'll tell you about that next month."

"Thanks, Brother Paul. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry."

Some Scripture references for a sword drill or Scripture study are Acts 21:31-23:7; Ephesians 3:8; I Corinthians 15:10; II Corinthians 11:23-33; Galatians 1:13-14; Philipians 3.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

The SMM of the MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO, church gave a sacred music concert in the spring and received a free-will offering for the national project. Each girl is also saving dimes for it. For a local project some of the girls helped with some painting in the church.

The Sr. girls of the Ghent Church, ROANOKE, VA., have been busy through the spring doing things like sending homemade candy to their young people in college, making programs for their mother-daughter banquet, helping in daily vacation Bible school, and rolling bandages.

The Jr. girls of SUMMIT MILLS say that they like the summer months because they can have their SMM meetings out-of-doors and they enjoy that.

The SMM of BERNE, IND., reports having had the largest mother-and-daughter banquet they ever had.

The UNIONTOWN, PA., girls looked to the Navaho Indians as a project. They made a quilt for them, and collected small items such as pins, tapes, etc., to send to them.

One hundred five bandages were rolled by the SMM girls at RADFORD, VA.

Mothers get to attend WMC meetings because the girls of the AKRON, OHIO, Sr. SMM baby-sit for them.

The Sr. SMM girls of MEYERSDALE, PA., gave a lot of help to their D. V. B. S. They made color books to be used there, and also some for missionary use. Several of the girls helped with the teaching in the school also.

NOTICE: If your news items have not been printed it is because they were received too late. Also, in some cases the space was limited.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray that the new SMM year theme will be a real blessing and challenge to all the girls.
2. Pray that God will greatly use SMM this year to bring honor and glory to His name.
3. Pray for the missionaries who are faithfully proclaiming the Gospel.
4. Pray for the many new missionaries, that all their needs may be supplied and that they will have God's guidance.

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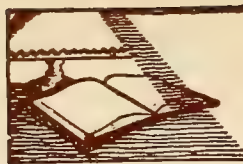
HOME MISSION NUMBER

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THE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Brethren Church expands in Iowa via home missions. Read "Excerpts From Cedar Rapids Pastor's Report," and "What Happens to Former Home Mission Churches."





As the Editor Sees It

By L. L. GRUBB



TIME TO BEGIN TO THINK HOME MISSIONS!

The Thanksgiving season is not far away with its special emphasis on praise to our Lord for His multiplied blessings upon us.

For Brethren people we hope this will not only be an occasion to bless the Lord for His goodness through the praise of our lips, but that it will be a time to glorify Him in earnest prayer for Brethren home missions. Laying aside an offering in store each week during the home mission season will further exalt our Saviour in an expanded testimony to His grace in America.

The 4 months of August, September, October, and November is the period suggested for especially emphasizing an increased offering for the expansion of our National Fellowship here at home.

Many churches will be using home mission banks for Sunday school classes. Others will be using dime cards or both. Many will be giving regularly in the benevolent side of the weekly church envelope and will plan in addition to give a larger offering at Thanksgiving. It is this systematic, generous praying and giving of Brethren people which has made the expansion of our testimony possible. We hope that this year already many more are taking advantage of this opportunity to serve the Lord in giving.

About 40 mission points already on our list for some type of help are a continuing responsibility for the Brethren Home Missions Council. These churches must be developed as rapidly as possible to meet the spiritual needs of their local fields. In addition there are many opportunities to start new churches in areas where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is practically unknown.

We praise God for the liberal increase in the home mission offering given by many churches last year, and this year again we are setting a goal for a 25-percent increase in the offering. This would mean approximately \$30,000 and is not at all beyond the reach of our growing group of Brethren churches. **BEGIN NOW TO PRAY, PLAN, AND GIVE WEEKLY FOR THE GREATEST HOME MISSION OFFERING!**

AMERICA COMMITS SUICIDE

Last year over 20,000 Americans took their own lives. Three times as many tried to do the same thing and did not succeed for various reasons. Listed as the 11th cause of death, there are 100 suicides to every electrocution or hanging. The chance of your killing yourself is twice as great today as it was a generation ago. If you live in the average-size town of 7,000, three of your neighbors will try to do away with themselves. And if you are between 25 and 40, white, and living in a large city west of the Mississippi, the odds are up perceptibly. Throw in a good education, an equally good income, a car, and a

fondness for drink, and your chances are even greater. More people will choose this exit from life than will be taken by the combined total of deaths from polio, diphtheria, typhoid, scarlet fever, whooping cough, dysentery, malaria, and rheumatic fever.

Just in case you think your sex makes you rugged enough to endure anything life tosses your way, remember that three times more men than women will probably kill themselves this year.

What a tragic fulfillment of the Word of God! "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isa. 57:20-21). Why do so many supposedly "end it all" each year? Because they have no peace! The problems and difficulties of life, the dissipations of the flesh, business failures, etc., drive thousands to what seems to be the only solution to their problems—SUICIDE!

Unfortunately, suicide does not end it all. Beyond the grave lies the place of immediate and eternal punishment for wicked sinners who have either never heard the Gospel or have rejected it.

No doubt if an opportunity were given seconds after death many suicides would be glad to return to this earth and face all their problems rather than suffer the torments of those who have rejected Christ.

If only the message of God's Word could be given to thousands of these despairing souls no doubt many would willingly receive the help of the One who led Isaiah to say, "And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land" (Isa. 32:2). Or perhaps some child of God might point them to Isaiah 40:31—"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Does America need the Gospel?

SIN COUNTY, U. S. A.

You say there could not be a county with such a name. Recently an article appeared in a magazine entitled as above. Bergen County, New Jersey, has been called Sin County, U. S. A., because of the concentration of crime and great sin found there.

For 20 years Bergen County has served as a testing laboratory for one of the most powerful crime groups in history. The Syndicate, as it was called, held Bergen County in the iron grip of organized crime. Wholesale prostitution, dope peddlers, and hop-joints have been thriving within shouting distance of public schools. Bookie parlors, sawdust dice dives, and plush gambling casinos have been running wide open from dusk to dawn. Corrupt officials worked hand and glove with

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the underworld while the notorious thugs lived like lords on large estates.

Now opposite the county courthouse at Hackensack is a huge sign bearing the legend, "RID BERGEN COUNTY OF CRIME AND CORRUPTION--THE SHAME IS OURS!" The citizens have organized a crime-prevention council and are endeavoring to blot out the stain which has marred the face of their county for years.

Other U. S. communities find themselves in the same condition in varying degrees.

Even though some of these gangs and syndicates have been broken up the crime rate continues to climb each year.

How much evidence of America's moral disintegration will the church need before she really meets the challenge?

HOW MANY HOMES IN AMERICA SERVE BEER?

According to a nation-wide Crossley survey about two out of every three American homes serve beer. This survey shows that 62.2 percent of all U. S. families buy beer or ale for home consumption.

America is far from being on the "water-wagon." Breweries are doing a thriving business. Some are building large additions to their old plants. Advertising by radio, television, and the printed page has had a marked effect in an increase in alcoholic beverage sales.

Our nation is gradually smoking, doping, and drinking itself to death. Greedy businessmen who care for nothing but their own personal gain, are capitalizing on the weaknesses of human flesh and bringing dire poverty, misery, and often death into the American home. Many of these who start on the alcohol road with a "harmless" glass of beer will join the army of more than 4,000,000 chronic alcohol addicts as their appetite develops.

The depravity of the human heart naturally turns the desires of men toward these things which satisfy sinful appetites. Those who have the personal will power to shun such things are few. Only Christ can adequately meet this need through His grace.

The foes of righteousness are legion, but our God is all-powerful. The Gospel is the message which spans the gap between God's righteousness and man's sin. The challenge to all believers for a personal witness is clear.



HOT TIME AT MIDWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The home mission airplane and the secretary seem to have a harder time each summer getting around to the various district conferences because of the way they are being piled up in the month of July. This year there were four conferences in session at the same time.

Our second conference this summer was the Midwest conference at Portis, Kans. They gave us a warm reception there. It was 107 degrees when we landed at the airport and for good measure the weather got just a little hotter the next day.

However, the Midwest conference was no exception to the rule spiritually, for the Lord manifested Himself in power and blessing. The missionaries from our Spanish churches, from Denver, and Cheyenne thrilled our hearts telling of God's blessings on the churches.

The fellowship meals held in the Portis church, where Bro. Raymond Kettell is pastor, helped not only the physical man but made the spiritual fellowship even finer.

The district plans to further support the new church in Denver, Colo., this year as the Lord makes it possible.

IOWA CONFERENCE AT WATERLOO

The Iowa Brethren churches met in session at the Waterloo church this year with a fine delegation of Brethren present. In Iowa they also gave us a very warm reception.

Reports from the pastors of the various churches certainly evidenced the blessing of God during the past year.

Plans have been made by the district to continue assistance to the Cedar Rapids home mission group for

another year and to get a Bible class under way in Des Moines, a great and growing midwestern city, where we hope to have a new Brethren church soon.

CEDAR RAPIDS EXPERIENCING LORD'S FAVOR

At the close of the Iowa conference we had the privilege of visiting and ministering in our Cedar Rapids church.

We noted a great change since our previous visit in a greatly increased attendance, with many new folks in the congregation. Brother Kriegbaum, the pastor, and his people have by faithful prayer and hard work brought a strong spiritual impact to this community. Included in this fine ministry is a weekly radio program over one of the local stations.

The fourth largest Moslem temple in the world is located at Cedar Rapids. So much prayer is needed for this new work in the midst of a heathen religion which already has engulfed millions in other countries.

CONSTRUCTION IN PATTERSON PARK

Dayton, Ohio, is seeing a new Brethren church under construction in its Patterson Park area under the direction of our new full-time building superintendent, Bro. Tom Bailey.

During a recent visit to the church and a meeting with the pastor, Bro. Caleb Zimmerman, and with Brother Bailey, we rejoiced to see the progress in the construction. By this time the basement walls have been poured and the masons are at work on the brick construction. This is only one of about eight new church buildings which are either under construction or will be shortly.

Investment funds for church construction are greatly

needed. Brethren people who have money to invest should write our council office at once.

ONE DAY AT SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

It was possible to spend only one day at the Southeast District Conference in Covington, Va., because of the press of other home mission business. However, this was a wonderful day of fellowship and blessing in the Lord.

Home missions is a thriving business in this district. There are four home mission churches being assisted either by the district mission board or by the Home Missions Council. Plans for the coming year include the development of these churches.

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED

For 3 days we enjoyed the fellowship of the California conference delegates. This has the distinction of being the only Brethren conference which has ever produced an *earthquake*. The Lord really did shake the California terrain sharply. It reminded us of the Paul and Silas episode in Acts 16.

Meeting with the district mission board and various pastors, plans were made for meeting the great challenge in the most rapidly growing State in our nation.

We saw that great church in Long Beach practically filled with delegates and members from the California churches and heard some strong challenges from the Word of God. As at other conferences we were privileged to present home mission pictures and emphasis.

We also ministered in the Temple City and Artesia home mission churches while in the area. Building programs are ahead in each of these fields. In addition, new churches have been started in La Crescenta and Paramount, which are in the Los Angeles area.

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE AT LISTIE

Pennsylvania and West Virginia delegates assembled at the Listie, Pa., church this year for their conference. The pastor, Bro. Paul Mohler, and the Listie brethren royally entertained the delegates.

The church was practically filled for each session of the conference. Splendid messages were brought from the Word. District and national home mission programs received definite emphasis.

Plans are being made by the district and council jointly to develop the new church in Parkersburg, W. Va. In

A BRETHREN BUILDING BRETHREN CHURCHES



Mr. Thomas Bailey, Jr., the Mr. Balzer of the home mission field, is shown here with the forms for the Patterson Park Brethren Church foundation in the lower section. In the background is the equipment trailer of Mr. Bailey, who is giving his talent as a builder to the Lord for the purpose of building home mission churches. The forms for the foundation shown here have been removed, and work on the superstructure will have begun by the time you read this in your Brethren Missionary Herald. This is the first church to be constructed in this way, and Mr. Bailey is the first man to dedicate his talents for this purpose in home missions. Pray that everything will work out successfully on this first church and that other men will be raised up to help build Brethren churches by Brethren men.

addition to this, the district carries several other points on partial support.

NORTHERN OHIO CONFERENCE BLESSED

If the spiritual emphasis of our conferences this year is any indication of God's blessing upon us for the coming year we are headed for some unprecedented growth in our National Fellowship.

The Northern Ohio conference sessions were greatly blessed by messages from Bro. Arnold Kriegbaum, our pastor at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The district mission board and the council are jointly supporting the new Findlay, Ohio, Brethren work being pastored by Bro. Forest Lance, who is occupied at a secular job for his support.

In total we were able to attend seven of our district conferences across the nation, and this only by using an airplane. Otherwise it would have been impossible.

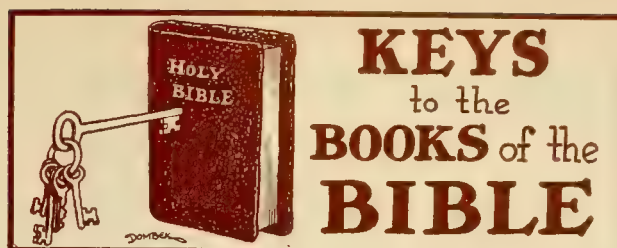
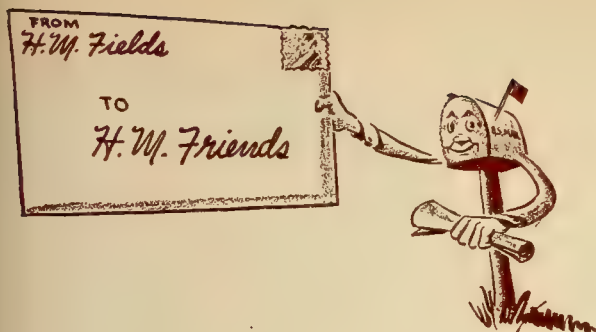
Let this year be one of earnest prayer in our various district churches that our Lord may lay a passion and love for the lost upon us, and then activate us spiritually and physically to meet the challenge.

APPRECIATION

We trust every one of you has received your booklet entitled "Remember in Prayer" and that you will use it daily to become better acquainted with your missionaries and to hold them up before the throne of God in prayer.

This booklet was printed and distributed jointly by your Foreign Missionary Society and your Brethren Home Missions Council. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company contributed many hours of labor without charge in making up this booklet for us and for you, and because of their contribution we want to express our appreciation.

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I CORINTHIANS

I. Presents the outward order and government of the church. Christian conduct. Reproof.

II. Key Words.

- A. Divisions (1:10; 3:3; 11:18).
- B. Carnal (3:1, 3-4; 9:11).
- C. Puffed up (4:6, 18-19; 5:2; 8:1; 13:4).
- D. Charity (8:1; 13:1-4, 13; 14:1; 16:14 (love)).
- E. Gifts (12:1, 4, 9, 28, 30-31; 14:1, 12).

III. Key Verses.

- A. 1:2a—"Unto the church of God which is at Corinth."
- B. 3:11—Lack of this truth caused the divisions.
- C. 12:31—Their way placed in juxtaposition with the better way.
- D. 15:58 with 16:14.

IV. Key Outline.

- A. Salutation and thanksgiving (1:1-9).
- B. The problems of the church (1:10-15:58).
 - 1. Divisions (1:10-4:21).
 - 2. Discipline (5:1-13).
 - 3. The church rebuked for its litigation—lawsuits (6:1-11).
 - 4. The place of the human body in redemption (6:12-20).
 - 5. Concerning the marriage relation (7:1-40).
 - 6. Concerning the social disorder (8:1-11:1).
 - 7. Concerning ecclesiastical assemblies (11:2-16).
 - 8. Concerning spiritual gifts (12:1-14:40).
 - 9. Concerning the resurrection of the body (15:1-58).
- C. Conclusion (16:1-24).

V. Key thoughts for today.

- A. 16:14—"Let all your things be done with charity (love)."
- B. 12:31—"But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."
- C. Entire chapter 13.

and several other decisions of rededication. Twelve new members have been added this last quarter. There is a fine spirit of unity in the church.

Roanoke, Va. (*Washington Heights*), Carl Miller, pastor.

We are grateful to the Lord for the testimony on the lips of many in the community for the genuine Christian efforts being put forth by our people to visit and invite others to attend our services. This has greatly encouraged our people in their visitation efforts. Pray that we may soon be able to start our new building, for we are limited in growth at our present location.

Artesia, Calif., Adam Rager, pastor.

The Lord is blessing in His work. We have 159 enrolled in D. V. B. S. with over 100 average attendance. Several have made decisions for Christ. The Lord is giving us the privilege to reach into several broken homes through their children. We praise the Lord for the privilege afforded 15 of our young people to attend summer camp.

York, Pa., Gerald Polman, pastor.

Our first two decisions for the Lord have been made in the York work, and they were baptized on Sunday, July 20, at the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church of Harrisburg. Temporary officers have been elected for this new work, and our immediate need is for a suitable building in which to hold our services. Pray for a temporary meeting place.

Denver, Colo., Lowell Hoyt, pastor.

We are thankful to God for the number of men and boys responding to the need for prayer. In a recent prayer service there were 14 men and boys present. We are also thankful for the prayers being answered. One answer recently was in the form of a loan from a fine Christian friend. Another is for the developing of the plans which have been temporarily drawn up.

Navaho Mission, Evan Adams, missionary.

Sunday we thought that no Navahos were going to appear for the afternoon service, but it ended with 20 present, including the mission personnel. After presenting them a message on "Gifts" five of the women and girls said they wished to have the gift of salvation from God. Only the Lord knows the sincerity of their professions. One old lady said that this was the first time she ever attended the service and heard the Gospel, and she was the first to indicate she wanted to become a Christian. She seemed to be the most sincere and touched by the message of any of those indicating they wanted to accept Christ as Saviour. Time in this vicinity should show some fruits of the Spirit if the confessions are real.

Modesto, Calif., Harold Painter, pastor.

Blessings from the Lord have been coming in a real way lately. I had the privilege of giving the baccalaureate message for the Modesto High School graduating class this year to 450 graduates, with 1,500 people present. This is a departure from the usual procedure of having someone from a modernistic church. Phil Ward gave us a good meeting with four first-time decisions

THE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH, WATERLOO, IOWA, PASTOR HOHENSTEIN AND FAMILY, AND CLASS
OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



WHAT HAPPENS TO FORMER HOME MISSION CHURCHES?

This month we are bringing to you the brief story of what has happened in the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa. This is another of the first churches organized under the present Brethren Home Missions Council organization.

The Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, began with a prayer meeting on September 7, 1939, and 1 week later, on September 14, was officially organized in the home of Mel Smith. The various services were held in the homes until October 6, 1939, at which time the use of the Lowell grade school building was secured. (At this point we would like to just mention that the majority of Brethren home mission churches start in this very same manner, beginning in a home, moving to a public building, and then erecting their own building at the earliest possible date.)

Plans were quickly made for a new church building, and on October 20, 1939, the excavating was begun. In only a few short months the new Grace Brethren Church building was completed to the place where the services could be held in it. Ninety-seven members, with the Brethren Home Missions Council, assumed the responsibility for the \$30,000 building and saw it dedicated to God on the first Sunday of January 1940. The work of completing the building continued after the dedication service. On November 3, 1940, the first communion service was held in the new church with 79 persons participating.

From the very beginning the Brethren testimony in Waterloo has extended beyond the church. Successful daily vacation Bible schools were held in the summer and child evangelism classes throughout the other seasons of the year. By 1944 Waterloo and the other churches of the Iowa district were looking beyond their own borders toward starting another mission church. It was Arnold Kriegbaum, the pastor of the Waterloo church, who held the first Bible classes in Cedar Rapids and later became pastor of the group which is now a

thriving home mission church. Not only did the testimony of the Waterloo church extend beyond the church and later beyond the district, it extended to the foreign mission field of Argentina. Out of this home mission church a young couple was preparing for the Lord's service at Grace Theological Seminary when they answered the call to serve God in Argentina. This young couple was Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Schrock, who up to this time have served one term in Argentina, have had one furlough, and are now entering upon their second term of foreign missionary service. The Waterloo church



Signing the charter in 1939.

while yet a home mission church assumed the support of Brother and Sister Schrock as a foreign missionary family. Brethren home mission churches born and reared on mission funds have a deep love and feel a deep responsibility for supporting missions.

By January 1, 1945, the Lord had honored the faithfulness of the Waterloo Brethren to the extent that they were able to liquidate their indebtedness and become a self-supporting Brethren church. At this time the membership of the church had increased to 150 and the increase has been continuing until now it has reached 240. In 1942-43 their offering for home missions was \$414.48, and it has increased to \$1,870.24 for 1951-52. This church has returned to home missions through their offerings in the past 10 years a total of \$13,048.20. (As a statement for clarification, let us insert here that the Brethren Home Missions Council does not pay the entire cost of erecting a home mission church, which in this instance was \$30,000. In fact, the building appropriation allocated to most, if not all, home mission churches would not be sufficient to meet the interest on the indebtedness for the period the church is under the Brethren Home Missions Council. We try to help home mission churches through the avenue of loans, but you can see that the local congregation carries the financial load for the most part of each home mission church).

During the church's existence the following men have served as pastors: J. C. Beal, Frank Coleman, Jr., and Arnold Kriegbaum. Lewis C. Hohenstein is the present pastor and under his leadership the church has entered into its second building program. A new \$10,000 Sunday school annex has been completed and was dedicated on March 9, 1952. The Grace Brethren Church in Waterloo is giving, is going, and is growing.

We believe the most important thing that we should expect from home mission dollars is that souls be won for Christ. If we have failed to get this point across to you in this brief sketch, please observe the pictures contained herein. Study them carefully and think for a

THE JENNERS BRETHREN CHURCH



The Jenners Brethren Church, Jenners, Pa., has been just a basement church until this past year when work on the upper portion was started. The building is not completed, but you can see the progress being made toward completion of the building. When completed it will provide some of the needed facilities in the work of this church and Sunday school.

moment what God has wrought during 13 years in Waterloo, Iowa. From the cover page observe the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, pictures and remember this: without home missions the Waterloo church might not exist today. Without home missions Brother and Sister Schrock might not be serving in the foreign mission field of Ar-

gentina today. And without home missions the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids might not be existing today. Do you think Brethren home missions made a good investment in Waterloo, Iowa? Do you think Brethren home missions should invest in more cities like Waterloo?

EXCERPTS FROM CEDAR RAPIDS PASTOR'S REPORT

The following article was taken from the detailed report of Pastor Arnold R. Kriegbaum to the Iowa District Conference this year. We believe you will find it interesting as well as giving you an idea of the Lord's blessings, the activities, and the program of a healthy home mission church.

HISTORY—

The conception of the Cedar Rapids church took place at the Iowa District Conference conducted at Waterloo, Iowa, in 1944. At that meeting the moderator's address, presented by the present pastor of the Cedar Rapids church, urged an aggressive district mission program. The churches of the district heartily responded, and fields were investigated to determine a likely field. It was decided by all concerned that Cedar Rapids presented the best opportunity because there was so little fundamental work being done in that area.

The district mission board surveyed the field, and after this initial work a Bible class was begun, meeting in the YWCA building and later in the homes of folk who made up the initial group.

On May 1, 1949, the present pastor moved to the field. Work was soon started on the building which was dedicated on November 20, 1949.

INDEBTEDNESS ON CHURCH

The original cost of the building, furniture, and property was \$29,000. Six months after the building was completed the contractor assured us that were he to build it then (just 6 months later) it would have cost over \$36,000.

The amount still owed on the building is \$22,200. The cut in this indebtedness has been wholly because of the assistance graciously given by the Brethren Home Missions Council and the Brethren churches of Iowa.

OUR RADIO MINISTRY

Morning services will be broadcast over KCRG during September. Every Saturday night "The Gospel Truth" goes out over local radio station KWCR (1450 kc.), seeking to spread the Gospel and to advertise the Brethren church in Cedar Rapids as a Bible-believing church.

YOUNG PEOPLE FOR FULL-TIME SERVICE

Since the establishment of a Brethren church in Cedar Rapids, God has blessed, and we now have two young people preparing for full-time Christian service. One has completed 2 years at Bob Jones University and this fall will transfer to Wheaton College, and then Grace Seminary. The other young person will enter Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn., this fall. Another young person, through the influence of our church, is interested in Bryan. We have in our congregation another young couple each of whom had 3 years or more in Bob Jones.

TEACHER TRAINING CLASS

In our Bible school we are aiming toward a Bible

school with all our teachers "Certified Teachers" who have completed the Evangelical Teacher Training Course. We have completed two units of the six units required.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM OF GIVING

Our church is using the envelope system of giving of tithes. We are finding it profitable and educational.

ORCHESTRA

We praise the Lord for the fine assistance of our 10-piece church orchestra. This adds much to our services and is being used of the Lord.

MEMBERSHIP

| 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 |
|------|------|------|------|
| 13 | 26 | 33 | 40 |

ATTENDANCE

| | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Morning | | 31 | 44 | 55 |
| Evening | 18 | 41 | 42 | 50 |
| Prayer meeting | | 16 | 23 | 24 |

The average attendance of the WMC is 20.

MISSIONS

| | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Foreign Missions | \$102.08 | \$238.45 | \$444.47 |
| Home Missions | 128.00 | 287.00 | 401.58 |
| Seminary | 40.00 | 167.40 | 139.60 |
| Herald Company | 32.50 | 76.00 | *100.00 |

Total \$302.58 \$769.85 \$1,085.65

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THE SOUTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE



The Southeast District Conference convened on July 7-9 with the First Brethren Church of Covington, Va., as host church. This picture, taken at one of the sessions, shows the fine attendance and indicates the interest of the churches in seeing the program of the district intensified.

ISRAEL CALLS!

INCIDENTS IN WITNESSING

By Leonore Button

I believe the last time I wrote an article it was in connection with my evolutionist friend, Frieda. As I told you, I spent 6 hours with her that day refuting evolution at first. As I cited my reasons for not accepting evolution, she could only say, "I don't believe it," or "The proof is before your eyes in the rocks." I didn't argue over anything, but rather stated my proof from the Word of God (in addition to documented facts I had copied from different sources). Then I read her the first chapter of Romans, especially verses 20-25; the prophecies in the Old Testament concerning Sidon, Tyre, and Egypt—through 6 long hours. She only interrupted me to deny belief in what I read, and was visibly affected by Isaiah 53 and Zechariah 12 and 13. When I left her I felt exhausted and that she was hopeless.

However, I thought you might be interested to know that she has been ready to read books lately—not the Bible, of course, although I am entertaining the idea of presenting one to her as a gift—but books such as Fulton Oursler's "Greatest Story Ever Told." She thought it was wonderful. The other day she called and asked me to read "Our Lady of Fatima." I read the book because she wanted me to, but I hated it. I noted the points I wanted to talk about to her, such as children giving up their meals to save sinners, etc. She, too, confessed that she didn't like it at all and agreed with me about all my points.

The other day she and my husband had a discussion about children and sin—also Ingrid Bergman. A little later, as we were talking, she said, "In your belief, things are either right or wrong—there is no half-way." I told her there could be no compromise with God and that in His dealings with the children of Israel He accepted no compromise—either you obeyed or you didn't. I believe her sudden interest in these things is the result of someone who is praying definitely for her, because 1 year ago she wouldn't even listen. Now she seems to enjoy talking to Bruce even though he tells her that her children were born with a sin nature.

The night of May 30 we were invited to visit a young couple on Kings Road. I knew her quite well and we had been able to do a few things for them such as bringing her husband home from the hospital after an illness. I didn't want to go because I thought it would be a long evening wasted, since it was only a social call. However, we went, and had no sooner settled ourselves comfortably when the husband brought up the subject of religion. The husband says he is an atheist; the wife has been brought up without any religious training. She would like to be a good Jew but doesn't quite know how. However, she has some ideas and since she is a university graduate she feels she knows everything there is to know and therefore what theories she has in regard to Judaism are right. In reality, neither of them have ever read the Old Testament and she admitted she couldn't name the five books of Moses.

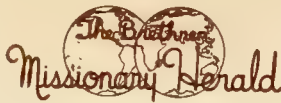
You see, with Jewish people you can't jump in and talk about Jesus as the Messiah and Saviour of the world as you would with gentiles, but rather we try to wait for

the right opportunity so that a direct testimony might be given and yet given in such a way that it will not shut the door to further testimony. I knew Bruce was torn between disagreeing with everything she said and the idea of waiting for the right moment. So I prayed. A few moments later the right moment came and he was able to tell them that the *only way of any man* into God's presence was through Jesus. We talked until almost midnight. The husband seemed definitely interested but the wife will be hard to interest. How she explained away the miracles! Moses was a smart man, so he knew where to go for water and *made the children of Israel believe* God had told him what to do. He knew when the waters of the Red Sea would be likely to blow back, etc. What a hard time people have trying to explain away the very backbone of the Old Testament!

All through the evening the candles burned in the dining room in honor of the Sabbath. As they burned fitfully in the darkness, I couldn't help but pity this young couple. They are seeking God but they don't or won't look for Him in the only place He is to be found. As they honored the Sabbath with their burning candles, every other word they said blasphemed His holy name. Pray for this young couple and for the Word of God that was given to them. As you pray, remember the thousands of other couples like this one in this vast area who are willing to look for God in any cult or ism that comes along but refusing to consider the one place to find Him—the Word of God!

Since March things at the mission have been "humming." People are in and out so much that work has become a problem for me and meals are often eaten at odd hours or skipped. They know what we are, what we do, what we stand for, and that we pray for them, and yet they come with their problems and their joys and their sorrows. When we grow weary with the demands on our time, we remember Galatians 6:9. And so we are trying to be, successfully I think, in this vast Jewish community, a lighthouse in the darkness, a testimony to the fact that Jesus IS the Messiah of Israel and the Saviour of the world.





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The *Whittier, Calif.*, church, of which Dr. Kenneth Drennon is the pastor, received four members on July 27. Rev. J. Paul Miller, a member of the church, preached there on August 3.

The *California District* youth leaders are planning an evening boat ride for the young people of the district on August 28.

Rev. Leslie Hutchinson has moved to Burns, Colo. (change Annual, p. 74).

Rev. Orville Lorenz, pastor of the *La Verne, Calif.*, church, spent 15 days, beginning July 20, on duty with the U. S. Army, stationed in California. Brother Lorenz is a reserve chaplain with the rank of major.

At the *La Verne, Calif.*, church a special musical program was presented by Bro. Vere Raley, a member of the church, and Miss Marilyn Hall on July 20. Rev. Herbert Tay, a member of the church and one of its former pastors, preached there on July 27 and August 3.

The *Winchester, Va.*, church extended a call to its pastor, Rev. Paul E. Dick, to serve the church for the coming year—his 12th. He accepted. Bro. Herman Hein, a member of the church and student in Grace Seminary, preached there on July 27.

At the *Spokane, Wash.*, church, of which Rev. William Schaffer is the pastor, the Whitworth College Quartet presented a program of music and testimony on July 20. Bro. Fred Clark and Bro. Victor Urban are scheduled to preach there August 17.

Rev. Clyde C. Flick, Wrightwood, Calif., wrote to the editor: "Wrightwood Chapel has been forced to disband for lack of a meeting place. The owner of the property in which the church has met has taken possession for personal use. That means

that this preacher is out of a job, and I should like to hear from any Brethren group on the west coast that may be seeking a pastor."

Rev. Lyle Marvin, pastor of the *San Bernardino, Calif.*, church, was elected moderator of the Brethren Conference of California.

Rev. Mark Malles, pastor of the *Altoona, Pa.*, First church, was elected moderator of the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

The *Glendale, Calif.*, church, of which Rev. Archie Lynn is the pastor, received two members July 20.

The *Clayton, Ohio*, church, of which Rev. Clair Brickel is pastor, witnessed the confession of faith of one person on July 27.



At the *Uniontown, Pa.*, church, pastored by Rev. Clyde Landrum, Bro. Archie Keffer preached on July 20. Brother Keffer is a member of the church, but is now living in Winona Lake, Ind.

The *Long Beach, Calif.*, First church, pastored by Dr. Charles W. Mayes, received two members on July 20. A 2-weeks vacation Bible school, under the superintendency of Mrs. Julius Levering, had an enrollment of 447 pupils, with an average attendance of 328. Prof. S. Herbert Bess, of Winona Lake, Ind., was the Bible lecturer at this church August 3-6.

From the *Los Angeles, Calif.*, Brethren Chapel the pastor, Rev. J. Lincoln Oliver, wrote: "Our Bible school here at the chapel is improving—more teen-age attendance than ever before. We are going forward toward the development of a church that will bear witness for Christ with a strong testimony, though this has been a difficult task. But, praise the Lord, I see victory ahead for the work."

Mr. and Mrs. James McClellan, Long Beach, Calif., became the parents of Mary Catherine on July 26. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Mayes are the maternal grandparents.

At the *Canton, Ohio*, church one person received the Saviour on July 27. Rev. Jesse Hall is pastor of this church.

The *Camden, Ohio*, church, pastored by Rev. Robert W. Betz, received seven members by baptism on August 3. On the same day one person accepted the Saviour and two reaffirmed their faith in Him.

Miss Ruth Bergert, member of the *Canton, Ohio*, church, sailed recently for South America as a missionary under the Oriental Missionary Society.

Rev. Edward Lewis, pastor of the *Middlebranch, Ohio*, church, spoke over radio station WHBC August 4-9.

At the *Los Angeles, Calif.*, First church, of which Rev. Glenn O'Neal is the pastor, Dr. Vincent Bennett spoke on August 3. This was the first step of this church in preparation for its entrance into the Christ for Everyone Campaign in October.

At the *Waterloo, Iowa*, church Bro. Russell Young preached on July 27, and Dr. William E. Pietsch preached on August 3. Rev. Lewis Hohenstein is pastor of this church.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, Winona Lake, spoke at the Gull Lake Bible Conference, Gull Lake, Mich., July 20-27, and is scheduled to speak at the North Mountain Bible Conference, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., August 11-17.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Goodman and family arrived at New York City on August 6, where they were met by Bro. Charles Croker. On August 7 they went by airplane to California where little Anne is to receive treatment for her poliomyelitis affliction.

The following missionaries plan to sail from New York City aboard the *Queen Elizabeth* on August 20: Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason and children, Rev. and Mrs. Martin Garber, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy, and Miss Mary Ann Habegger. They will spend some time in France in language study before going to the field in Africa.

Rev. Richard McIntosh has accepted the pastorate of the *Troy, Ohio*, church. A son was born to the McIntoshes on August 5.

Rev. Warren E. Tamkin has accepted the position of registrar and Bible teacher in the Southeastern Bible College. His address is in care of the college, 1401 S. 29th St., Birmingham 5, Ala. (change Annual, p. 70).

Rev. Charles Bergerson has terminated his ministry at Wadsworth, Ohio, and is "waiting for the leading of the Lord in the ministry that will be mine in the future."

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

Putting First Things First

Bishop Homer Tomlinson, of the Church of God, Nashville, Tenn., an aspirant to the Presidency of the United States of America, declared: "If elected President I will lead the nation in a campaign to eliminate the evils of drink, the use of tobacco in human consumption, and the obsessions of gambling."

Simply we should like to say to the bishop: If you know the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and the purpose of His death on the cross of Calvary, then remain a preacher of that Gospel and seek not to be a president in the government, remain an ambassador of the Christ and seek not to be the holder of the highest office in the nation. There is no work that can compare in importance to the work of representing the Saviour among men.

The only way "to eliminate the evils of drink, the use of tobacco in human consumption, and the obsessions of gambling" is by introducing those subject to these evils to the Lord Jesus Christ and then it can be said, and not until then, that "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17).

Bishop, surely you know that legislation never made anyone good; that can be done only by regeneration—the new birth—and the cleansing from sin by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Majorities May Be Wrong

Dr. Albert Edward Wiggam, in his daily column, "Let's Explore Your Mind," asked this question in the papers of July 24: "Does the opinion of millions affect a scientist's conclusions?" To this question he gave the following answer:

"No. If it does, he is not a scientist. People believed the earth was flat until a few men proved it was round. A million people guessing the distance to the moon would all probably be wrong. As Thomas Huxley said: 'To a scientist the opinions of all the world and the traditions of a thousand years sound like the hearsay of yesterday.'"

A true scientist wants facts; there-

fore he is not influenced with the traditions and the opinions of people.

This is also true of our God—He is the God of truth and He is not influenced by the traditions and the opinions of men. It still stands with Him, regardless of the hasty words of men, that all men are sinners, that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only Saviour and the only way to heaven, and that there is a hell awaiting those who reject the Son of God. No amount of opinions or thoughts of men will ever change these truths—God has declared them and they are unchangeable truths.

Majorities may be wrong; indeed, they often are. The majorities were wrong in the days of Abraham, of Moses and Joshua, of David, of Elijah and Elisha, of Isaiah, of Daniel, and of John the Baptist and the Lord Jesus Christ. It was the majority that put the Christ on the cross, but it was the One—the God of eternity—that raised Him from among the dead.

The Source of Cheer

A newspaper columnist who signs his bits of poetry with two letters—"R. D."—wrote in his column on July 31:

"Cheering up a fellow
Is pretty hard to do,
If he is in a cranky mood
Of wanting to feel blue."

There are many people in the world who do not want to "feel blue," but they are "blue" because they do not know how to be otherwise. They are "blue" because they are defeated, or they have no hope for the future, or they are subject to their passions. These people have never learned the source of cheer and joy.

To all people who will receive Him the Lord Jesus has said: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation [things to make one 'feel blue']; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Cheer comes with Christ's pardon. Matthew recorded this experience of the Saviour: "And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they

brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee" (Matt. 9:1-2). Note the close connection between sins forgiven and "good cheer."

Cheer also comes with Christ's presence. When Jesus met the disciples in the midst of the sea—they were in a boat and he was walking on the water—they were afraid. To them He said: "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid" (Matt. 14:27). Sins forgiven and the companionship of the One who forgave them is the true and only source of "good cheer."

Right Is Right Always

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur recently declared that "public policy no longer is geared to the simple determination of that which is right and that which is wrong."

This indictment seems to be true of the "public policy" of this nation. The question is no longer a matter of right and of wrong, but of what is the personal gain for self. It has come to the place where men are more concerned with expediency than they are with righteousness.

It is still true that "righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." It is also just as true that "the eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Prov. 14:34; 15:3).

If the reader desires a word picture of what happens when a people gives up all standards of right and wrong he can find it recorded in the Book of Judges. The writer of the book told why the terrible conditions pictured therein prevailed in Israel. Note his words: "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judg. 21:25). "Right," in this passage, is used in the sense of every man doing that which was "expedient" in his own eyes, with no thought of the "eyes of the Lord . . . in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

It is high time that our "public policy" be fashioned according to that which is right, or else our nation is doomed just as nations of the past were doomed and fell when they forgot God and His standards of right.

Why Jesus Came to Earth

By Rev. William H. Schaffer, Spokane, Wash.

I have good news for you—the best news you ever heard. You may hear this news again, but you will never hear better news. Note carefully: “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning.” Do you ask, “Good news? What’s so good about that? We know that ‘sin is of the devil,’ and we have known it for a long time. We have heard again and again that sin is the stock in trade of the Devil. We have heard a long time ago how the Devil tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden and thus sin entered into the paradise of God. That is not news, and surely it is not good news.”

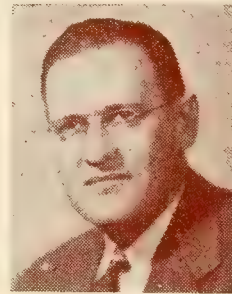
But wait, my friend! I have not finished the verse of Scripture which I began to quote and which is found in I John 3:8. Note the whole verse: “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” That is good news for all people.

The Fear of Sin

Let me ask you a very personal question: What are you afraid of the most? Do not put on a false front and claim that you are not afraid of anything. You ought to be afraid—not of atomic or H-bombs, not of other people, nor of losing your job. The one thing of which you should be afraid is sin, for it is the one thing with which you cannot play. To play with or permit sin is to bring on eternal disaster and damnation.

It would be safer for you to go over Niagara Falls without a barrel than for you to engage in sin. It would be less fatal to you to jump off the Washington Monument than for you to take one step into sin. It would be less harmful for you to be within 100 feet of the explosion of an atomic bomb than for you to play with the works of the Devil for 10 minutes.

It is necessary to continually remind ourselves that sin burns, that sin kills, and that sin ostracizes men and women from all that is good,



Rev. W. H. Schaffer

holy, and righteous. Sin brings one into the place of eternal separation from God.

It is good news, however, to know that the Lord Jesus Christ came to earth for the purpose of destroying the works of the Devil. John further declared: “And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin” (I John 3:5). The Lord Jesus Christ then came to deal with our sins and to destroy the works of the Devil. That, indeed, is good news for all who will believe it and receive it unto themselves.

Yes, all are sinners and have sin in their lives. There is sin between every individual and God. The fact of sin is present in all people, “for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). The good news is that Jesus Christ came to earth for the purpose of removing this barrier from between the individual soul and the eternal God.

The Recognition of Sin

You may confess before God your lying, your impurities, your evil thoughts, your dishonesties, your blasphemies, and still never get at the root of the matter. You must recognize that you are a sinner and that Jesus Christ was manifested here on the earth for the purpose of taking away your sins and destroying the works of the enemy of the soul.

This good news was made possible by the coming of the Saviour, but it becomes a reality to the soul through faith. One cannot justify self in the

presence of God. Note these words concerning the Redeemer as recorded by the Apostle John: “He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:18, 36).

The Remedy for Sin

God is pleading with you, dear friend. He wants you to accept His Son and be saved forever. Believe and receive this good news and the Lord will take away your sins and your sin, and at the same time will destroy the works and the power of the Devil in your life in accordance with the degree of your yieldedness to Him. Victory may be yours now. Christ Jesus will give you freedom from the pressure of sins.

When you have believed the Word of God and have received by faith the Son of God you will know from experience why the Lord Jesus came to earth, and that will be good news to you, now and forever.

FIFTH S. S. CONTEST TO BE HELD

Christian Life, sponsor of four contests for the increase of attendance in Sunday school, announces that the Fifth Annual Sunday School Attendance Contest will be held October 5 through November 9, 1952. It has been estimated that 1,000 churches will enter the contest.

Total prizes are valued at \$13,000, with the grand prize being a Wicks pipe organ to the winning church, a 30-day all-expense “Flying Seminar” tour of the Holy Land for the pastor of the church, and a 30-day all-expense Gretzinger tour of the Holy Land to the Sunday school superintendent.

For additional information and ideas write to “Sunday School Contest,” Christian Life Magazine, 434 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago 5, Ill.

A LESSON FROM AN ANT

She stopped short in her tracks. That large bread crumb was moving across the earth under its own power! But it couldn't do that. With a gentle push of her foot Mother discovered the source of the crumb's motivation. It was a tiny ant, so small as to have been obscured by the load it carried. In contrast to its size what a feat the little creature was performing. Evidently size is no criterion of ability to accomplish. It is said that the lumbering elephant cannot compare with the ant's accomplishment in proportion to size.

Musing over the ant's diligence Mother was quite sure he hadn't been complaining of his lack of size or strength or time. He hadn't even said: "Oh how I wish I were an elephant. I'd really do great things then." No, he accepted his ant nature, assumed his part of the colony obligations, and went to work with what he had and was.

How many professing believers there are who could well learn from the ant. If they only had the mental strength of Mr. So-and-So, they moan; or the talents of Mrs. Neighbor; or the time of Miss Accomplished; or the money of Mr. Dollar Mark. If they had all these things they'd really show the Lord and the world what they could do. Oh saints, how ignorant can we be of the precious Word of God? Remember the passage: "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (II Cor. 8:12).

"T'would be good for us all to make an honest appraisal of our lives at this moment. What am I doing with *my* mental powers NOW? Mr. Mental Giant will account for himself some day. So will I, and on the basis of *my* mental possibilities—not his. Is my mind in a sort of decay and deterioration by lack of exercise, or by misuse in terms of cheap, unworthy reading? I ought to be reading the Word now—today and every day. I should be thinking and living with eternity in view each day and hour.

Mrs. Talents will stand on her use or misuse of God's gifts to her, and I on mine. Not what I would have done had I been especially gifted, but what I *have* done and *am* doing with an ordinary *me* for God's honor and glory.

Of course anyone can see why Miss Accomplished does so much.

Just look at all the time she has at her disposal—no one to think of but herself. I have three children and a demanding husband. You have no idea how tied down I am. I have no time to give to the Lord's work the way some women have. Or I'm so occupied with making a living for my family that I simply cannot get under the load at the church as they want me to do. In business one has to be so careful in talking to people about spiritual matters. They are so sensitive to those things and I'd jeopardize my business dealings with them if I insisted on being too interested in their souls. But if I only had the time . . .!

We are so slow to learn that time doesn't walk up to an individual and say: "Here I am; let's see what you'll do with me." Time is an elusive gift which is more often squandered on



nonessential motion than on constructive life-building. One has to *take* time from less important matters and ask God's wisdom in using it carefully. Human beings are notorious time killers. May God help us believers in Christ to be known in the gates for our proper use of the precious commodity, TIME.

If I had the money Mr. Dollar Mark has I'd surely give to the Lord's work, too. I must admit he doesn't show off or let everyone know when and what he gives, but I do think I could spread it out better than he. Well, maybe! But you don't have the money Mr. Dollar Mark has. You did have 10 dollars yesterday, however. Remember? What did you do with that? Did you give God His part of that money with perhaps an offering beside? It is not what we *wish* we had which we'll have to answer for some day. Full yieldedness to our Maker and Redeemer of *all* we have and are now is all that God our Father will require of us. What of my record, and yours?

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise" (Prov. 6:6).

God's Unshakable Things

THE CHURCH OF GOD

By Rev. Jesse Hall, Canton, Ohio

"Upon this rock will I build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18).

Religious organizations are built by men; they prosper or perish at the whims of men, for they partake of the nature and limitations of their builders.

The church Jesus Christ is building is not a transient organization; it is a heavenly organism partaking of His nature and character. It is a mystical body of which Jesus Christ is the head (Col. 1:18). It came into being at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit baptized 120 believers in the upper room, designating them as "called out ones for his name" (see Acts 2:47).

From the very beginning the forces of Satan and of hell have been bent on the church's destruction. Yet she stands unshakable amidst every tempest, secure in the promise of her omnipotent Builder, as a people redeemed to God by his blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation (see Rev. 5:9).

Down through the centuries our Lord has been building His church as a "habitation of God through the Spirit." This spiritual house, made up of "living stones" gathered from every corner of the earth, is being fitly framed together, and groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord (see Eph. 2:21-22 and I Pet. 2:5).

How wonderful to be among those who are "called out" of the nameless mass of fallen humanity to be a "people for his name" (Rom. 9:25-26), and a member of His body, which is the church, that has been purchased with his blood (see Acts 20:28).

"Unto him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end." For the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

BAPTIST PAPERS UNITE

The Conservative Baptist Association is combining two of its papers—the Conservative Baptist Witness and the Eastern Voice—into one paper under the editorship of Mr. A. S. Taylor. The new paper will be called the National Voice of Conservative Baptists.

Worth-While Books for September Reading

The Brethren Book Club takes pleasure in presenting to the members of the club two books that will be helpful in strengthening the faith of those who read them. These volumes have been selected because they contain messages that demand attention.

The first-choice book is Dr. F. W. Boreham's "A Bunch of Everlastings" (\$2.00). This is a big book (256 pp.) for the price and would be worth twice that amount to those who desire to know something of what has made the lives of some of God's men great.

The second-choice book is Francena Arnold's "The Light in My Window" (\$2.50). This is a novel that interestingly illustrates some of the great truths of God's Word.

Members, please notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company by September 1 if you want the second-choice book or no book for the month. If the notification is not received in the office by the first day of the month it causes inconveniences here.

Membership in the Club

One can become a member of the club at any time by selecting and paying for any one of the books offered to the members of the club and reviewed on the Brethren Book Club page each month.

As a premium for joining, the new member will be sent his choice of these books: Dr. Florence Gribble's "Stranger Than Fiction" or Dr. Andrew Bonar's "The Biography of Robert Murray McChesney" or Dr. John R. Rice's "Prayer: Asking and Receiving."

Vance Havner's new book, "Hearts Afire," has been selected as the premium book for the months of August through November for all members who have ordered and paid for four books through the club. This book ought to be in the library of every Christian and will be sent as a premium to those who have secured four books through membership in the club during the 4-month period.

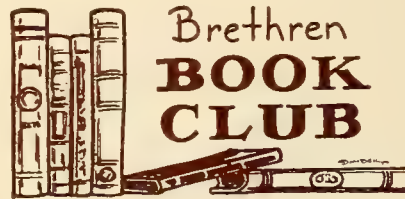
A BUNCH OF EVERLASTINGS

By F. W. Boreham

Every word of God's Scriptures was inspired by God Himself and

was recorded for our eternal welfare. However, through the years certain texts have had a very special place in the lives of some of God's people. To the individual, one text has often stood forth in a special way as does the sun among the stars.

In this volume Dr. F. W. Boreham, a minister of the Gospel in New Zealand, has gathered together 23 texts from the Word that have had unusual influence upon the lives of as many men of God. These are indeed "texts that made history." But this is more than a book of sermons—it is a book of 23 texts and their relationship to the 23 men mentioned in this volume. It is a volume of

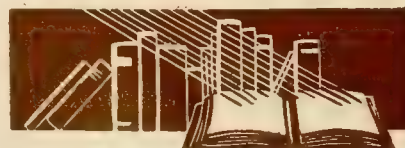


brief biographical accounts of 23 men who have had a very important place in the history of the church of Jesus Christ.

Here are the favorite texts of Martin Luther, Hugh Latimer, John Bunyan, Walter Scott, Oliver Cromwell, John Knox, Charles Spurgeon, and 16 other men who have left their indelible imprint upon the course of history. These texts are, in truth, "A Bunch of Everlastings."

"The just shall live by faith" was the key text of Habakkuk and in turn was used as the text around which three New Testament books were written. This is the text that changed the life of Martin Luther and in turn changed the whole course of history. The story of this text and its influence upon Martin Luther is told in this book in Chapter II.

The author was a faithful student of the Word of God and of the his-



tory of the church of Jesus Christ. Here he has told 23 stories of 23 of God's great men in an interesting, pleasing, and well-written manner. Because of the great demand for the book the present edition is a reprint from an earlier edition.—Conard Sandy.

THE LIGHT IN MY WINDOW

By Francena H. Arnold

Was she destined for nothing more than heartaches and scrubbing floors? were thoughts which passed through the mind of Hope Thompson again and again during her early days at the "Institute." After 4 weeks of hard work she could still see no further into the future than when she first came here to help out for a "few days."

Going over in her mind the events of her previous years Hope could count many experiences which had brought her disappointment. At a very early age Hope had become a stepchild through the death of her mother. One of her playmates had told her that all stepmothers were bad and only married daddies were mean to their children. It took Hope many years to rid her mind of this impression. At 18 she became engaged, but once more the arrows of sorrow pierced her heart, for the day after the invitations to the wedding were sent out she found her lover kissing another girl.

In bitter disappointment Hope left her home community and went to the city to work. But all her troubles were not left behind, as she was to learn. As a last resort she had gone to the "Institute" to help during the illness of one of the workers there. It was while there that Hope really discovered herself. Through the prayers and patience of the other workers, the joys and sorrows in caring for the poor children in the institute, she came to know the joy of full surrender to the Lord. With this came the answer to many of her prayers. She even found new romance in a most surprising manner.

If life has been one disappointment after another for you, or if you are struggling against mental delusions, read this story and find how Hope found peace. Perhaps you, too, can find it the same way.—Blaine Snyder.

X—THE SIGN OF CHRIST'S RETURN

According to the record in Matthew 24:1-3, the disciples asked Christ three prophetic questions. The first was: "When shall these things be?" This concerned the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple. It was fulfilled under Titus, the Roman—literally fulfilled to the very stones. The second question was: "What shall be the sign of thy coming?" They asked about "the sign," not signs, of His coming. And the third question was: "What shall be the sign . . . of the end of the world?" This article deals with *the sign* of Christ's return—His answer to the second of these questions.

Christ first warned against false Christs. What blasphemy for any mere man to claim to be Christ! Is it not equally blasphemous to substitute anything for the Bible and Christianity? Are not the false religions and "isms" of the day blasphemous?

Death and Birth Pangs

Then Christ foretold the death and birth pangs of the age; that is, the death pangs of this age become the birth pangs of the age to follow. Christ said that the things named would become the "beginning of travail." He foretold the course and consummation of this age. The signs given would continue down through the age, but become intensified, multiplied, and unified at the "time of the end." These unified signs would constitute *the sign* of Christ's coming. We might call it "the composite sign."

Verses 6 and 7 foretell the general war condition of the age. Christ foretold that wars and threatenings of war would be a universal condition near the end of the age. History gives proof of the fulfillment. Within the last 40 years we have witnessed this. Joel 3:9-10 is being fulfilled. War is popular as never before. The nations are speaking "peace," but preparing for war. Beware, Brethren! This is no time to be silent concerning our doctrine of

nonresistance! This is the time to proclaim it and teach it and defend it.

A Trio of Calamities

As recorded in verse 7, Christ listed a trio of calamities that would become multiplied near the end of the age. They are famines, pestilences, and earthquakes. These were to become more numerous and more destructive. Again look to history for fulfillment. Since 1918 there have been many such, pronounced as more destructive than ever before.

Recently a world traveler wrote, "Famine races civilization." Two-thirds of the people of the earth today never have enough to eat. It is estimated that it takes 2.5 acres of land to support one person and today there is but 1.1 acres of tillable land per person. As to earthquakes, the record shows that there have been more of these within the last 25 years than in all previous history. Is the earth beginning to groan and tremble with age, according to Romans 8:22? Christ said that when famine and pestilence and earthquake take their deadly harvest, that these "are the beginning of sorrows."

Three More Signs

Now Christ gave three more signs. In verses 9-10 He warned concerning the persecutions which shall arise. These began with the Christians of the first century and have continued throughout the age, but they are to become intensified at the time of the end. Some ministers and members never will suffer persecution because they do not live separated enough. But once the communistic atheists get in control, then look out! These compromisers get by with it today, but in that day they will be put on the spot. Once let Roman Catholicism gain control in America and the day of the martyrs will be ushered in at once. Personally, I am more fearful of Romanism gaining control in America than I am of Communism. How much are we Brethren willing to suffer for the sake of "the faith once for all delivered unto the

saints"? How much are we willing to suffer for our distinctive doctrines concerning nonresistance and divorce and remarriage and others?

Christ also foretold the rise of false religions. The four earmarks, outstanding ones, of these are the denial of the deity of Christ, the denial of substitutionary atonement, the denial of the bodily resurrection of Christ, and the denial of the personal, premillennial return of Christ.

Finally, the Lord foretold of the increase of iniquity resulting in the cooling of the love of many. Abounding iniquity and waning love! Compromise in the life and lack of love for the Lord!

The Composite Sign

These seven signs, multiplied, intensified, unified, constitute *the sign* indicating the soon return of Christ. Some of these will have their complete fulfillment at the time of the revelation, but will begin to be fulfilled at the "time of the end" of this age, just prior to the rapture.

Maranatha (I Cor. 16:22)

The Lord cometh! This was the watchword of the early Christians. It ought to be ours today. Soon the secret, silent snatching away of the Bride will come. Soon the Bright and Morning Star will appear. Are you ready for the Bridegroom?

NORMAN CAMP DIES

Rev. Norman H. Camp, known as an evangelistic Bible teacher, and for a number of years the editorial secretary of the Colportage Division of Moody Press, died on July 9. Mr. Camp's own writings reached a circulation of 16,000,000 copies. His best-known works are "Thinking With God" (1931) and "The Resurrection of the Human Body" (1937). He was also associated with the Great Commission Prayer League, the Chicago Hebrew Mission, the Central American Mission, and the Extension Department of the Moody Bible Institute.



Dr. Jobson

Are You Thinking of Earthquakes?

By Dr. Charles W. Mayes, Long Beach, Calif.

(Editorial in the Fifth and Cherry Light, July 25, 1952)

After the shaking at approximately 5:00 last Monday morning, the minds of millions of people on the west coast have been forced to think again of earthquakes. Earthquakes compel us to think of God. There is no time when one is more helpless than at the time of a severe earthquake. Nothing is stable. Nothing is sure. There is nothing to grasp. Everything is shaking. It is little wonder that the Spirit of God, through the apostle, wrote concerning God: "Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven" (Heb. 12:26).

Spiritual Lessons

There is always a lesson to be learned from an earthquake. Paul taught the same in his day when he said of the Most High God: "And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain" (Heb. 12:27).

The Prophet Isaiah foretold the close of the Great Tribulation period when God's judgments upon a godless world are to be demonstrated. In those days godless men "shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth" (Isa. 2:19).

Idols

An idol is that which one cleaves to when he should be holding on to God. The thought of judgment, the thought of the coming quake, and the thought of the helplessness of false gods is not a new conception, for Isaiah also said: "In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops

of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth" (Isa. 2:20-21).

Things

How unstable things are. Why should believers cling to the passing idols which consume thought, energy, time, and steal from God that which rightly belongs to Him? How can unsaved men cling to that which is earthly, of this world, even material substances, which are certain to pass away?

How awful to stand in His presence in the day of judgment without a Saviour. Every time the earth quivers, God is saying that He "now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30).

NEW DIRECTORS FOR ICEF

Rev. and Mrs. Franklin F. Ellis, who have been working for some years in the International Child Evangelism Fellowship, were elected directors of this group on June 28. They will assume their offices on August 15, at which time Mr. and Mrs. J. Irvin Overholtzer will become international directors emeritus. The Overholtzers will continue to work in the movement as their health will permit. The headquarters of ICEF are located at Pacific Palisades, Calif.

WESLEY STEELBERG DIES

Rev. Wesley R. Steelberg, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, died at Cardiff, Wales, on July 8. At the time he was on a trip to the European continent in the interests of the world-wide Pentecostal movement. The burial took place at Springfield, Mo., the headquarters of the Assemblies of God.

An unusual feature in connection with the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches this year will be the presentation of an address by the moderator who will be in Africa while the conference is in session.

Dr. Orville D. Jobson was elected moderator last year and presided over the conference while on furlough from his missionary service in the heart of Africa. This year he is back at his station in Africa, yet at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, August 19, he will present his moderator's message to the Brethren Church.

We suggest that every member of the denomination who can possibly do so be present to hear this message presented by an absent moderator. Those dates, once again, are August 18-24; the place is Winona Lake, Ind.

PUERTO RICAN CITY WELCOMES DR. WALTER MONTANO

Dr. Walter M. Montano, converted from Romanism to Protestantism some years ago and now associated with Christ's Mission, New York City, was given an official welcome when he went to Puerto Rico to conduct evangelistic services. On June 23 he went to Adjuntas to conduct meetings and the mayor of the city welcomed him with these words:

"Although I am a Catholic, I admire the work of Protestant pastors and the noble Christian life of your believers inspires me. I see such a high level of conduct in Protestant people that I do not find among my own people of the Catholic Church. I extend this official welcome to our most distinguished visitor, Dr. Montano, with whose work I already am acquainted. The doors of this city are open to you."

Roman Catholics in this city walked out of a rosary service to listen to the preaching of the Gospel. The priests, lacking a congregation, closed their church building.

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SUNSET ON WINONA LAKE, INDIANA



EDITORIALS

Alva J. McClain and Paul R. Bauman, Editors

Welcome to Conference Delegates

This week Grace Theological Seminary welcomes to Winona Lake several hundred delegates to the conference meetings of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Perhaps some have come for the first time. We want every visitor to feel free to inspect the seminary building from the furnace room to the prayer tower. To all Brethren who at any time visit Winona Lake, we give a cordial invitation to come and see what God hath wrought through your prayers and consecrated gifts. We are sure you will say, as many have said who visited the campus for the first time during the past year: "We did not realize that you have so much room in the seminary building."—P. R. B.

First Anniversary in New Building

This week marks Grace Seminary's first anniversary since the dedication of the new building at the last National Fellowship conference. All who have had any part in the use of this new building realize how very worth while the investment has been. Ask anyone connected with the school itself, the Winona Lake Brethren Church, the Foreign Missionary Society, the Home Missions Council, or the Brethren Youth Council. All of these have been enjoying the benefits of the seminary building.—B.

Anniversary Offering

Those attending the National Fellowship meetings will have an opportunity to take part in the great rally on Seminary Day. An offering will be received at this rally in which not only the delegates will have a part, but the churches, through their representatives, will have an opportunity to present their first offering toward the new monthly plan of finance. If your offering for the month of August was not sent to conference, there is still time to get it in through your local church.—B.

A Record Enrollment

At the time this item was written 63 new students had been enrolled in the seminary and 13 new students in the collegiate division, making a total thus far of 76 new students enrolled in addition to those who will be returning. This will represent the largest Junior Class in the history of the school. Registration day is September 5.—B.

Offerings Coming In

Already offerings are beginning to come in from both churches and individuals to meet the urgent need at the seminary. Waterloo, Iowa, was the first to set an example by sending in an offering of \$379. Theirs was followed almost immediately by a check from New Troy, Mich., for \$92.50. Hollins, Va., has sent a check for \$331.27. Elsewhere in the magazine will be found a few excerpts from letters that have come in from people all over the country. Many of them are isolated members. One of the most encouraging letters, with a check for \$13, came from the Brethren Bible Class of Seattle, Wash. These people do not yet have a place to worship, nor are they organized, yet they are already supporting our institutions.—B.

Those Yellow Envelopes

The new yellow envelopes are so designed that they may be inserted, one for each month, into your box of Duplex envelopes—providing your church uses that type. If you will place an envelope in front of the regular Duplex envelope designated for the first Sunday of each month (or such Sunday as your pastor may suggest) it will be there each month as a reminder of your participation in the Grace Seminary Monthly Finance Plan.—B.

It's Good To Be Back

Mrs. McClain and I just this forenoon (August 11) got back to Winona Lake, and found Dr. Bauman putting the finishing touches on his material for the seminary issue of the Herald for August. He says that perhaps there will be room for a few words from me.

We are deeply grateful to all who have helped to make possible the several months of rest—to my colleagues at the school who have carried extra duties during my absence; to the members of the board who graciously authorized the leave of absence; and to all the friends who by prayer and personal gifts have kept the fires burning. Thanks in His great name to all of you.

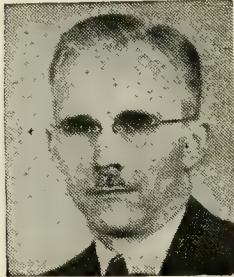
But it's good to be back at Grace Seminary. Wherever we went during the past months we heard good things said about our seminary. And these reports came from many unexpected sources. The Lord has been so good in giving the Brethren Church this great ministry of training men and women for Christian work. And I am sure that in response to the appeal of this issue, our Lord through the churches will fully meet the present need in order that this work may not be hindered even for a moment.—A. J. M.

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Zuni-- The Sheep That Wants To Be a Horse

By Dr. Alva J. McClain

In the month of May, when the weather in Phoenix became too hot for comfort, we began the search for a cooler spot not too far distant. It was at this time that a good friend, Rev. Leland Entri-ken, well-known pastor and radio speaker of Phoenix, graciously suggested that we take our house trailer up to his lodge at Greer in the White Mountains, about 250 miles from Phoenix and 8,300 feet in altitude. We went up May 21 and were there during the summer, except for an unexpected trip to the Northwest to visit two sisters who were ill: my sister, Mrs. Georgia Bennett, of Portland, Oreg., and Mrs. McClain's sister, Mrs. Howard Van Brocklin, of Port Angeles, Wash. We earnestly ask the prayers of the Lord's people on their behalf.



Dr. McClain

Brother Entri-ken's lodge is located in a very beautiful spot up here in a little valley on the bank of the Little Colorado River. Those who have never seen this stream except at Holbrook, Ariz., on the Santa Fe Trail, will not be greatly attracted by the name. But it must be seen up here to be appreciated—a singing mountain stream right off the melting snow with an abundance of rainbow trout. Our trailer stands about 100 feet from the stream and we are supplied with electricity and spring water from the lodge. On the 20 acres of ground which he owns, and some other land he leases, Rev. Entri-ken operates what might be called a small “ranch.” He has a herd of beef cattle, some milk cows, several riding horses, and one sheep. Since this is a wild-game refuge, one may see wild turkeys, deer, elk, and innumerable birds of various kinds. Altogether it is a lovely spot for rest and recreation. During certain summer weeks the owner brings children from Phoenix for 8-day camps. At other times the lodge (The Little Colorado) is available for reservations for guests. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wiltbank are the very able and pleasant managers.

But I started out to write about the one sheep on the ranch, namely, *Zuni*. This animal looks like a sheep, grows wool like a sheep, makes a noise like a sheep, even smells like a sheep. But she has a very curious and unusual ambition—she apparently wants to be a horse! Jack says that she actually thinks she is a horse! Not being an expert in the field of sheep psychology, I can only tell you how she acts.

Zuni will have no dealings with any animal on the ranch except the horses. Day and night she sticks with them. She eats with the horses, drinks with them, and sleeps with them. As some of my readers will know, on many western cattle ranches “guards” are used instead of gates. As a rule, cattle will not risk crossing these guards. The same is true of the ordinary horse. But these local horses are smart, and have worked out their own ways of getting across without mishap. One group simply jumps the whole affair. The others have learned

to walk across by following the path of a supporting girder. It is very simple when you know how.

Now I have watched with interest these horses in their attitude and treatment of *Zuni*. While they have apparently decided to tolerate her, you gather that they really do not think much of her. At times, for no apparent reason whatever, the horses will suddenly decide to get away from *Zuni*. Away they go, tearing through brush, over the cattle guards, through the river, over the hills. And after them, bleating piteously, runs *Zuni*. She must crawl through the fences and swim the river. After about so much of this, the horses will stop and begin cropping the grass, while poor *Zuni* finally catches up and lies down completely exhausted. You might actually suppose that the horses are having a good quiet laugh at *Zuni*, if horses laugh. But *Zuni* is very persistent, and so far as my limited observation goes, they

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ENCOURAGING LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Peru, Ind.—“Enclosed find a small contribution toward the great work ahead at Winona and all over the world. Am pleased to learn we are to have another supply of envelopes toward incentive of all-out effort in eliminating indebtedness on seminary.”

Kokomo, Ind.—“The Lord has enabled me to again have a part in the ministry of ‘Grace,’ for which I thank Him. I trust the Lord shall supply every need.”

Twin Falls, Idaho.—“Enclosed is my dollar for the Grace Seminary Finance Plan.”

Whittier, Calif.—“Please find enclosed check for \$25 for Grace Seminary. . . . I pray that the church will help out in this crisis.”

Dania, Fla.—“Please find enclosed check for \$100 for Grace Theological Seminary Building Fund. An isolated member.”

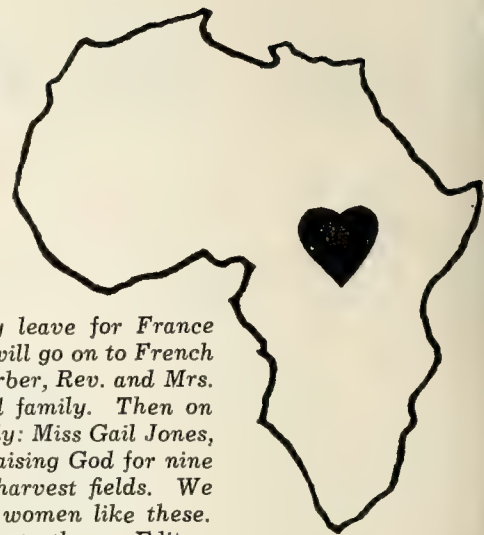
Long Beach, Calif.—“After reading the Herald I hasten to send my check of five dollars for the Dollar-a-Month Plan to help along for the next 12 months. We pray that the need of the seminary may be speedily met.”

Shanck, Ohio.—“I am sending this offering to you as a gift from ——— [a Grace Seminary student—Ed.]. He helped in a Sunday school class and asks me to send the offering to your seminary rather than to accept the offering himself.”

Clay City, Ind.—“Enclosed find a money order for \$10 to go toward the expense of our school. Our prayers are ever for the school.”

Bellflower, Calif.—“The Lord has laid it upon our hearts to send in this small offering. May the Lord bless it to your need. We will send in our monthly offerings afterward through the Bellflower Brethren Church.”

9 Former Students Leave for Africa



On August 20 six former students of Grace Theological Seminary leave for France aboard the S. S. Queen Elizabeth. After a period of study there they will go on to French Equatorial Africa as missionaries. They are Rev. and Mrs. Martin Garber, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy, Miss MaryAnn Habegger, and Dr. Harold Mason and family. Then on September 19 three more will sail aboard the S. S. United States, namely: Miss Gail Jones, Miss Marian Thurston, and Miss Edith Geske. Thus the seminary is praising God for nine more young people who have gone from the halls of the school to the harvest fields. We are grateful for the God-given privilege of training young men and women like these. Read their testimonies which speak of the blessing the school has been to them.—Editor.

The days of packing have ended, and the day of departure on the *Queen Elizabeth* is drawing nigh. As I am preparing to leave, the blessings which the Lord has showered on me are ever before me. Some of these blessings are the channels and personalities He has used in my life to help me and prepare me for the field of service to which He has called.

One of these channels the Lord has used is Grace Seminary. The past 2 years spent there have been most profitable and enjoyable. The blessings received from the study of the Word, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit using as instruments professors who are consecrated wholly unto Him, are innumerable. The more one learns of God's Word the more one learns of the grace and love of God. His love does constrain me to share the greatest message in the world and introduce Christ my Lord to the African people.

MaryAnn Habegger.



As one who has been called to serve Him in the foreign field, I feel that Grace Seminary has meant much to me. Although I felt the call to serve Him in Africa before I came to seminary, I now feel that I can serve Him in a far better and greater way.



I wish to thank those of you who have given that Grace Seminary might be tuition-free. Many, like myself, have been able to attend the school and receive its valuable training who otherwise would not have been able to come.

As Grace Seminary continues to grow, my prayer is that Christ may have the preeminence in all things and that those who graduate may hold forth the name of Jesus Christ, for "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby they might be saved."

Marian Thurston.

As the time approaches for my return to the land of my nativity, it is with great joy that I anticipate the privilege of giving these benighted people of Africa the "good news."

How thankful I am that even as Ezra prepared his heart to seek the law of God, so the Lord raised up Grace Seminary to prepare men and women to tell forth the pure grace of God.

Now since my stay at the school is over I can truly say these years at Grace Seminary were the best preparing years of my life. I would dread going to Africa without its wonderful preparation backing me. Because of its blessing and influence the school shall receive my wholehearted support and prayers.

Lester W. Kennedy.



As I look back over the past I often think of the truth found in Proverbs 3:5-6. Truly when we do trust Him for leading He does direct our paths.



I am thankful for the salvation that is mine in Christ Jesus. I am thankful too that He led me then into full-time Christian service. I am happy that he directed me to Grace Seminary, for it was there that I was taught many wonderful truths found in God's Word and was equipped with what I needed to tell others.

Now the time has come for me to leave and go to them with this wonderful plan of salvation. How thankful I am for the excellent training I had at Grace.

Lois Kennedy.

As a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary and as a missionary candidate ready for Africa, I would like to

express my sincere thanks to Grace Seminary for what the school has meant to my life. Our school has a fine group of consecrated Christian men as its faculty, and with Christ-centered courses the blessing which has come to me in the classroom can never be fully expressed. I wish not only to thank the faculty of the seminary for what they have given, but also to thank the people of the Brethren Church who have made possible such a seminary which honors the Word of God.

Martin Garber.

I would also like to join my husband in expressing my appreciation for Grace Theological Seminary. I am indeed grateful for the spiritual blessings I have received from the few courses I have been able to take as a seminary student's wife. They have helped much in my spiritual development, and the things I have learned will do much to help me as I seek to serve the Lord on the mission field. We thank the Lord for all who have made Grace Seminary possible.

Beverly Garber.

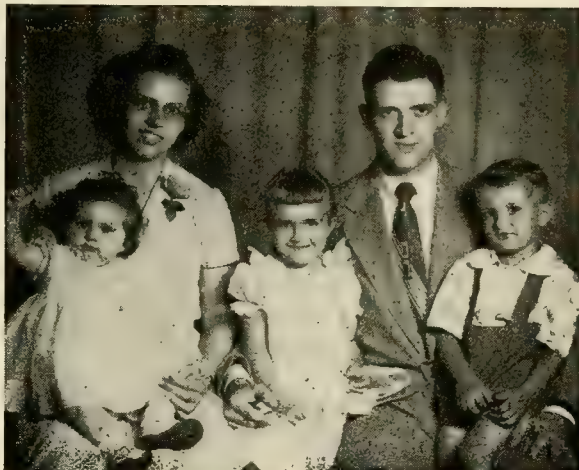
Looking forward to serving the Lord in Africa, I am especially thankful for the Bible teaching that I received at Grace Seminary.

I praise the Lord for the Brethren people who saw the need for just such a school in which their young people might receive sound and thorough instruction in the Word of God—where they might be taught to “rightly divide the Word” in order to take its message of salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.

As Grace Seminary continues its teaching ministry, my prayers will join those of its other graduates that

the school will continue to stand firm on the Rock, Christ Jesus, even as it has done in the past. Gail Jones.

On the brink of our departure for the foreign mission field it is only natural that many happy memories should come to mind. One of the happiest seasons which I have



known was the time spent at Winona Lake and Grace Theological Seminary. The rich spiritual fellowship, the cooperative and busy atmosphere, the close friendships formed, the Spirit-led instruction—all these were richer than at any previous place. We certainly marvel at the way the Lord has led our lives into places where He could bless us, and at the promises He has given that He will “go before,” “overshadow,” “surround,” and “keep,” in addition to the promise to “fill” and to satisfy. Please pray that we might seek to be in the center of His will.

Harold Mason.

We regret our inability to contact Miss Edith Geske, who was traveling in deputation work. Let us pray for her and for each of those whose testimonies appear above as they continue their work in France before going on to the field.—Ed.



ZUNI—THE SHEEP THAT WANTS TO BE A HORSE

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have never managed to shake her but once. Then for about an hour she ran about in the forest bleating like a lost soul until she located the horses grazing in a hidden spot.

Zuni is not a happy sheep. At first you may think her actions rather amusing, as I did, but you end by feeling very sorry for her.

Now I have no doubt but that this little description of Zuni could be closed right here, and most readers could make a fairly apt spiritual application of the story of Zuni, the sheep who wants to be a horse. But let me have the final word: God has some sheep who act a little like Zuni. They try to run with the world, but they

never quite succeed. They may, and do, furnish the world with a bit of perverse amusement, but they are really very tragic figures. Instead of being content in fulfilling their destiny as the sheep of Christ, they try desperately to be something for which their new-born nature is totally unfitted. And they always fail—Zuni will never become a horse; she was born a sheep. The world may indeed find a certain sardonic amusement out of the spectacle of the sheep of God trying to run with those who belong to the world, but if you are one of the Lord's own, if you can see clearly, you will pity them—and pray for them.

Greer, Ariz.

THE UNIQUENESS OF GRACE SEMINARY

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Assistant Professor in Old Testament

Recently I received a letter from a graduate of an eastern university who is seeking the Lord's guidance in choosing a fundamental seminary to attend. Several outstanding schools, including Grace, were recommended to him by a friend, but the problem faced him, as it does many a young Christian: to which school would the Lord have me to go? I was glad that he wrote to me, stating his problem, and asking my reasons for recommending Grace Seminary, because it gave me the opportunity of rethinking the whole question of what Grace Seminary stands for, and why in several important respects it stands *unique* among the schools of America.



Mr. Whitcomb

Its Spiritual Position

If the history of Christianity teaches us anything with certainty, it teaches us that a condition of spiritual coldness among a group of believers is usually followed by a condition of apostasy and deadness. Nowhere is this more true than among theological seminaries, as the sad trends in our own generation have demonstrated. As a result of these trends, a large number of Christian people have come to feel that theological seminaries must of *necessity* be spiritual iceboxes, unworthy, therefore, of their support. Unfortunately, this judgment is true in the case of *most* seminaries in America today—but *not with Grace!* Born out of a prayer meeting held in Ashland, Ohio, only 15 years ago, Grace Seminary was destined by God from the very beginning of its existence to be a graduate school second to none in its spiritual power and Bible-centered teaching. It was brought into existence by God to show to a world stupefied by ungodly philosophies, and to a professing church nearly paralyzed by compromise and unbelief, that there *can* be, in *our* times, a theological seminary of high scholastic standing, in which *prayer, witnessing, and Christian living* are not just talked about, but *practiced*.

When I first came to Grace as a student, having graduated from a secular university, the spiritual life of this school made a tremendous impression upon me, and, I am happy to say, this impression has increased during the years that I have been here. The supremacy of prevailing and believing prayer is constantly emphasized—at the beginning of every class period, in each chapel hour, in the weekly time of praise and prayer, in the annual day of prayer and confession, and, in fact, in every phase of our school life. The prayer room in the seminary tower is a symbol of what this school believes to be the key to its spiritual power.

It is because Grace Seminary places a unique emphasis upon prayer and submission to the Lord Jesus Christ that it has become unique in its missionary and evangelistic fervor. Frequent missionary talks in chapel, Foreign Missions Fellowship and Gospel Team activities, and a well-balanced, Bible-centered curriculum do not, however, constitute the complete explanation for Grace Seminary's enviable record of over 350 workers on the home or foreign field within 14 years. The complete and

final explanation is that God's Holy Spirit has spoken to yielded and believing hearts through His Word, and has led each student to a place of service prepared for him long before by the loving and infinite wisdom of our God.

The spiritual emphasis at Grace Seminary is unique because it is *balanced, positive, and Scriptural*. Some Christian schools have become overbalanced and extreme in their emphasis on certain aspects of Christian truth, and suffer for it; others have allowed themselves to become embittered through strife and controversy; while still others have missed the mark of true spirituality by holding to non-Scriptural doctrines of holiness and sanctification. How rare and precious and worthy of all efforts to retain, is the spiritual position which God has given to Grace Seminary!

Its Doctrinal Position

An all-important factor to consider when choosing a seminary to attend is the doctrinal position of the school, or, in other words, the stand which it takes with regard to the interpretation of the Scriptures. Christian young people who have been called by God into the ministry of teaching and preaching the Word, it is *imperative* to study carefully the doctrinal stand of the seminary in which you are interested before submitting yourselves to its teachings for a period of years! Any doctrinal deviation from the truth of God's Word *must* take its toll, in one way or another, during the years of your future ministry. God has placed too high a value on His revealed Word to allow it to be tampered with lightly.

Exactly where, then, does Grace Seminary stand doctrinally? As opposed to all the recent and widespread movements of modernism, liberalism, and neo-orthodoxy, Grace Seminary stands without compromise for the "faith which was once delivered unto the saints" as revealed in the verbally inspired Scriptures. In the interpretation of these Scriptures it teaches the premillennial return of Christ for the establishment of His literal kingdom upon the earth; it places the proper scriptural emphasis upon the sovereignty and grace of God in saving and keeping eternally all those who trust in Christ; it observes the scriptural distinctions between the various dispensations; it holds to the congregational form of church government; and it teaches and practices the Christian ordinances which are given in the Bible, as the early church and—in recent centuries—the Brethren Church, has observed them.

Having studied the situation in some of the other outstanding evangelical seminaries of our country, I feel safe in saying that the 3-year theological curriculum of Grace Seminary is *without parallel* in its *Bible-centered* emphasis. And along with this, the academic standards of our school are very high, its credits being accepted by schools of similar character everywhere. As the seminary catalog expresses it: "Students looking for an 'easy' school do not knowingly come to Grace Seminary."

With a new campus, a new building, and a rapidly growing student body, Grace Seminary needs your prayers and your gifts as never before in its history. God has clearly manifested His approval of Grace Seminary's spiritual, doctrinal, and scholastic position by the increasing blessings He has showered upon us in recent years. How are you showing *your* approval?

GRACE SEMINARY COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

AUGUST 1951-JULY 1952

| | 1950-51
Total | August
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Gen. | 1951-July
Bldg. | 1952
Spec. | 1952
Total |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Accident, Md. .. | \$17.00 | | | | | S. B'r'n'dino, Calif. | 243.02 | 45.85 | | | 45.85 |
| Akron, Ohio | 834.65 | 433.25 | 160.86 | ..... | 594.11 | San Diego, Calif. | 421.00 | 76.00 | 46.00 | ..... | 122.00 |
| Albany, Oreg. | 37.50 | 26.30 | ..... | ..... | 26.30 | S. Barbara, Calif. | 25.00 | ..... | 25.00 | ..... | 25.00 |
| Albuquerque, N.M. | 49.79 | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | 5.00 | Seal Beach, Calif. | 35.14 | 15.00 | ..... | ..... | 15.00 |
| Aleppo, Pa. .... | ..... | ..... | 14.00 | ..... | 14.00 | Seven Fount., Va. | 61.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Alexandria, Va. .. | 206.50 | 212.50 | ..... | ..... | 212.50 | Sharpville, Ind.. | 50.00 | ..... | 25.00 | ..... | 25.00 |
| Allentown, Pa. ... | 74.00 | 5.00 | 1.00 | ..... | 6.00 | Sidney, Ind. | 940.88 | 370.00 | 12.00 | ..... | 382.00 |
| Alto, Mich. .... | ..... | 67.00 | 2.00 | ..... | 69.00 | Singer Hill, Pa.. | 366.25 | 3.00 | ..... | ..... | 3.00 |
| Altoona, Pa. (1st) | 338.50 | 91.50 | 5.00 | ..... | 96.50 | South Bend, Ind. | 249.00 | 122.68 | 64.00 | ..... | 186.68 |
| Altoona, Pa. (Gr.) | 308.34 | 137.00 | 5.00 | ..... | 142.00 | South Gate, Calif. | 626.34 | 70.24 | 6.00 | 23.70 | 99.94 |
| Ankenytown, Ohio | 734.20 | 89.30 | 5.25 | ..... | 94.55 | S. Pasadena, Calif. | 486.83 | 301.91 | 48.75 | ..... | 350.66 |
| Artesia, Calif. .... | ..... | 59.57 | ..... | ..... | 59.57 | Spokane, Wash. .. | ..... | 88.92 | 5.00 | ..... | 93.92 |
| Ashland, Ohio | 759.63 | 641.63 | 8.00 | ..... | 649.63 | Sterling, Ohio | 193.10 | 80.00 | ..... | ..... | 80.00 |
| Beaumont, Calif. .. | 20.00 | 201.60 | 60.00 | ..... | 261.60 | Summit Mills, Pa. | 283.46 | 165.10 | 26.00 | ..... | 191.10 |
| Beaver City, Neb. | 130.92 | 21.00 | ..... | ..... | 21.00 | Sunnyside, Wash. | 1,154.21 | 455.50 | 25.00 | ..... | 480.50 |
| Bell, Calif. | 79.75 | 51.50 | ..... | ..... | 51.50 | Arr'yo H'ndo, N.M. | ..... | 1.74 | ..... | ..... | 1.74 |
| Bellflower, Calif.. | 95.85 | 74.05 | ..... | ..... | 74.05 | Taos, N. M. .... | ..... | 13.22 | 2.00 | ..... | 15.22 |
| Berne, Ind. | 1,195.00 | 253.00 | 21.00 | ..... | 274.00 | Cordillera, N. M. | ..... | 2.00 | ..... | ..... | 2.00 |
| B'r'n Spr'gs, Mich. | 41.00 | 47.00 | ..... | ..... | 47.00 | T'mple City, Calif. | 280.00 | 138.68 | ..... | 30.00 | 168.68 |
| Buena Vista, Va. | 606.75 | 160.21 | 1.00 | ..... | 161.21 | Tracy, Calif. | 141.00 | 15.50 | ..... | ..... | 13.50 |
| Camden, Ohio | 34.00 | 48.40 | 9.00 | ..... | 57.40 | Troy, Ohio | 88.00 | 18.00 | 5.50 | ..... | 23.50 |
| Canton, Ohio | 691.20 | ..... | 104.00 | ..... | 104.00 | Uniontown, Pa. .. | 228.59 | 244.41 | 28.00 | ..... | 264.41 |
| Ced'r R'pids, Iowa | 241.40 | 139.60 | ..... | ..... | 139.60 | Wadsworth, Ohio .. | 15.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cheyenne, Wyo. | 16.00 | 29.10 | ..... | ..... | 29.10 | Washington, D. C. | 3,109.10 | 773.50 | 197.41 | ..... | 970.91 |
| Clay City, Ind. | 766.50 | 179.00 | 15.00 | ..... | 194.00 | Waterloo, Iowa .. | 2,007.90 | 593.93 | 486.00 | ..... | 1,079.93 |
| Clayhole, Ky. | 36.19 | 22.82 | ..... | ..... | 22.82 | Waynesboro, Pa. .. | 1,741.88 | 489.52 | 145.00 | ..... | 634.52 |
| Clayton, Ohio | 336.49 | 73.84 | 36.00 | ..... | 109.84 | Whittier, Calif. .. | 2,473.00 | 609.00 | 25.00 | ..... | 634.00 |
| Cleveland, Ohio .. | 98.00 | 31.00 | 1.00 | ..... | 32.00 | Winchester, Va. ... | 1,203.62 | 498.71 | 37.00 | ..... | 535.71 |
| Compton, Calif. | 399.10 | 172.62 | 51.00 | ..... | 223.62 | Winona Lake, Ind. | 3,621.25 | 1,122.18 | 263.00 | 289.74 | 1,674.92 |
| Conemaugh, Pa. ... | 1,338.16 | 384.00 | 182.00 | 10.00 | 576.00 | Wooster, Ohio .. | 577.92 | 287.66 | 518.00 | ..... | 805.66 |
| Covington, Ohio .. | 117.10 | 79.73 | ..... | ..... | 79.73 | Yakima, Wash. | 284.15 | ..... | 10.00 | ..... | 10.00 |
| Covington, Va. | 435.25 | 206.41 | 23.00 | ..... | 229.41 | Yellow Creek, Pa. | 218.50 | 111.50 | 6.00 | ..... | 117.50 |
| Cuyahoga Falls, O. | 75.81 | 61.11 | 10.00 | ..... | 71.11 | York, Pa. .... | ..... | 50.00 | ..... | ..... | 50.00 |
| Dallas C'n't'r, Iowa | 1,495.65 | 433.00 | ..... | ..... | 433.00 | Total ..... | ..... | 27,335.81 | 9,686.99 | 643.44 | 37,666.24 |
| Danville, Ohio | 256.75 | 75.00 | 47.37 | ..... | 122.37 | Isolated Brethren | ..... | 240.00 | 1,388.00 | ..... | 1,628.00 |
| Dayton, O. (Beth.) | 72.00 | 104.40 | ..... | ..... | 104.40 | Non-Brethren ... | ..... | 532.00 | 638.00 | 267.50 | 1,437.50 |
| Dayton, O. (1st) | 2,700.67 | 1,021.88 | 436.00 | ..... | 1,457.88 | National BYF ..... | ..... | ..... | 21.00 | ..... | 21.00 |
| Dayton, (N. Riv.) | 2,532.93 | 873.00 | 1,390.50 | ..... | 2,263.50 | National WMC ..... | ..... | ..... | 2,204.29 | ..... | 2,204.29 |
| Dayton, O. (P. P.) | 187.00 | 62.00 | ..... | ..... | 62.00 | WMC of Bozoum. . | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Denver, Colo. .... | ..... | 100.00 | ..... | ..... | 100.00 | Breth. Miss. Herald | ..... | ..... | ..... | 62.50 | 62.50 |
| Elkhart, Ind. | 20.00 | ..... | 21.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | (radio sponsor) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Everett, Pa. .... | ..... | 10.00 | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | Dedication Day of- | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Fillmore, Calif. | 149.10 | 46.75 | ..... | ..... | 46.75 | fering, misc. .... | ..... | ..... | 272.84 | ..... | 272.84 |
| Findlay, Ohio .... | ..... | 95.57 | ..... | ..... | 95.57 | Misc. desig. gifts.. | ..... | ..... | ..... | 37.00 | 37.00 |
| Flora, Ind. | 1,568.37 | 374.00 | 106.00 | ..... | 480.00 | Foreign Miss. Soc. | ..... | 1,000.00 | ..... | ..... | 1,000.00 |
| Fort Wayne, Ind. | 1,523.48 | 638.40 | 113.50 | ..... | 751.90 | (bldg. maint.).. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Freemont, Ohio | 608.65 | 267.50 | 32.00 | ..... | 299.50 | Winona Lake Br. | ..... | 2,000.00 | ..... | ..... | 2,000.00 |
| Garvey, Calif. | 202.07 | 10.00 | 18.00 | ..... | 28.00 | Church (bldg.).. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Garwin, Iowa | 309.98 | 116.00 | 10.00 | ..... | 126.00 | Breth. Home Miss. | ..... | 1,000.00 | ..... | ..... | 1,000.00 |
| Glendale, Calif. .. | 931.30 | 216.75 | 93.00 | ..... | 309.75 | Council (bldg.) | ..... | 19.94 | ..... | ..... | 19.94 |
| Grafton, W. Va. ... | 43.16 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Senior Sem. Class | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hagerstown, Md. .. | 2,071.28 | 790.29 | 192.00 | ..... | 982.29 | Total misc. .... | ..... | 4,791.94 | 2,319.84 | 2,581.29 | 9,693.07 |
| Harrah, Wash. | 1,363.84 | 189.00 | ..... | 20.00 | 209.00 | Grand total.. | ..... | 32,127.75 | 12,006.83 | 3,224.73 | 47,359.31 |
| Harrisburg, Pa. ... | 263.00 | 259.32 | 35.00 | ..... | 294.32 | | | | | | |
| Holidaysburg, Pa. | 245.00 | 75.00 | 10.00 | ..... | 85.00 | | | | | | |
| Hollins, Va. | 1,013.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Homerville, Ohio .. | 339.45 | 108.00 | 78.25 | ..... | 186.25 | | | | | | |
| Huntington, Ind. .. | 90.00 | 80.00 | 10.00 | ..... | 90.00 | | | | | | |
| Jackson, Mich. .... | ..... | 7.81 | ..... | ..... | 7.81 | | | | | | |
| Jenners, Pa. | 152.95 | 28.50 | 1.00 | ..... | 29.50 | | | | | | |
| Johnson City, Tenn. | 57.00 | 17.00 | ..... | ..... | 17.00 | | | | | | |
| Johnst'n, Pa. (1) | 1,768.78 | 687.67 | 561.23 | ..... | 1,248.92 | | | | | | |
| Johnst'n, Pa. (Riv.) | ..... | 45.00 | ..... | ..... | 45.00 | | | | | | |
| Kingsport, Tenn. .. | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | 5.00 | | | | | | |
| Kitt'ning, Pa. (1) | 338.40 | 154.28 | 6.50 | ..... | 160.77 | | | | | | |
| Kitt'ning (N. Buff.) | ..... | 16.00 | ..... | ..... | 16.00 | | | | | | |
| La Cr'sc'nta, Calif. | ..... | 6.00 | ..... | ..... | 6.00 | | | | | | |
| La O'd'ssa, Mich. | 359.90 | 103.85 | 6.00 | ..... | 109.85 | | | | | | |
| La O'd'ssa, Ill. .... | ..... | ..... | 50.00 | ..... | 50.00 | | | | | | |
| La Verne, Calif. .. | 1,221.18 | 366.50 | 76.00 | 10.00 | 452.50 | | | | | | |
| Leamersville, Pa. .. | 641.00 | 98.00 | 30.00 | ..... | 128.00 | | | | | | |
| Leesburg, Ind. | 229.64 | 88.02 | 20.00 | ..... | 108.02 | | | | | | |
| Leon, Iowa | 592.55 | 260.00 | 110.00 | ..... | 370.00 | | | | | | |
| Limestone, Tenn. .. | 259.75 | 107.70 | 41.00 | ..... | 148.70 | | | | | | |
| Listic, Pa. | 700.65 | 183.10 | 120.00 | ..... | 303.10 | | | | | | |
| Long Beach (1st) | 10,534.31 | 4,193.06 | 1,142.00 | ..... | 5,335.06 | | | | | | |
| Long Beach (2d) | 1,068.62 | 340.00 | 50.00 | ..... | 390.00 | | | | | | |
| Los Angeles (1st) | 1,451.75 | 350.00 | 387.85 | ..... | 737.85 | | | | | | |
| Los Angeles (2d) | 624.36 | 237.82 | 1,125.00 | ..... | 1,362.82 | | | | | | |
| Los Angeles (3d) | 62.50 | 54.22 | 5.00 | ..... | 59.22 | | | | | | |
| Mansfield, Ohio .. | 986.70 | 549.61 | 15.00 | 20.00 | 584.61 | | | | | | |
| Martinsburg, Pa. ... | 335.00 | 93.50 | 64.00 | ..... | 157.50 | | | | | | |
| Martinsburg, W. Va. | 270.29 | 73.30 | 5.00 | ..... | 78.30 | | | | | | |
| Meyersdale, Pa. ... | 198.68 | 62.00 | 10.00 | ..... | 72.00 | | | | | | |
| Middlebranch, O. .. | 287.62 | 92.00 | 2.00 | 20.00 | 114.00 | | | | | | |
| M'desto (LaL'ma) | 370.33 | 119.74 | 10.00 | 20.00 | 149.74 | | | | | | |
| Mundy's Cor., Pa. | 620.08 | 260.60 | 12.00 | ..... | 272.60 | | | | | | |
| New Troy, Mich. | 407.20 | ..... | 18.00 | ..... | 18.00 | | | | | | |
| N. English, Iowa .. | 231.00 | 134.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 | 149.00 | | | | | | |
| Osceola, Iowa | 738.50 | 243.25 | 30.00 | ..... | 273.25 | | | | | | |
| Peru, Ind. | 314.50 | 48.00 | 80.00 | ..... | 128.00 | | | | | | |
| Philadelphia (1st) | 1,832.93 | 335.00 | 334.00 | 180.00 | 849.00 | | | | | | |
| Philadelphia (3d) | 526.50 | 161.50 | 10.00 | ..... | 171.50 | | | | | | |
| Portis, Kans. | 344.75 | 145.14 | ..... | ..... | 145.14 | | | | | | |
| Portland, Oreg. | 170.60 | 47.00 | 5.00 | ..... | 52.00 | | | | | | |
| Radford, Va. | 44.00 | ..... | 11.00 | ..... | 11.00 | | | | | | |
| Rittman, Ohio | 753.59 | 224.00 | 5.00 | ..... | 229.00 | | | | | | |
| Roanoke (Ghent) | 859.60 | 652.00 | 35.00 | ..... | 687.00 | | | | | | |
| Roanoke (Cl'r'b'k) | 88.00 | 34.00 | ..... | ..... | 34.00 | | | | | | |

INTERESTING GIFTS FROM SPECIAL GROUPS

Dayton, Ohio—"Find enclosed a check for fifty dollars from the Central District WMC. The money is to go into your operating fund. Our district also voted to make Grace Seminary part of our project for this year. One-half of the offering brought to our fall rally in October will go to the seminary."

Winchester, Va.—"The enclosed offering of \$12.86 was received at Camp Grace and designated for the seminary."

At the Northern Ohio District Conference the entire offering at the closing service was designated for the seminary.

The North Buffalo Sunday School, a newly organized group, sent an offering of \$11.20.

The Ghent Church, of Roanoke, sent an offering of \$72.17, of which \$26.17 was given by the Young Christian Couples Bible Class.

The High School CE of the Long Beach First Church sent an offering of \$5.

Churches and Pastors Endors

First Brethren Church

JAMES D. HAMMER, PASTOR
FORT WAYNE 6, INDIANA

August 7, 1952

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, Executive Vice President
Grace Theological Seminary
Winona Lake, Indiana

Dear Brother Bauman:

Greetings in the Lovely Name of our Precious Lord!

I sincerely believe that the decision to revive the dollar a month plan for caring for the needs of the Seminary is ordered of the Lord. I am sure that it is going to be used of Him in a mighty way to once again bring the Seminary before the minds of our people in a way that will see them supporting our school as it should be supported.

Here at Fort Wayne, our Official Board has heartily endorsed the plan and has instructed the pastor to do everything possible to bring the matter before the congregation. Letters have been written to the congregation explaining the plan and each week through the bulletin and from the pulpit we plan to promote this offering.

By a little simple arithmetic we have determined that our minimum share of the \$6,000.00 a month which is needed will be \$72.00 per month. But realizing that all perhaps may not care for their share and appreciating very much the service which Grace Seminary has rendered to our church in having trained the last two pastors in addition to the present one we will do all we can to raise at least \$100.00 per month here at Fort Wayne.

Sincerely, in His Service

James D. Hammer

Preaching Christ: Crucified, Risen, and Coming Again



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New Troy
Brethren Church

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Richard Jackson, Jr., Pastor

July 29, 1952

To the Faculty and Staff
Grace Theological Seminary
Winona Lake, Indiana

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, Exec. Vice Pres.

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our precious Savior!

I have been instructed to convey to you the appreciation of we of New Troy for your selfless service to the Brethren Church.

Yours has been a behind-the-scenes ministry, so to speak; one that is not continually before the eyes and minds of our people such as is the ministry of our pastors and missionaries and evangelists. It is for this reason, I fear, that the Brethren Church has taken the Seminary and its faculty and staff too much for granted and has lost sight of the great value of their ministry. And yet it seems a great possibility and probability that there would be no pastors, no missionaries, no evangelists if it were not for that very ministry.

In view of this, and having had our own negligence brought to our attention by the critical period through which our school is now passing, we desire to pledge anew our cooperation in prayer for you of the faculty and staff and for the student body continually, and our financial support to the school as we are enabled of the Lord.

May our God richly bless you and strengthen you and uphold you in the great task that lies ahead, and may your ministry be a fruitful one.

Yours in Christ,

Richard Jackson, Jr.
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Pastor



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The *Yellow Creek, Pa.*, church, pastored by Rev. Sheldon Snyder, received seven members on July 20. Two of these came upon confession of faith and five came from another denomination.

The *Jackson, Mich.*, church, which meets in the Masonic Hall, had 30 people present for Sunday school, 37 in morning worship, and 22 in evening service on August 3. Rev. Ord Gehman, of Berne, Ind., preached the morning sermon. Pastor of the church is Rev. Robert L. Bates.

The *Ashland, Ohio*, church, of which Rev. Miles Taber is the pastor, witnessed two public reaffirmations of faith on July 20.

Rev. Dennis Holliday, of Waynesboro, Pa., will preach for Rev. Gordon Bracker at the Kittanning, Pa., church on August 24.

The *New Troy, Mich.*, church, pastored by Rev. Richard Jackson, heard Rev. Harold Etter, of the International Christian Leprosy Mission, on August 13.

Rev. Gene Farrell, pastor of the Beaumont, Calif., church, preached at Cabazon, Calif., on July 27.

Rev. Noble Crawford preached at the *Beaumont, Calif.*, church on July 27. Prof. S. Herbert Bess gave three Bible lectures there July 30 to August 1. On August 10 the Gideons had the morning service and Bro. Ronald Rasmussen preached the sermon in the evening service.

The *Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Men* are planning another retreat at Camp Chibiabos, Doylestown, Ohio. It will be an overnight retreat, September 12-13. The editor is scheduled as the speaker.

During the absence of the pastor, Rev. George Peek, the midweek services at the *Long Beach, Calif.*,

Second church have been conducted by Rev. Sibley Edmiston, a member of the church who is a senior in Grace Seminary. On August 3 the sermons were preached by Rev. Ralph Hatton and Bro. Al Curtis, both of Los Angeles.

Howard Ogden, younger brother of Rev. W. A. Ogden, died at Ventura, Calif., on August 7. Funeral services were held at Fillmore, where he worked with his brother in the early days of the Fillmore church.

The vacation Bible school at the *Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio*, church had an enrollment of 114 pupils and 15 staff members. Rev. Richard Burch is pastor of this church.

At the *Dayton, Ohio*, North Riverdale church Rev. George Kinzie, a member, preached the morning sermon on August 10. The evening sermon was preached by Rev. Caleb Zimmerman, pastor of the Dayton Patterson Park church.



Camp Grace, Va., sponsored by the Southeast and Atlantic Districts, had a registration of 150 campers in the Junior camp July 21-27, and 140 in the Senior camp July 27 to August 3. Rev. Paul Dick, of Winchester, Va., was the director of the camp.

Rev. Richard DeArmey, of Winona Lake, Ind., and Bro. Herbert F. Sowers, of Listie, Pa., preached the morning and evening sermons at the *Jenners, Pa.*, church on July 20. Pastor of this church is Rev. Wayne Baker.

Dr. J. Kenneth Altig, missionary to Peru, and twin brother of J. Keith Altig, Brethren missionary in Brazil, spoke at the *Long Beach, Calif.*, First church on August 3. Dr. C. W. Mayes is pastor of this church.

The *Winchester, Va.*, church, pastored by Rev. Paul Dick, had an unusual experience on August 3. A woman received Christ as her Saviour, her husband reaffirmed his faith in the Saviour, and then together they presented their baby in public dedication to the Lord.

The *Glendale, Calif.*, church held a service in behalf of the Gideons on

August 10, with Mr. Ernie Newberg giving the message. Pastor of this church is Rev. Archie Lynn.

On July 20 Rev. Wayne Baker, of Jenners, Pa., preached at the *Homerville, Ohio*, church, where Rev. Robert Holmes is the pastor.

One person made public confession of the Saviour at the *Sharpsville, Ind.*, church on August 3 under the ministry of the pastor, Rev. Scott Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fry, of Wooster, Ohio, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 23. They were married by Rev. Charles Castle, Jr., at Rowsburg, Ohio, on July 23, 1902. They united with the Wooster church on February 27, 1944.

Bro. Lester Ike, of Niles, Mich., is scheduled to speak at the *Berrien Springs, Mich.*, church on August 24. This church, of which Rev. Arthur Collins is the pastor, heard Rev. Harold Etter, of the International Christian Leprosy Mission, August 7.

Rev. Walter A. Lepp, with his family, conducted a 3-week tent meeting at Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, July 20-August 8, under the sponsorship of Tabor Bible Institute of Dalmeny. The attendance averaged more than 1,000 people a service, many coming as much as 30 and 40 miles. Several hundred made public decisions for Christ.

William Carl Miller, pastor of the Roanoke, Va., Washington Heights church, was licensed to the ministry on July 27. On August 10 he baptized and received six people into the membership of the church.

The *Fort Wayne, Ind.*, church held a farewell reception on August 10 for Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason and children, and Miss MaryAnn Habegger—members of the church who are on their way to France in preparation for missionary service in Africa. Dr. Russell D. Barnard, general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, was the special speaker.

Rev. Ralph Colburn, youth director, has returned to Winona Lake after spending the summer in the churches and young people's camps of California, Oregon, and Washington.

On August 17 the *Akron, Ohio*, First church held a groundbreaking service for an addition to its building. This church is pastored by Rev. Harold Etling.

Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

By Conard Sandy

The One to Fear

Mr. Paul Hoffman, director of Ford Foundation, recently said: "Of all the forms of tyranny over the mind of man, none is more terrible than fear."

It is indeed a terrible thing to have the wrong kind of fear in one's heart. Fear of Satan or of men should never have place in our hearts, but we should live constantly in respectful fear of God. The Lord Jesus Christ had much to say on this subject. Note these words of His:

"And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Luke 12:4-7).

One of the signs of the sinfulness of the people of this age is the fact that most of them no longer have a fear of God. They ignore Him, they curse Him, and they live as though He did not exist. It is time that we teach men to fear God now or else they will come under His eternal punishment forever.

Taxation and Giving

The First National Bank of Boston, Mass., has made a study of taxes in this country. The conclusion is that taxes—federal, state, and local—take at least 30 percent of our national income.

The Alhambra, Calif., Post Advocate claims that "to pay the cost of federal government this year will take the equivalent of all the wages, salaries, rents, interests, dividends, profits, and other income of 62 million persons living in 27 States."

Yet some people who claim to be saved by the marvelous grace of the Son of God object to giving unto the sovereign God of the universe just 10 percent of their incomes. These people have never learned the truth of Christ's statement: "It is more bless-

ed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Those who have experienced the blessing of giving have not stopped with the tenth; they have first of all given "their own selves to the Lord," as did the people in the days of the Apostle Paul (II Cor. 8:5). When that is done the giving of substance is an easy and delightful matter.

This Is a Confused Age

Dr. Evan R. Collins, president of New York State College for Teachers, has pointed out that the present time is an era of "intellectual confusion." He attributes this state of confusion to the unsettled conditions in world affairs. Because of this, Dr. Collins thinks it is very difficult to teach children as they should be taught. Among other things he said:

"Today our school children understand a war by degrees. To them a war is a cold war, a hot war, or a shooting war, and peace doesn't mean prosperity; war does."

In claiming that this is an age of "intellectual confusion" this educator is in agreement with the Apostle Paul, who wrote to young Timothy concerning the times of the end, telling him that a time of confusion in educational matters would come. He declared that in the last days it would be that people would be "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (II Tim. 3:7).

On the other hand, Paul also wrote to Timothy to tell him that God desired to "have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim. 2:4). When men come to "the knowledge of the truth" in Jesus Christ all confusion will depart. The people of this age are confused, but the people of God know the truth as it is revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ, and hence they possess an everlasting peace in Him.

Salvation Is for All People

Episcopal Bishop Austin Pardue, of Pittsburgh, Pa., spoke concerning a condition in his denomination that is true in too many denominations. In condemning the self-righteous at-

titude that prevails in many churches he said: "We have a phrase which is spoken in our church at every service: that religion is for all sorts and conditions of men. But in too many Episcopal churches, if all sorts and conditions of men were to walk down the aisle on Sunday, the vestrymen would drop dead."

It is possible, indeed, for religion to claim one thing and fail to carry it out in practice. Some churches would not want or accept certain people into membership because of their social standing, or perhaps we should say, lack of social standing of the "right" sort.

This, however, is not true of Christianity. The Lord Jesus Christ came and offered His salvation to all who believe and receive Him and His life eternal. Christ Jesus came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Religion does not conduct Gospel missions in the slums to win men; these missions are sponsored by and carried on by the church of Jesus Christ that believes and preaches that the Saviour came to save *all* who receive Him.

What Are Your Delights?

At Malden, Mass., Adam Youngblood recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He was born a slave on a Georgia farm and in later years worked for the water department of Malden. In connection with the celebration he declared that he has "three delights—chewing-tobacco, roast chicken, and watermelon."

Surely those are not delights of a very high level. They have to do only with the physical body. He evidently has no delights that concern the mind, the soul, or the spirit.

A shepherd boy who became one of the great kings of all time described the blessed man as one who discovers his delight in "the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." In light of this he exhorts every believer to "delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psa. 1:2; 37:4).

Tell me the things that delight you and I will tell you what you are. Remember, our Father knows our delights at all times!

Report of the Flying Seminar

Brethren Members of Tour Meet Bro. Fogle in Paris

By Prof. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Winona Lake, Ind.

(Prof. John Whitcomb, of Grace Seminary, wrote the following letter to the editor on August 3, 1952.)

As I write this letter from the Majestic Hotel in Rome, Italy, we are preparing to leave by TWA Constellation for Cairo, Egypt, for the third stop of our Flying Seminar study tour of Europe and the Bible lands. It hardly seems possible that just a week ago we had our send-off service at the Billy Sunday Tabernacle in Winona Lake. Since then we have crossed the Atlantic Ocean, with stops in Boston, Newfoundland, and Ireland. We spent 3 days in Paris and 3 days visiting the famous "Eternal City" of Rome.

The Flying Seminar tour, sponsored by the Winona Lake School of Theology, is especially interesting because the 85 students on the trip are pastors, teachers, and students from all parts of the United States and Canada. During the trip lectures on archeology, church history,

etc., are given by Dr. John Huffman, tour director; Dr. Edward J. Young, of Westminster Theological Seminary; Dr. Arnold Schultz, of Northern Baptist Seminary; and Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, of Fuller Theological Seminary. Three tour members—Rev. Milton Dowden, Bro. William Short, and myself—are alumni of Grace Seminary.

We arrived in Paris on Monday evening and left on Thursday afternoon. During this time Brother Short and I had an excellent opportunity to visit the principal points of interest. . . .

It did not take us long to realize that we were in a different social and religious atmosphere in Paris than any we had experienced in the States. With only 5,000,000 out of 42,000,000 French people actively connected with the Roman Catholic Church, and only 750,000 Protestants, of whom only 50,000 are probably born-again Christians, we soon realized that the predominant atmosphere of this country is paganism with an undercurrent of Communism (expressed in "U. S. Go Home" signs painted on fences and walls). The real religion of France, especially Paris, seems to be art and pleasure. We felt somewhat as the Apostle Paul did in Athens, whose "spirit was stirred within him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry."

It was our privilege to have a conference with Rev. Fred Fogle, Brethren missionary to France. We were greatly impressed with Brother Fogle's intense desire to preach the Word in this land, as he told us of a recent visit to the Lyons area with Rev. Bernard Schneider. . . . There is scarcely any Gospel testimony at all within many miles of that city.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Munn (Grace Seminary, 1951) were also at this meeting [of Brethren and Grace alumni in a Paris hotel], representing the European Bible Institute, where he has been teaching for 6 months. We visited the institute the following day. It is located in Chanton, about 20 minutes by train from

Paris. We rejoiced to see how the Lord is establishing this important evangelical center. . . .

We have been impressed with the differences between Paris and Rome. Rome seems far less cosmopolitan, busy, and elegant than Paris. The people here take the Roman Catholic Church far more seriously, and life seems to move at a more leisurely pace under the sunny Italian sky. While in Rome we have visited the stupendous St. Peter's Cathedral, the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Palatine Hill (where many imperial palaces were built), the Arch of Titus (which shows the seven-branch candlestick being transported to Rome by the soldiers of Titus, the St. Calixtus Catacombs (which date back to the second century—a part of the vast complex system of Christian catacombs outside the city walls, which are 500 miles long and contain perhaps 2,000,000 burial places), and the Vatican Museum, where we saw a part of the famous Vaticanus manuscript (Codex B), and the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo. . . .

As we leave for Egypt, and then Palestine, we feel the thrill of traveling over those places where men of God, from Abraham to the Apostle Paul, lived and walked by faith in Him whose promises never fail. We also realize that it is not sacred places, but human hearts surrendered to Christ, that take the place of first importance in the sight of God. May we seek to live more for Him.

86 AT RESCUE MISSION SCHOOL

The second annual Rescue Mission Training Conference, sponsored by the International Union of Rescue Missions, was held at Winona Lake, Ind., July 22-27, with 86 registered delegates in attendance.

Dr. William E. Paul, superintendent of Union City Mission, Minneapolis, Minn., acted as dean, and his book, "Rescue Mission Manual," was the official text for the course. Various mission workers conducted a total of 15 conferences on different phases of mission work.

Those who completed the 5-day course were awarded certificates of merit, the certificates being presented by Homer Rodeheaver, assisted by Mrs. William A. (Ma) Sunday. Also each delegate was presented with a copy of Dr. Paul's new book, "Miracles of Rescue," which is a collection of testimonies from people converted in Gospel missions.

SOLDIERS AID KOREAN ORPHANS

United States Army personnel and their dependents stationed in Alaska have contributed \$1,271 for relief of Korean orphans. This money was given through "collections taken in Army chapels." Col. Charles P. Malumphy, supervisory chaplain of the U. S. Army in Alaska, collected the funds and sent them to Gen. Mark Clark, commander of the UN forces in the Far East, for distribution.

XI—THE TIME SIGN

There is a very significant word of prophecy in the Scriptures, a time word which constitutes a time sign, the word "until." It is not a date word and gives no authority for the setting of any date for the rapture. Christian watchers need no dates! They are always ready for the coming of the Lord. But this time word does indicate the nearness of His coming.

"Times of the Gentiles"
(Luke 21:24)

Christ foretold that the city of Jerusalem would be trodden down of the gentiles "until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Most Bible teachers believe that the times of the gentiles began with the Babylonian captivity under Nebuchadnezzar, as recorded in Jeremiah 29:1-14. Since that day the city of Jerusalem has been under gentile control. The gentiles have been treading it down and exercising political domination over it.

Under the Balfour Declaration, July 24, 1922, Great Britain was given a mandate over Palestine. Since that time partial restoration of the land and Jerusalem has been given to Israel. But the times of the gentiles have not yet been completed. However, developments prove that they are nearing an end. The political rule of the world by gentile nations is rapidly weakening. Kingdoms are falling and nations are failing! Israel, regathered from among the nations, is rapidly assuming the place of a nation among the nations again. Jerusalem will soon be entirely delivered from gentile rule, and this indicates that the consummation of the age is near at hand.

"Fulness of the Gentiles"
(Rom. 11:25)

In this passage we read, "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." This time word "until" in this verse refers to spiritual matters and not to political affairs. The "fulness of the Gentiles" is a phrase referring to the outcalling of the

bride of Christ from among the gentiles. This does not forbid Jews from being included. The blindness to Israel is "in part" only. We should pray and work for the Jew to be included also.

But this passage (Rom. 11) foretells that part of Israel will be blinded to Christ during this age and this blindness will remain until the "fulness of the Gentiles be come in," that is, until the bride of Christ be completed. If the blindness of unbelief caused the breaking off of the branches of Israel, gentiles, beware! Does not the growing unbelief among gentiles indicate that the time of their being "cut off" is approaching and the time when Israel shall be "grafted in" again is at hand?

The Heart Veil (II Cor. 3:13-16)

In these verses the veil of unbelief, which to this day remains upon the hearts of Israel, is described. Israel covered the face of Moses with a veil because they could not endure the reflection of the glory of the Lord on his face when he came down from the mountain. Why could they not endure to behold the face of Moses whose skin did shine? Because of the veil of unbelief upon their hearts. "Until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away" concerning the prophecy of Moses of the coming of the Christ as their Messiah. But this passage foretells a time when this veil shall be taken

away. It will remain until a certain time when Israel shall believe. Today we behold many of Israel turning to the Lord. The veil is getting thinner. The hearts of many in Israel are turning to the Lord.

Times of Restitution (Acts 3:17-21)

This passage primarily refers to Israel. It foretells a time of national repentance and forgiveness of Israel. God has not cast away Israel forever. The Christ who did come, whom Israel rejected, will come again! The heaven has received Him and will retain Him "until the times of restitution of all things," which God has foretold from of old. Some translate this passage thus: "Repent ye therefore, and turn again, in order that the times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that he may send Christ."

We do not believe that the coming of the Lord is dependent upon the national repentance of Israel, but that Israel is exhorted to repent and get ready for His coming. Of this we are sure—when the prophetic clock strikes the "times of restitution of all things," He who is to be the Restorer will come! Then will come "seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

Till He Come (I Cor. 11:26)

Each time a child of God partakes of the bread and cup of the holy communion a testimony is given of Christ's coming! The death of Christ is declared in this memorial of His sacrifice. This we are to do "till he come." What about the 40 percent and more of the membership of the average Brethren church who never attend a communion service? The Brethren Church that averages 60 percent of its book membership at communion is above the average of the denomination. Beloved brethren, this ought not to be so! We do not preach and teach enough about the communion service. We are careless and rebellious concerning this great testimony to the death and coming of our Lord.

MARANATHA!



NORTHWEST CAMPS ENJOY GOOD SEASON

I had heard so much about the Northwest camp, located at Clear Lake, about 50 miles out of Yakima, Wash., that I wanted to visit it. That is the only district in the Brethren Church that owns its camp. So I was really looking forward to being there. I was not in the least disappointed in the camp site or the camps! We had a wonderful 3 weeks there.

There were 53 boys present for the first week of camp—boys 9 to 14 years of age, representing the six churches of the district and the new work starting at Seattle, too. Eddie Motter, blind gymnast with Sky Pilots of America, was also with us that week and added much to camp life with his testimony and his athletic ability. Every bed in camp was occupied and some extra tents were up, and the Lord blessed with good weather, good spirit, and good results. One boy from Seattle, upon confession of faith in the Saviour, was baptized by Bro. Russell Williams, who has helped in laying the ground work for a future Brethren church in that city.

There were 49 girls of the same age present for the second week, and Bro. Ned Collingridge and I were the only men around. And those girls gave us a bad time! They put shredded wheat in our beds, let the air out of my air mattress, sewed up Brother Collingridge's bedding, and one night, hid our whole tent—beds, clothing, and everything! The only things we could find were our pajamas, stuffed like dummies and hanging from the trees! But that's part of the fun at camp! And we did have some wonderful decisions for Christ among the girls that week.

The Senior Camp, which followed, was small, with only 22 full-time campers, and three more who came after camp was half over swelled the number to 25. Other visitors on different nights increased the number around the tables and in the services, and we had a grand time. The weather was beautiful—warm for the mountains, but just right for camp. The lake, which is usually "freezing," was only "real cold."

Leon Zimmerman, of Portland, and Mary Lou Owen, of Sunnyside, won memory work contests the first 2 weeks, which earned each of them a free trip to camp for next year. Those of us who were there will not soon forget camping overnight on

Brethren YOUTH

By Ralph Colburn

the point, or hiking to the ranger station on the mountain top (a 5-mile hike that doesn't seem a bit more than 15!), or trapping chipmunks and salamanders, or seeing deer, bear, porcupine, beavers, etc., around the camp grounds. I trust we will not soon forget the spiritual blessings we enjoyed, too.

TAOS WORKERS ENJOY GREAT SUMMER

Four Brethren girls spent most of the summer in and around Taos, N. Mex., helping in daily vacation Bible schools, camp, and other Christian work in that area. Bro. Sam Horney reports one of the most successful summers yet in our Brethren Spanish work—so much so that that Roman Catholic opposition became particularly bitter and open in the form of newspaper warnings and announcements over a public-address system against our testimony there.

The Brethren Youth Council guaranteed the support of these young people, who received no remuneration—only expenses; and their home churches and other interested groups and individuals gave liberally, so that every need has been met. We certainly praise the Lord for this!

We would like for you to meet the girls. From left to right: Fayth Ann Connor, from Roanoke, Va.; Evelyn Vnasdale, from Fort Wayne, Ind.; Evelyn Schumacher, from Osceola, Ind.; and Carol Flora, from Sampleville, Ohio. They have had a rich experience in Christian service, fellowship, testing, and fun—an experience they will never forget, or regret.



NEWS NOTES

Young people of Leon, Iowa, conduct street meetings every Saturday night in the town square. More than 250 people have attended some of these meetings, and with the use of a loud-speaker, many passers-by are reached with a testimony. These young people also conduct meetings in rest homes and other places in the community. Each Sunday they fill the platform of the church building with a youth choir, often numbering 30 or more.

The Albany, Oreg., young people recently enjoyed a picnic outing at beautiful Silver Falls, with the youth director present. A wonderful picnic dinner was followed by hiking in the park area, then a devotional service. Kathie and Lou Ann King, from Compton, Calif., were also present (they had been featured in the local Youth for Christ rally, and in the church service) and Kathie added much to the singing with her accompaniment and specials. About 30 or 35 people enjoyed the outing together.

OUR DEBT

The total debt of the United States—public and private—when broken down to an individual level shows an average indebtedness of \$2,875 for every man, woman, and child in the country. The total now stands at \$429,400,000,000—an increase of \$14,000,000,000 in the last 12 months. In Israel, deficit spending and a fall in price levels caused the members of their Parliament to cut their own salaries by \$10 per week. In the U. S. A. the Congress, having spent five billions more than the anticipated income, voted themselves a raise in salary and went home.—*Christian Action, July 1952.*

THE MOST POPULAR BOOK

"What is the most popular book in the New York Public Library?" a New York daily newspaper recently asked. Without hesitation, Ralph A. Beals, director of the New York Public Library, answered: "The Bible. Morning, afternoon, and evening, until the main reading room of the central building closes at 10 p.m., there is always a group immersed in various translations and editions from our extensive and notable collection of the Holy Scriptures."—*Good News Broadcaster, August 1952.*

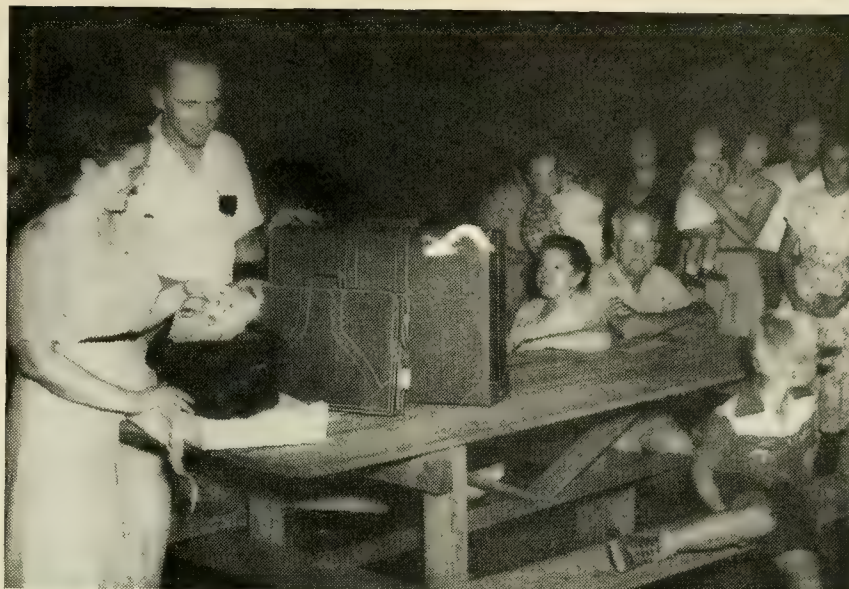
Berrien Springs, Michigan

We have just completed 2 weeks of vacation Bible school using the Gospel Light Press course, "Sailing With Christ." The time of this school was an experiment. Our thought was to let the children be out of regular day school sufficiently long enough to be "saturated" with vacation fervor and possibly ready for a change of pace. The results have been interesting. Forty-four children were registered during the 10-day period. The average daily attendance, including the staff, was 26. The missionary offering received (exclusive of the first day) amounted to \$17. This was given to the Zielaskos to assist them in the procurement of their initial equipment for Brazil.

The Lord gave us six decisions for Christ, for which we praise His blessed name. Three boys out of one family have started coming to our Sunday school because of this vacation effort. Other families have been reached through this project and we are asking the Lord to add to our number through such contacts. Our hearts were made to ache when we listened to one little girl say, "I wish my mother and daddy knew the Lord Jesus." This same little girl has been beaten because she has attended Sunday school and church.

Our vacation Bible school staff included Illene and Elaine Merrill, Louise Dykstra, Jane Collins, and Doris and Ruth Bunch. The last two came to us from the Sunnymede Brethren Church in South Bend, Ind., and without them it would have been exceptionally difficult to have had this project. Carolyn Beth Crawford performed wonderfully as our "Ship's Musician."

We feel that the closing night, particularly, indicated something of success when 55 persons were present to observe the proceedings. May the Lord give us additional fruit out of this enterprise for His glory.—*Arthur F. Collins, pastor.*



On the evening of July 19 approximately 100 people surprised Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Meyer in a farewell reception at their home at Jonestown, Pa. The Meyers, members of the Harrisburg, Pa., Melrose Gardens church, were given leather items used in traveling (as seen in the picture above) and \$112 in cash.

Rev. and Mrs. Meyer, with their two children, moved to Winona Lake, Ind., on August 9. Brother Meyer has been called to be pastor of the Leesburg, Ind., church; he will also enroll as a first-year student in Grace Seminary.

On July 26, in connection with our annual Sunday school picnic, we gave a cash gift of \$64 to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dice (pictured at right), also members of our church, who, along with their daughter, are moving to Winona Lake, where Brother Dice will become a first-year student in the collegiate division of the seminary.

Folks from the new works at Pond Bank and York were invited and shared with us in the picnic. During the devotional period Rev. Gerald Polman, of York, was in charge of the music, and Rev. Edward Clark, of Pond Bank, gave the message.—*Allen Zook, reporter.*



RESURRECTION

Robert G. Ingersoll, well-known infidel, used to tell this story: "I was never nonplused but once. I was lecturing one night and took occasion to show that the resurrection of Lazarus was probably a planned affair to bolster the waning fortunes of Jesus. Lazarus was to take sick and die. The girls were to bury him, and send for Jesus. Lazarus was to feign death till Jesus should come and say, 'Lazarus, come forth.' To emphasize the situation I said, 'Can anyone here tell me why Jesus said, "Lazarus, come forth"?' Down by the door a pale-faced, white-haired man arose and with a shrill voice said, 'Yes, sir, I can tell you! If my Lord had not said, "Lazarus," he would have had the whole graveyard of Bethany coming out to him!'"—*Sunday School Times.*

THE SAFE WAY

Plan as though Christ were not coming for 10 years. Live as though He were coming in 10 seconds.—*Revelation.*

God's Unshakable Things

THE CHILD OF GOD

By Rev. Jesse Hall, Canton, Ohio

'I Was Very Foolish'

These words formed the title of the leading article on the editorial page of the June 1952 issue of the *Missionary Broadcaster*. The editorial told of a missionary society that had distributed a number of small banks for the purpose of collecting funds to carry forth its missionary program. A few weeks ago, in response to a reminder to the holders of the banks to open them and send in their contents to the central office, the secretary received this letter:

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry that I have not saved any money for the Lord. I will send my bank as soon as possible. I am very sorry, but as soon as I got money I would spend it on candy. I was very foolish.

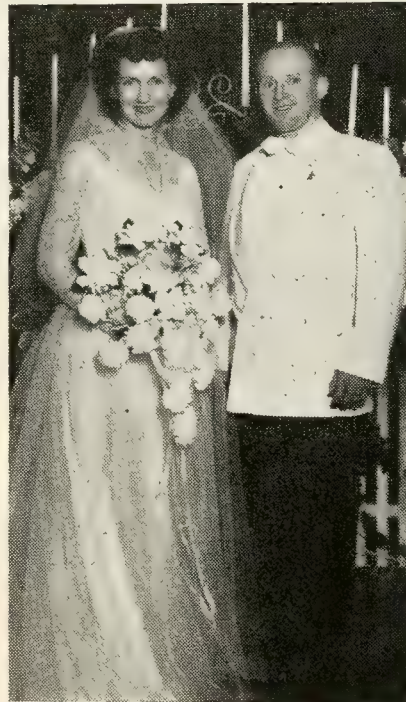
In comment the editor, Paul H. Sheetz, wrote: "Just that, no more. The note was written in a childish hand, and the lack of pretense or excuses confirmed the fact that the writer was certainly no more than 10 years old. As I read it, I felt that this little girl was after all getting right at the heart of the matter. It was not only a confession, an honest explanation of why she had nothing to give to missions, but also an intimation of why many others older than she had little or nothing for the Lord's work abroad.

"The child's conclusion was, 'I was very foolish.' What wisdom to be able to recognize it! What honesty to be able to acknowledge it!"

GOD'S CARE OF THE SOUL

When God intends to fill a soul, He first makes it empty; when He intends to enrich a soul, He first makes it poor; when He intends to exalt a soul, He first makes it humble; when He intends to save a soul, He first makes it sensible of its own miseries, wants, and nothingness.—*Sel.*

REV. JAMES BEATTY TAKES BRIDE IN LOS ANGELES CEREMONY



Rev. and Mrs. James C. Beatty

The marriage of Miss Dorothy M. Anderson to Rev. James C. Beatty took place at the Third Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif., in July. Mrs. Beatty is the daughter of Mrs. Beulah M. Anderson, San Gabriel, Calif., and Mr. Beatty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Beatty, Los Angeles.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jerry Yerian, general secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union, and was witnessed by 200 people.

The bride was attended by Miss Beverly Akers as maid of honor, and Mrs. Earl Rosenberger and Mrs. James Gillespie as bridesmaids. The groom was attended by his brother, David, as the best man. The ushers were Wendell Price and Gene Higgins.

After a honeymoon trip to Carmel by the Sea, Calif., the young couple will live in the parsonage, 756 S. Keenan Ave., Los Angeles 22. Mr. Beatty is pastor of the Los Angeles Third Brethren Church.

"He that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (I John 2:17).

Insecurity is one of the distinguishing characteristics of this age—"the world passeth away and the lusts thereof." Man's life has been likened unto a "vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (Jas. 4:14). Job writes about "them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth" (Job 4:19). "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away" (I Pet. 1:24).

In describing the Christian disciple, Jesus said: "Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded on a rock" (Luke 6:47-48).

Here is the unshakable position that is declared by our Lord to be the portion of all those who receive Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, letting Him become the Rock of their salvation and the Foundation upon which their hopes of eternal security rest (see I Cor. 3:11; Heb. 6:18-20). Truly, George Keith, the hymn writer, was divinely led as he wrote—

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you
He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus hath fled?

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned
for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

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The Bible

like a march D.H. Franks

The Bi-ble The Bi-ble God's word all the way through the

Bi-ble The Bi-ble Noth-ing else will do

Read it, quote it, live it, know it Ask Gods gui-dance too

Learn the Pre-cious sto-ry of Jes-us The One who died for me for you The

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At the *Artesia, Calif.*, church three people were baptized, one received into church membership, and two children were dedicated on August 10. The pastor of this church is Rev. Adam Rager. On August 17 Rev. Alan Pearce preached at this church.

Bro. *Irvin Miller*, student in Grace Seminary, preached on August 10 and conducted the midweek service on August 13 at the *Broadway, Ind.*, Christian Church.

At the *Leamersville, Pa.*, church, pastored by Rev. Robert Crees, six people were baptized and received into the church on August 10. A total of 40 members have been received since January 1, 1952. This congregation joined with the *Vicksburg* church in conducting a vacation Bible school that had an average attendance of 186 pupils.

At the *Long Beach, Calif.*, First church Dr. Harry Vom Bruch, of Long Beach, preached the morning sermons on August 10 and 17. The evening sermons were preached by Rev. Homer A. Kent, Jr., of Winona Lake, Ind., and Dr. J. Kenneth Altig, missionary to Peru. Rev. Charles Beatty, member of the church, spoke to the Men's Magnify on August 19.

The *San Diego, Calif.*, church, pastored by Rev. Gilbert Engelman, heard Rev. Albert L. Flory, a former pastor of the church (1938-1944) on August 17.

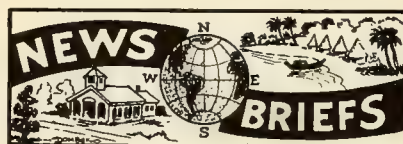
Mrs. *Ida Brown Miller*, mother of Clair Miller, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Irvin B. Miller, student in Grace Seminary, died on July 28 at Harrisburg. The burial services were held at Martinsburg, Pa., on July 31.

At the *Everett, Pa.*, church, pastored by Rev. Homer Lingenfelter, 103 people were present at a mid-week service on August 13 to hear Rev. Lowell Hoyt, formerly pastor at Leamersville, near Everett, but now pastor of the new church in Denver, Colo.

The *Rittman, Ohio*, church witnessed five decisions, one being for the first time, on August 17. Also one member was received into the church. This church asks for prayer concerning the poliomyelitis epidemic that is affecting attendance at its services.

Bro. *Kenneth Armstrong* was the speaker at our church in *Winchester, Va.*, on August 17.

Bro. *Roy Allison*, student in Grace Seminary, preached at his home church, *Conemaugh, Pa.*, August 17.



Mrs. *Rosa Bell Crawford*, mother of Mr. Walter Crawford, Canton, Ohio, and Mrs. Henry Rempel, Los Angeles, Calif., died on August 5. Funeral services were conducted at East Liverpool, Ohio, on August 10 by Rev. Earl C. Brooks, with Rev. Henry Rempel assisting. Burial was at Clarkston, Ohio.

Andrew J. Akers, a trustee of the *Artesia, Calif.*, church, died on July 31. He was 46 years of age.

At the *Berrien Springs, Mich.*, church Bro. Frank L. Crawford, a member of the church, spoke on August 21.

The *Glendale, Calif.*, church heard Dr. John Page in the morning and a team of three young men in the evening of August 17.

Rev. Glenn O'Neal, of Los Angeles, preached at the *Mansfield, Ohio*, church on August 17 and 24.

The *Dayton, Ohio*, First church has secured the use of the Cornell Heights Elementary School for an extension Sunday school, classes to begin September 14. Bro. Cal Stephens spoke at this church on August 20.

The *Yakima, Wash.*, church is co-operating in a Yakima Gospel Crusade under the leadership of Dr. Torrey Johnson. The crusade began August 17. During the absence of Pastor Russell Williams from the Yakima church the pulpit is being supplied by his father-in-law, Rev. D. F. Eikenberry.

The *Los Angeles, Calif.*, First church held a reception on August 8 for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vulgamore. Brother Vulgamore, a recent graduate from Grace Seminary, is now the assistant pastor of the church and a teacher in the day school conducted by the church. On August 17 he preached his first sermon there. Dr. Vincent Bennett spoke there on August 3.

At the *South Pasadena, Calif.*, church, of which Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor, Rev. Harold Painter, of Modesto, preached on July 20. Brother Painter was formerly a member of this church. Other recent speakers at this church were Bro. David Willis and Bro. Jack Ridge, both members of the church, and Bro. Jack Teeter, a recent graduate from Grace Seminary.

On August 10 Rev. Ralph Hatton, of Los Angeles, and Bro. Curtis Mitchell, of Seal Beach, preached at the *Long Beach, Calif.*, Second church.

The services of the *Kittanning, Pa.*, church were in charge of Bro. Ralph Cousins on August 20.

Bro. *Don Bishop*, a student in Grace Seminary, will preach at the *Ashland, Ohio*, church—his home church—on August 31.

Bro. *D. H. Franks*, writer of the words and music that appear on the cover of this issue of the Herald, is a member of the *Uniontown, Pa.*, church. Note that this chorus is based upon the motto of the Brethren Church—"The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible."

At the *Ankenytown, Ohio*, church the pastor, Rev. Wesley Haller, baptized and received into church membership five people on August 17.

At the *Johnstown, Pa.*, First church on August 17 Rev. Wallace L. Faas preached the morning sermon, and Bro. Howard Statler spoke in the evening in connection with a service conducted by the young people.

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God Will Never Forsake Us

Superior Court Judge George M. Fisher, of Chicago, had, upon his own confession, his most baffling court case a few days ago. It was the case of a quarreling couple, neither of whom wanted or would take their newborn baby. The husband, Frank Stegert, said he would give up the baby and have nothing to do with it; the wife, who had sued for a divorce, said she would not keep the baby because she wanted nothing that would remind her of her husband. No wonder the judge declared that he had never before sat in judgment on such a case.

Mothers may and sometimes do forsake their children, but God the Father never turns from His people. Through the Prophet Isaiah God spoke to His people: "Can a woman forget her suckling child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands" (Isa. 49:15-16).

Take hope, dearly beloved, our God will not and cannot forsake us—this is His promise and He cannot lie.

The Vision of God

Dr. George J. Dorn once said: "Our greatest need today is to catch a vision of God, who rules in majesty and power upon the throne of the universe, and reigns supreme in the affairs of men."

This statement is true. When one has a proper vision of God certain things will happen to him. Isaiah once had a vision of his God and he recorded the experience, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, for our eternal profit. Read his account in Isaiah 6.

First, his vision of God caused him to recognize the holiness of God. This recognition must always come first—God is, and He is holy, and all other matters must be weighed in relation to this truth.

Second, his vision caused him to recognize his own sin and imperfection. When God, and not man, becomes the standard for the measure-

ment of self then we can see ourselves as we really are.

Third, his vision caused him to realize the sin that was present all around him. People without God are unclean and full of sin.

Fourth, his vision caused him also

to recognize his responsibility to those people who lived about him. When he realized their sinfulness he offered himself to God for His service.

Indeed, "our greatest need today is to catch a vision of God."

Browsing Among the Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

THE LORD FROM HEAVEN, by Sir Robert Anderson, Van Kampen Press. n. d. 118 pp. Cloth. \$1.50.

This reprint from the pen of the famous English scholar is a welcome addition to fundamental literature in the present hour. It is a simple, yet masterly, treatment of the subject of the deity of Christ. It is not written as a polemic on the subject, but more as a Bible study. With the care and reverence for which he is so well known the author unfolds this great doctrine. A Saviour not quite God is a "bridge broken at the farther end," but the bridge is complete and will stand the most exacting scrutiny. Laymen who might hesitate opening regular theology books on the subject will appreciate this treatment. Here and there we might differ with some of his ideas, but as a whole this is an excellent work.—*Blaine Snyder.*

BEDTIME STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, compiled by Theodore Engstrom. Zondervan Publishing House. c.1951. 162 pp. Cloth. \$1.95.

If you have gotten away from the "children's hour" in your home or if you never have had one and are looking for a good book with which to initiate the practice, we recommend this work to you.

The stories contained in it are a collection which was gathered in a bedtime-story contest by the publishers. Many different types of stories are found here: animal stories, nature stories, Bible stories,

but every one (32 in all) has a good moral or spiritual emphasis. Among some of the better-known writers are Walter L. Wilson, Keith L. Brooks, Josephine Bulifant.

The style and language is simple enough so that Junior will appreciate the stories and the older children will enjoy reading them for themselves. The book should make a real contribution to Christian juvenile literature.—*Blaine Snyder.*

THE MYSTERY OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE, by Derrick Sherwin Bailey. Harper & Brothers. 1952. 145 pp. Cloth. \$2.00.

The two main divisions of this book deal with the subjects of Love and Union in One Flesh. Just what is the meaning of the term "one flesh"? How is it established? Can this union ever be terminated? These are the main theses of the work.

We were most interested in the section on Indissolubility and Divorce. The writer's position is that the real essence of this "one-flesh union" is love. Love may fail and if this should occur any outward appearance of a continued union is a mere shell. This failure of love should constitute the sole and sufficient ground of divorce.

Every pastor should read this work on this important and timely topic. While there is some merit in the book, we could not follow the author in many of his views. This is especially true where the matter of the inspiration of the Scriptures is involved. We know nothing of myths in Genesis or Q passages in the Gospels.—*Blaine Snyder.*

Dwelling Together in Unity

By Mr. Willis Belcher, Sunnyside, Wash.

Moderator's Address Delivered at the Northwest Fellowship of Brethren Churches, Harrah, Wash., July 4, 1952

The first word in Psalm 133 commands the reader to "behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" God looked with approval upon that blessed sight and described it by using two adjectives and two similes. He called it both "good" and "pleasant."

The first simile states that "it is like the precious ointment upon the head." This oil had a rich fragrance and made its presence very pleasing. It "ran down upon the beard"—it did not remain stationary or become stagnant. So brotherly love flows out and down, creating an atmosphere which blesses all who come within its influence.

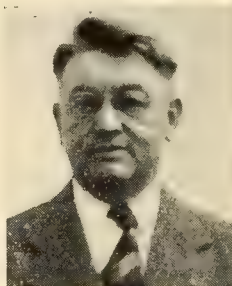
The second simile describes it "as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion." The heavy dews that found their source at the peak of Hermon kissed the lower levels with a freshness and coolness that brought real comfort to the people and fruit of the land. So when brethren dwell together in unity they bring real blessings to those about them.

The Bible predicts that in the last days there shall be a great falling away from the faith. We are living in those days. . . . The purpose of this address is to discuss a number of things which, if believed and practiced over a long period of time, would knit us more closely together in brotherly love. . . .

1. Revelation and Interpretation.

No doubt the first essential to Christian unity is to hold the same *interpretation* of the great doctrines as they are revealed to us in God's written *revelation*, the Bible. Revelation is what the Scriptures actually teach. It is what its divine Author intended to convey to the reader. On the other hand, interpretation is what the Scriptures mean to the reader. It is what he understands the Bible teaches him. The ideal, of course, is when the two are synonymous.

Now it is evident that where there are two or more interpretations of any one passage in the Bible, only one can be correct. . . . Our people have long recognized the need for a written record of some of our interpretations. . . . As the age draws to a close forces of doubt and unbelief will multiply their efforts to bring confusion and strife among the children of God. In the face of this sit-



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uation we dare not hesitate to let the world know just how we interpret the Bible. It is an essential in producing further harmony among us.

2. Ordination of Elders.

The purpose of God in thus providing the church with this highest of offices is that the flock might have a shepherd. This means that the elder is to have the welfare of the church under his care and direction. . . . Our denominational interest in this is to choose such men as meet the proper qualifications set forth in the Word and, at the same time, who are in complete agreement with our interpretation of the Bible and are willing to defend and promote our work according to established policies. Therefore our ordination services should require the candidate to promise full allegiance to the doctrinal position of our church. More than this, he should be asked to promise to surrender his eldership in our group at any time in the future should he find himself out of

sympathy with our statement of faith.

3. Office of the Deacon.

It seems that there would be a real advantage in electing the deacons on the same basis as our trustees, that is to say, for a period of 3 years, and stagger the election of one-third each year. A promising man in early life may be chosen to be a deacon. A number of things might happen that would make him unfit to serve in that capacity for life. . . .

4. Installation of Officers.

The local church is the basis of our work. As goes the local congregation so goes our missionary work at home and abroad. The various boards of our National Fellowship rely almost entirely on the gifts received from each local church. The status of the individual congregation is dependent, in a very large measure, upon its church and Sunday school officers. A prime requisite of an officer is that he believe in the whole of our work, program, policy, and doctrine. Each officer should be required to sign once a year a doctrinal statement, just as is required of the directors of our major denominational boards. . . .

The officers should be carefully selected and installed in a suitable and impressive manner. . . . Invite a neighboring pastor to be a guest speaker for the occasion. He should bring a message on some essential tenet of our faith. Then, assisted by the pastor, he should invest those elected with their respective offices. . . .

5. System of Dispensationalism.

A lesson in horticulture learned many years ago riveted in my memory the need of some system of Bible study that would make it a consistent whole. A book entitled, "Fruit Growing in Arid Regions," had just been received. While yet standing

beside the mail box in the shade of an apple tree, that book was opened and its pages turned with hungry interest. At one place it was written that all fruit is borne on new wood (1 year old). But what a contradiction that apple tree made this statement, for there it stood, heavy with a large crop of red, delicious apples, not one apple hanging any place on a limb just 1 year old. All the fruit spurs were on wood 2 or more years old. Upon further investigation it was discovered that this particular statement was in a chapter dealing with peach trees. And it is true that peaches grow only on new wood. . . .

The Bible deals with three classes of people, namely: the Jew, the gentile, and the Christian. What is said about any one of these three classes is not always applicable to the other two. A failure to consider this important rule of interpretation has resulted in many theological vagaries. Dispensationalism is merely a common-sense system of determining what the Bible teaches. Of course this is not a recent development. It is an essential. . . .

6. *Errors in Judgment and Decision.*

Judgment is the process of examining facts and arguments to ascertain propriety and justice. Decision is the final result of the judging process. Every local congregation has problems in determining policy, program, discipline, and theology. It was so in the first century. It continues to be true. It is the duty and privilege of every church to handle these items as they appear. Perhaps nothing contributes more in marring the unity of a church than unwise and prejudiced decisions.

Frequently the majority of members miss the real facts and are influenced by the leader or leaders whose physical traits show outstanding graces. . . .

A second error commonly made is to forsake known truth and take a stand against it for friendship's sake. . . . May our people everywhere have the moral courage and insight to judge their problems on the basis of their merits and make wise decisions accordingly.

7. *Support of Denominational Interests.*

There are other fundamental groups of Christians besides our own. God is blessing their work. . . .

Our people are often faced with the invitation to support these various movements outside our denomination. This presents a problem of giving, or not giving. . . .

In our case, certain sections of foreign nations have been assigned to us to evangelize. We are the *only* Protestant group allowed to carry on missionary work in these particular fields. Souls in these fields shall be saved or lost throughout all eternity, depending on how successfully we labor there. . . .

An annual gift of \$5 to any of our boards makes the donor an active member of that particular corporation. This gives him a vote in carrying on the work—the giver shares



in the control of our work. This guarantees to us the perpetuity of our program.

Then, too, our work is in reality a faith work. We are not endowed. Our staff of officers and workers are on the field doing business for the Lord. Their continued support depends upon us.

Finally, our various boards are carrying on a work entirely in keeping with Brethren faith and practices. The Brethren Missionary Herald is the *only* magazine *wholly* devoted to the propagation of our cause. The Foreign Missionary Society is the *only* group functioning in foreign fields, carrying on a work according to our interpretation of the Word. The Home Missions Council is the *only* agency dedicated to

the important task of starting new churches according to the Brethren pattern. Grace Theological Seminary is the *only* educational institution in which our people can be trained with all the emphasis that our belief requires. Since they are all of this, they merit our very best support and continued prayer. . . .

8. *A Timely Caution.*

It is probably true that some of our forefathers in the faith did not believe that their teaching in every detail was final. For instance, the younger Alexander Mack wrote concerning why he washed feet before supper: "At the same time we would say that is our belief and view, if a brother or any other person can in love and moderation instruct us according to the word of the Lord more fully, and otherwise than is here pointed out, we should be ready to accept it, not only in this point of feet washing, but also in other matters, and not at all rest upon long usage, but let the Word of the Lord be our only rule and guide."

Therefore, let us beware of thinking that we must dwell in *uniformity* before we can dwell in *unity* and expect the blessing of the Lord on our work. Down through the years our church leaders have wisely designated certain beliefs or doctrines which are counted essential. These merely limit unbelief, not belief. Each individual may go further, but only in love and consideration of the other brother's views. . . .

As we face the future, let us keep our gaze fixed upon the Lord. Let us feast upon His blessed Word. Let us be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Let us be continuous in prayer. Let us labor long and hard. Let us work and walk in brotherly love. The world needs our message. Remember, the world would listen longer and more attentively if it could view a scene like the one with which this message started, "Brethren dwelling together in unity."

ROBERT McQUILKIN DIES

Dr. Robert C. McQuilkin, president of Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C., died on July 15. Dr. McQuilkin was well known throughout the country as a Bible teacher who emphasized the deeper values of the Christian life. His best-known book is "The Message of Romans."

The Biblical Philosophy of Origins

By Dr. Paul R. Bauman, Winona Lake, Ind.

One of the great basic problems of philosophy with which the Bible deals is that of origins—the origin of the universe, of life and all its varied forms, and of the experiences with which life is confronted. Any individual who is prone to question the Biblical philosophy of origins should not fail to take note of one compelling fact: While the adherents to worldly science and human philosophy may scoff at the solutions set forth in the Scriptures, they are continually forced to either a confession of the failure of their own system to solve the problem at hand, or an admission of the possibility of the very solution offered by the Bible. A few examples “out of their own mouths” will suffice to prove the truth of the above statement.

Several years ago Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard College Observatory, in discussing the problem of the origin of the universe before a group of noted scientists, confessed that he had been entertaining “some disturbing thoughts about stellar evolution.” He then conceded that there is strong support for the doctrine of *instantaneous* creation.

Sir James Jeans declares that “the universe cannot have existed forever,” and that true science compels us to look back to a time when “in some way matter, which had not previously existed, came, or was brought into being” (see “Universe Around Us,” p. 354).

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

Our ministers are what we make them by our prayer or our neglect of prayer for them. We are responsible for the kind of preaching they do. After we have listened to the minister, we say, “That was a good sermon,” or “I think we will have to get a new minister.” Who is responsible for the kind of preaching you do not like? You are responsible. Do you want a new minister? I will tell you how to get one. Pray for the one you have until you have made him over by your prayers.—R. A. Torrey.

Drs. Eddington and Jeans both maintain that the “stuff of the world” is “mind stuff.” Certainly, if prominent scientists have been driven to the conclusion that the universe is to be looked upon as a “great thought” they cannot logically call unreasonable one who dares to postulate a



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Great Thinker as the producer of that “thought.” This means nothing less than a personal God!

Equally difficult is it to account for the origin of life on any other basis than that set forth in the Bible. Lull, evolutionist and dean of American paleontologists, ridicules what he calls the “theory of special creation.” Yet, in his “Organic Evolution,” a text of more than 700 pages dedi-

cated in the opening sentence to a discussion of the origin of life and its varied forms, he devotes one single sentence to the problem of life’s origin: “For the origin of life itself there is no known geologic cause other than the gradually attained fitness of the earth as the abode of organic beings” (p. 693).

Hegner, author of the popular “College Zoology,” says that “the theory of special creation is not accepted by present-day zoologists.” Yet, in the very same paragraph, he confesses that “no one knows when and where life originated on the earth.” At the same place he also admits that scientists have been forced to “now believe that living organisms originate only from pre-existing organisms.”

In the face of such admissions we are prepared to ask this question: If the law of biogenesis compels us to believe that all life comes only from antecedent life, then what is unreasonable about the belief that a living God created life and all its multiplied forms?

Never in all history has a single discovery of true science been able to impeach the testimony of the Bible as to the origin of things. How slow and how reluctant men are to catch up with facts that were divinely revealed many centuries ago! The student who desires to know unhindered progress in science and philosophy should never forget the words of Sir Walter Scott: “The Bible is ahead of its time, and the men who study it will be ahead of their time. We will never catch up with the Bible.”

ATHEISM IN BULGARIA

Pravda, Moscow newspaper, reports that the Movement of Atheists in Bulgaria gained 200,000 new members last year, bringing the total membership to 1,600,000. The movement arranged 90,000 lectures which were attended by 2,000,000 people. Commenting, the paper said: “Those achievements can truly be described as good work.”—*Christian Action*, August 1952.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

At the first business session (August 19) of the conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches the following officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Vice Moderator, Rev. William Schaffer, Spokane, Wash.; Secretary, Rev. Clyde Landrum, of Uniontown, Pa.; Assistant Secretary, Rev. James Hammer, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Treasurer, Mr. W. V. Findley, of Roanoke, Va.; Statistician, Rev. Caleb Zimmerman, of Dayton, Ohio; and Committee on Committees, Rev. Glenn O’Neal, of Los Angeles, Calif., Rev. W. A. Ogden, of Johnstown, Pa., and Rev. James Dixon, of Washington, D. C.

GOD'S PREDETERMINED PLAN FOR THIS AGE

By Rev. Luther L. Grubb, Winona Lake, Ind.

(This message was preached in April over radio station KXEL, Waterloo, Iowa, while Bro. Grubb was holding evangelistic meetings at the Waterloo Grace Brethren Church.)

We wish to turn your attention to the sovereign plan of God for this age. In different ages God has dealt differently with men; in this age of grace His plan is to take out of the race of men a people for His name. In Acts 15:14 we read: "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name." Elsewhere in the Scriptures this people is designated as the church or the bride of Christ. It is composed of all those who are actually born again by the Spirit of God.

In His wisdom God has decreed that this should be accomplished through the faithful preaching of the Gospel by His followers. Hence He says in Matthew 28:19: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." In Mark 16:15 it is: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Everything we do in the service of Christ should be designed to accomplish this aim. If it does not contribute to the preaching of the Gospel, that part of our service should be discarded, for it is simply beating the air—a waste of time and energy.

This ministry has been broken down into two aspects—home missions and foreign missions. In Acts 1:8 we read: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." It seems clear that Christ was saying to His disciples, and all His witnesses to follow: Begin at home and increase your ministry in an ever-widening circle to the ends of the earth. Witness in Jerusalem, then into all Judæa, then on to Samaria, and then without mentioning any other specific place, Jesus pointed them to the entire earth as the mission field. For us the United States is our Jerusalem and from this home mission field we extend our ministry to the ends of the earth. The field is the world, and

home and foreign missions are two aspects of one great missionary program authorized by our Saviour. Every child of God should be taking a vital part in this great missionary program.

Home missions is basic in any plan of missionary endeavor. We must have a strong home base before we can reach out into the regions beyond. If the home base fails to grow and expand, the foreign mission effort will suffer and may even be forced to retrench as it has in some



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sections of the world already. The churches at home must be strengthened by prayer and the faithful preaching of the Word of God, and we must establish more churches to meet the growing spiritual need of America.

Somehow over the years there has been a growing conception that America is a Christian nation. Unfortunately this is far from the truth. A Christian is one who is born again by accepting Christ as Saviour. As a result of this new birth and the power of Christ within, the Christian's life is changed. He forsakes sin, the world, the flesh, and the Devil, and his life becomes a holy testimony for Christ. Any man who can pour the America of today into that mold is a spiritual magician.

Crime trends in our nation grow worse year after year. In the first half of 1951 crime increased 5 percent in the cities and 4 percent in the rural areas. Rape, murder, robbery, aggravated assault were all up. The FBI alone made 419,451 fingerprint arrests. This crime trend constantly extends itself into the lower-age brackets. During the same period more than 42 percent of the arrests for major violations were in ages

23, 22, 21, 24, and 18 respectively. Teen-age youngsters are gradually moving into the major crime bracket with murder and rape outstanding. Gangs associated with the narcotic trade are operating in many of our high schools with the result that some schools have been forced to close temporarily.

In general the American home is no longer an institution for good. Three out of five marriages break down and children are plunged into court and often left to their own resources. One of the greatest bulwarks against sin is the American home. If it continues to disintegrate we shall certainly meet national disaster.

There are about 75,000,000 unchurched people in America today. These are lost in sin. Thirty-two to thirty-five million children receive no form of religious training whatever. Here is the crime army of tomorrow. Millions among neglected classes such as the Indians, mountain people, Spanish-Americans, Mexicans, communities of foreigners, etc., present a staggering mission field.

At the heart of any nation's religious life lies the work of the church. What is the church doing to meet this need? Very little! Many churches no longer preach the Gospel of Christ, but have turned to a social gospel which has no power. Therefore the church has lost its missionary spirit both at home and abroad. In our own National Fellowship of Brethren Churches we are developing a strong home and foreign mission program. We have almost twoscore mission points here in America, including a work among the Navaho Indians, the Spanish-American people, and in the mountains of Kentucky. As a result hundreds are being saved and many are giving themselves for foreign service in the regions beyond.

We believe that America is God's last stronghold for Christianity in this age. Certainly He expects us to evangelize lost men who crowd upon us by the millions. The church needs to get back to the Word of God and its primary business of witnessing for Christ. It needs a revival in its spiritual life and missionary vision. This revival had better come soon or it will be too late.

"I'M NOT AFRAID TO DIE NOW"

By Miss Ruby Miller, Cochabamba, Bolivia, S. A.

(The following is a letter received by the editor and his wife from Miss Miller, a missionary in Bolivia. Miss Miller, a member of the Long Beach, Calif., Second church, did not write this for publication, but because of the information it gives concerning missionary work in South America we are sharing it with the Herald readers.—Ed.)

Have just been looking through and reading the Herald, June 7 issue, which I received this week. Seeing your picture with your article, "The Brethren Church Must Have Its Own Paper," caused me to desire to write to you.

First, may I say how I thoroughly enjoyed the above-mentioned article and how thoroughly I agree! I've always enjoyed the Herald. I appreciated Rev. Solon Hoyt's article on what the Herald means to the missionary and would like to add that we whom the Lord has called to countries outside the fields He has committed to the Brethren Church *especially* need the Herald. I'm Brethren at heart and miss our threefold communion service very much. I didn't realize how precious our Brethren ordinances are to me until I got where I can't fellowship in them. Somehow as I read the News Briefs and prayer requests and various articles, it's like having a blessed time of fellowship with our people. The other little news notes about Christian activities in general are a blessing too. To sum it up in a few words—the Brethren Herald is a necessary vital magazine to me.

Nine months in Bolivia—the Land of Church Steeples—has deepened my burden for these people. Our country is beautiful with majestic mountains, fertile valleys, and picturesque people. We have here our Quechua and Aymara Indians, then our Cholos—half-breeds—part Indian and part Spanish, who are our middle class. Our *gente* or "high-class" people are of Spanish origin. There are many foreigners in our

land—Arabs, Germans, Jews, other European peoples of British lineage, and our Americans. You hear Spanish, Quechua, English, and German all being spoken in our city.

But oh, it is a land of darkness as well as beauty and intrigue. Romanism, Communism, Nationalism, and philosophies of various kinds are holding the people in spiritual and mental darkness and bondage.

Last Sunday at our open-air children's meetings three of our little *gente* girls accepted Christ as their Saviour. One is from a Jehovah's Witness home and the other two are from Roman Catholic homes. One of them said: "Now that we have accepted the Lord Jesus, we can't go to the Catholic Church, can we?"—showing that at her age of 8 she realized the difference between the teaching of the evangelicals, as we are called, and the Catholic Church. As we were leaving, the little girl from the Jehovah's Witness home called after us, "I'm not afraid to die now!" One of our Bible institute girls responded with, "Why?" The answer quickly came, accompanied with a brilliant smile: "Because I'll go to heaven now." Our eyes filled with tears and our hearts with joy as we left that little group of youngsters who were already eagerly looking forward to the next Sunday.

It's a long walk—over a mile—to the vacant lot where we set up our felt-o-gram board and begin singing gospel songs, but oh, it's worth it. Four souls have come to Him in the last 2 weeks through it. These little ones will meet up with scoffing, rebuke, and perhaps be refused the privilege of attending any further meetings. One girl, older than the rest of the youngsters, was invited to come to some special evangelistic meetings we were having and she accepted the Lord there. She lost her job the next day because of her testimony. These people know what it is to suffer with Him. Another woman, Jewish by birth, is losing

Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)

Sunday, August 10, was indeed a big day for the Bethany church. The congregation went to the Dayton First church to hear our pastor, Bro. John Evans, preach the sermon. Following this Brother Evans was baptized by Rev. William Steffler, pastor of the First church. Then Brother Evans baptized seven people from the Bethany church. It was a heartwarming experience for us.

Recently the men worked on the furnace room of the building, and in the evening of that day we all gathered at the home of Mrs. C. Kendinger for our picnic.

There were 63 children enrolled in our vacation Bible school, with 85 people present for the closing program of the school.

We praise God for answering our prayers and providing us with a pastor. As a result of his presence with us, along with his wife, the former Joyce Runyon, the attendance average at the various services of the church is on the increase.

We plan a revival in the near future and covet the prayers of the believers in our behalf.—Mrs. Doris Hapner, secretary.

her job simply because she attends our meetings. She isn't a believer. Indians have had their lands taken away, been accused of being Communists, and have been put in jail and suffered many false accusations for His sake.

Great are the opportunities of service here, but oh, so few are the laborers. One of our couples is leaving for furlough next month and there is no one to take over their station, so the little town of Arque—a railway center—is to be left without a resident missionary. How we need workers called of God and qualified to meet the needs here!

I praise God for bringing me to this great little land of nearly 200 revolutions—and another one expected any day—that so sorely needs the touch of our Master's hand.

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*"And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying,
Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean" (Matthew 8:2).*

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard
Editor, Foreign Mission Number

A Great Fellowship

These editorials are being written on the Saturday of national conference week. Another foreign board meeting has been in progress for several days, and the annual meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society was held yesterday. The National Fellowship meeting is very largely attended and seems to be seeking the mind of Christ. Reports from all these meetings will come elsewhere, but we here just register our praise for these wonderful times of fellowship.

Joy Abounding

There is joy everywhere at the marvelous things God has done for us in foreign missions. He has given us the largest offering in the history of our society—a total of \$180,000 for the year. We have the largest missionary family with whom we have ever worked—a family of 77 missionaries, including the 7 who sailed during this week. There are others to sail on September 19. There is joy, too, in the great number of souls that are being saved—almost 10,000 of them who have accepted Christ in the native and national foreign mission churches. There is now a fellowship of those who are born-again believers in our foreign mission churches of about 23,000 people. There is joy, also, in that we have the largest group of candidates that we have ever had. And it's a joy to know that our fellowship of churches has cooperated almost 100 percent with the foreign missionary program during this past year; it should be that way since "those who send them" are just as much "in" the foreign missionary business as "those who go." We all believe this! When we all can feel it and live it, the foreign mission program will have unlimited effectiveness.

Nine More to Go!

Our hearts were filled with praise—we could have shouted—when the members of the society present at the annual meeting unanimously, and with many tears of joy, appointed nine more new missionaries to go to the various fields during the year ahead. Rev. and Mrs. John Zielasko are for Brazil and plan to sail about October 10. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber, for Africa, will sail for France on October 17. Mr. and Mrs. John (Jack) Teeter, for Brazil, plan to sail soon after the first of the new year. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Meyers, for Argentina, are making plans for possible sailing about March 1 of next year. Miss Dorothy Robinson, for Baja California, expects to begin her work soon after the end of the 1952-53 seminary year. These fine folk will be presented

to you in the pages of future foreign mission issues of the Herald.

But There Is Sadness

A number of candidates approved by the board of trustees were not presented to the society. Our hearts were torn as we saw the expression of disappointment come across their faces. For many years they have been in definite preparation. They are near the end of their training. Because there are insufficient funds in prospect to guarantee their support they were not presented. They were good soldiers and smiled through their tears. After we have received our next Easter offering for foreign missions and know that in that offering the Lord has supplied sufficient funds, these fine young people may be authorized to go. So the answer to them is really not ours more than yours. The gifts of all of us during the next year will give the answer. So far as I know, this is the first time in the history of the Foreign Missionary Society that we have had to delay or withhold the appointment of any missionaries at the time they were ready for such appointment because of insufficient funds.

Doesn't the Increase in Offering This Year Justify Their Appointment?

No! Our offering increase this year was approximately \$35,000. This offering increase will not justify any further appointment of missionaries by the Foreign Missionary Society. In fact, all of the \$35,000 and more will be used in sending the 10 missionaries who were appointed a year ago.

Your Board Is Walking by Faith

As we have visited in the many congregations and conferences throughout our fellowship of churches we have given the picture of our foreign missionary work. We have said that our expenditures this year would quite largely exceed our income. Ministers and laymen have assured us that if we will continue to send missionaries, they will supply the funds. We are walking by faith, but our faith is so small! This last year our expenditures exceeded our income by \$50,000. Our total expenditures for the year were \$230,000. We are not in debt! We were able to care for this larger expenditure from reserve funds. During the war years God's people gave bountifully and it was impossible to send any missionaries to the field. The purpose and understanding in the giving of those funds was that missionaries would

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be sent as soon as they were available. For 2 or 3 years they have been available and we have sent them. We have kept faith with that promise.

A Balanced Budget

None can realize more keenly than do the members of the board of trustees that we must soon arrive at a balanced budget. We cannot continue to spend more than our possible income. The estimated expenditure for the year ahead, as approved by the society at the annual meeting, totals approximately \$223,000. The board of trustees is seeking in every possible way to conserve in expenditures. We hope to save \$10,000 this year in the operation of our society program. If the increase in offerings on the part of our Brethren churches is at least as large in the year ahead as in the years past, we will

have an income equal to our expenditures. We have confidence that the Lord's people desire that we continue sending missionaries to the fields just as rapidly as possible, as long as we stay within the realm of faith in God's bounty. We do not run presumptuously!

91c Out of Your \$1

A little better than 91 percent of every dollar you give to foreign missions goes into the actual missionary endeavor—to missionary allowances, and to those other items directly related to the missionaries. A little less than 9 percent goes into the part of the missionary program that can rightfully be called "overhead," such as salaries of secretaries, office operation, publicity, and promotion. In the estimated expenditures for the year ahead there will be slightly less in the "overhead."

RESUME OF FOREIGN MISSION BUSINESS IN RECENT BOARD AND SOCIETY MEETINGS

In the items following we present a number of matters decided at the annual meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, and in the meeting of the board of trustees. The board of trustees is scheduled to meet again on the Monday of August 25, and such items of general interest as are cared for in this future meeting will be reported in the October foreign mission issue of the Herald.

1. The members of the board of trustees of the society are Kenneth B. Ashman, Homer A. Kent, Herman W. Koontz, Charles W. Mayes, Alva J. McClain, Ward A. Miller, W. A. Ogden, Glenn O'Neal, Bernard N. Schneider, with Russell D. Barnard an ex officio member.

2. The officers of the board and the office personnel will continue their respective responsibilities for the coming year—Charles W. Mayes, president; Bernard N. Schneider, vice president; Homer A. Kent, treasurer; Kenneth B. Ashman, recording secretary; Russell D. Barnard, general secretary; Ruth E. Reddick, financial secretary; Marcia Lowe, office secretary.

3. Missionaries home on furlough were approved for return to their respective fields, pending satisfactory medical examinations. They are Miss Florence Bickel, Miss Grace Byron, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, Miss Estella Myers, and Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy.

4. The inauguration of a Brethren testimony in Honolulu, Hawaii, was authorized when there are sufficient funds and further investigation reveals it to be the will of the Lord. This action was taken in view of the fact that there is an indigenous Brethren church already organized in Honolulu which has urgently requested us to give assistance.

5. Bro. Charles Croker, of Philadelphia, Pa., will again serve as the eastern representative of our Foreign Missionary Society. His valuable service in meeting missionaries returning on furlough and in speeding others on their way to the fields is much appreciated.

6. A letter expressing sincere appreciation is to be sent to the Medical and Surgical Relief Committee, Inc., of New York, for the large supply of medicines, valued at more than \$2,000, which they granted us without charge for our African field.

7. The life insurance on all missionaries, carried

through the Brethren Board on Ministerial Relief, will be continued.

8. A committee was appointed to work with the general secretary in formulating a special \$1,000 expansion fellowship plan in our society. Members of the committee are W. A. Ogden, Kenneth Ashman, Herman Koontz.

9. Action was taken to return the price of "Stranger Than Fiction" to \$2, except in the case of seminary students, to whom the price will be \$1 if secured at the foreign mission office. This price change becomes effective September 15, 1952.

10. Dr. Orville D. Jobson was appointed as superintendent of the African mission for the coming year, and Rev. Lynn D. Schrock was appointed president of the Argentine Field Council for the coming year.

11. The general secretary was instructed to take immediate action to purchase the property at Icoraci, Brazil, which our workers have been using for some time. Action was taken also to purchase the lot and buildings adjoining our property in Macapa, Brazil.

12. The general secretary has been instructed to confer at length with Brethren Keith Altig and Edward Miller concerning the proposed orphanage in Brazil. The complete report and final action will be cared for at a later meeting.

13. Brother and Sister Marvin Goodman, Jr., have been assured of our deep sympathy and our prayerful cooperation in regard to the illness of little Anne, which necessitated their emergency return to the States.

14. A committee composed of Kenneth Ashman, Ward Miller, and Herman Koontz was appointed to assist the general secretary in matters of promotion and publicity.

15. There was authorization for the formation of Missionary Outfit Clubs. The hope is that there may be one of such clubs in every congregation. Pastors or churches are asked to immediately appoint the chairman or key person for the club. Any and all interested folk are invited to membership. The purpose is that the member plan to give at least \$1 per adult missionary candidate toward the purchase of that missionary's outfit. There was time to present the plan to just two national groups, the men's organization and the ministers, and both groups enthusiastically approved it.

THE BIRTH OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake, Ind.

For several years prior to the turn of the century (1900), the Brethren Church had in various ways been agitating the subject of a definite program of foreign missions within the church. But up to this time it had no such program. In 1897 for the first time the minutes of National Conference contain a caption of a paragraph reading "Foreign Missions," under which there was the following resolution: "The hour is come for foreign missions by the Brethren Church. We endorse Brother J. C. Mackey and commend him to the work in India, with our prayers and support."

This endorsement evidently was as far as Brother Mackey ever got on his way to India. But the spirit of missions was working in the brotherhood and articles were being written on the subject in Brethren publications. Such interest was bidding fair to result in something tangible in the not too far distant future. The church was due to awaken to its missionary obligations. Inactivity in this regard had already been prolonged far too long.

The year 1900 dawned as the harbinger of better things. At the National Conference of that year Bro. Jacob C. Cassel, a prominent elder of the church at that time, and who was to become the first treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society after its organization, presented a paper on the subject: "Are We Ready to Enter the Foreign Missionary Field?" The paper stirred up no little comment. Some received its implications with hearty approval. To them it seemed to promise a better day for the spread of the Gospel. There were others who questioned the advisability of putting into effect the proposals of the paper. The idea might be all right but they were not sure that the time was ripe for such a venture. Still others voiced their outright disapproval of any foreign missionary program. To them the plea of Brother Cassel was as the voice of one crying in the wilderness. But the paper proved to be as good seed sown into the soil, some of which was already prepared to receive the seed, while some was totally unprepared.

The moderator of the conference, Elder J. H. Knep- per, of Meyersdale, Pa., was sympathetic with the missionary enthusiasts. They were thus given an opportunity to present their cause. However, when the issue of actually effecting a foreign missionary organization within the conference itself was presented, no encouragement was given to this end. The missionary enthusiasts were informed that there was plenty of room "out under the trees" where they could go and effect their organization. And this is exactly what they did. Having been given the cold shoulder by conference, the group betook themselves to a little knoll to the north of the building where the conference was being held. The site is midway between the old Auditorium, where most of our annual conferences are still held, and the Billy Sunday Tabernacle, which has been erected since the conference of 1900. On this spot these missionary enthusiasts who refused to let their ardor be cooled conceived and brought to birth the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

The date was September 4, 1900, at 2 p.m. Dr. Louis



Dr. Kent indicating the giant oak—the birthplace of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

S. Bauman, who was one of those present upon this memorable occasion, in his unpublished account of the early years of our foreign missionary work has described the place and the event in these graphic words: "If you go to Winona Lake, walk from about the center of the north side of the Auditorium directly toward the Billy Sunday Tabernacle and, where about halfway to the Tabernacle you come to a tree standing on the highest point, you will be beneath the kindly tree that stretched its covering boughs out over the birthplace of the newborn babe. God bless that tree! Long may it stand! If, by any chance, one can hold communion with a tree, then that tree has heard one voice speak to it almost every year since then, thanking it for spreading its sheltering arms over the tiny babe that was begotten that day" (MS. p. 9f.).

The writer of this article a few months ago took his seminary class in Denominational Church History and Missions on a brief field trip to this spot. It was a cold, snowy day shortly before Christmas, but the inspiration of the place was heartwarming and a silent but persistent challenge came to all of us to a more intensive carrying out of the great commission of our Lord. The group stood around the giant oak that witnessed the birth of a missionary organization which the Lord has seen fit to bless in the succeeding years. A short distance to the south was the Auditorium, the site of so many of our annual gatherings and where, in 1900, the conference refused to consider seriously the organization of a foreign missionary movement. On the ridge to the east were observed the Swiss Terrace and other cottages familiar to all Winonians. To the west a short distance was the Winona lagoon with its beautiful white swans, and the Administration Building, the hub of the many activities of the summer program of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly. Then, of course, to the north could be seen the Billy Sunday Tabernacle, which in these latter days ministers to the spiritual need of thousands who come to Winona each summer to hear a host of men of God. Surely this oak tree is located in a hal- lowed spot! The writer sincerely wishes that some sort



Dr. Kent and his seminary class in Denominational Church History and Missions gathered around the oak.

of a metal memorial might be affixed to that tree which still stands as tall and vigorous as ever.

The minutes of the first meeting of the newly organized Foreign Missionary Society show that 53 members of the Brethren Church enrolled as charter members of the society. An executive committee was chosen composed of six members, which was soon increased to nine, which now is known as the Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society.

The first recorded minute on the secretarial record of the society was as follows: "At the General Conference of the Brethren Church, which convened at Winona Lake, Indiana, Aug. 31 to Sept. 5, 1900, the matter of opening a way for foreign missionary effort was discussed earnestly, and many seemed moved by the Spirit to take some action that would lead to some definite step in that direction.

"Accordingly, a meeting to effect a Foreign Missionary Society was convened on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., Sept. 4. J. O. Talley was made chairman of the meeting, and G. W. Rench, Secretary.

"After remarks by Jacob C. Cassell, J. Allen Miller submitted a form of Constitution."

From this humble beginning the Lord has prospered the work of foreign missions in the Brethren Church so that at the present time we have 70 missionaries working in five foreign fields—Argentina, Africa, Brazil, Baja California, and France. Truly "the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." But we have abundant reason to expect much greater blessing in the future if our Lord shall tarry, for the fields are indeed white unto harvest. The foundations have been laid. Now let us build the superstructure. We really have just begun to tackle the job which the Lord has entrusted to us.

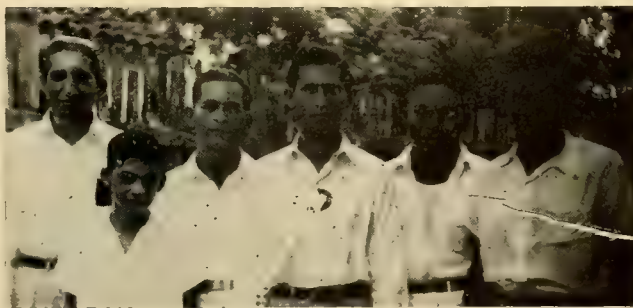
ICORACI BIBLE CLASS

By Rev. J. Keith Altig, Brazil

In the accompanying picture we present the men of the Adult Bible Class of our work in Icoraci, Brazil. They are an interesting group and we want you to become better acquainted with them.

On the left is a young man by the name of Deeko. This is really a nickname for Raymond. He is the chief engineer on a boat which makes long voyages up and down the Amazon River, consequently he is away much of the time. While Deeko was away on a recent voyage his aged father was struck by a hit-and-run driver and, after several weeks in a hospital, he passed away. His son did not know of the accident until after his father had died and then heard about it in a roundabout way. When the young man returned home he found himself the head of a family of six children and the mother. He is wearing a little square of black cloth pinned to his shirt pocket as a sign of mourning. He will continue wearing this for a year. His sisters will wear black clothing for a year and his mother for the rest of her life.

The young fellow second from the left is really only a boy, but feels more at home with the adults than with the children. He is a boy who needs special prayer as the things of the world have a strong attraction for him and he does not have too much encouragement at home in Christian things. He is the oldest of the 10 children his mother has had. His father makes about 50c a day,



Men of the Adult Bible Class, Icoraci Brazil.

so this boy and the mother and the next oldest boy have to work to help support the family.

The two men in the center are father and son. The father is very dependable and a good worker, which is rather unusual. In fact, the whole family of six children and father and mother are above average in character. The mother said one day: "Even when we were in the darkness and superstition of Catholicism we didn't lie and steal and cheat like so many people do. We never did do those things." The boy is a fine singer and helps a great deal in all our services by speaking, leading in prayer, reading Scripture, and things of like nature. Our hope is that he will be able to go to a Bible institute and become one of our national workers.

The fifth fellow from the left is a rather complex

character. He went to school for about 3 months, but reads well. He is a cement finisher and bricklayer by trade, but is also very artistic and paints surprisingly well. He helps in the services here by praying and speaking. At one service some visiting missionaries had brought along a guitar to help in the singing and after the service this man took the guitar and picked out some real Brazilian music. He has been going with some other missionaries in a small boat across the river and to some of the neighboring islands on Sunday afternoons to hold services. They have gotten into several homes where the Gospel has never penetrated. We can't do anything like that because we don't have the boat or the people to run it.

The young fellow at the far right is all alone in the world except for several sisters. They seem not to have any father, mother, or older person to take care of them. The other day I was trying to find where he lived and was about two blocks away from his house asking if the people there knew him. After hearing his description

the people were trying to figure out who he might be and finally said, "Is he a believer?" "Yes," I said, "he is." They then told me where he lived. I thought that was a good testimony. The people of the neighborhood knew him to be a Christian. What about the people of your neighborhood?

This last-mentioned young man is the only one of this group who ever had heard the Gospel prior to our coming to Brazil. All of these men are dividends from your prayers and foreign mission dollars. If just one soul is worth more than the whole world, of what great value are these six! There are many other people too—children, young women, older women, and other men and boys—who have made professions of faith and whose lives testify to the power of the Gospel. Does it pay to sacrifice to send and to go that others might hear the message? We all know the answer—"Yes."

Keep the work, the people, and the missionaries here in your thoughts and prayers that the Holy Spirit might find willing hearts and hands for His service.

WHY WE EXPECT TO RETURN TO ARGENTINA

By Rev. Solon W. Hoyt, Buenos Aires, Argentina

(Editor's Note—This article was prepared by Brother Hoyt just before his return to the field in Argentina. Perhaps a better title would be "Why We Have Returned to Argentina" since the Hoyt family sailed from New York on July 10 and arrived in Buenos Aires on July 30. They will assume the responsibility of opening a Brethren testimony in the large city of Buenos Aires, but until we notify you otherwise through the Herald, mail will reach them at Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto, FCNGBM, Argentina, South America.)

Just a few months ago we bade farewell to the missionaries and believers in far-away Argentina. I only wish that all who read these words could have seen the many expressions of appreciation on the part of groups of believers as well as individuals. I believe they expressed sincere appreciation for our work among them because they had looked deeply into our hearts and had seen our love for them. The memories of these several farewell occasions will ever be fresh in my mind.

Yes, just last July 14 (1951) we boarded the airplane to begin our first furlough, but we are already looking forward to the return trip. Why? Don't the home folks treat us well? Don't we like our native country? Don't we enjoy a real rest? All of the above questions fail to strike at the real reasons for our desire to go back. Did we live like gods down there? Was it a life of comfort and ease? Do we want to return because we were having such amazing success? Likewise, these suggestions fail to explain our case.

Convinced of the Lord's Call

Above all else we are satisfied in our own hearts that the Lord would have us down there. We are challenged by the opportunities for service here at home. We are thrilled to see other pastors going ahead for the Lord,

even to the opening up of new Gospel testimonies besides caring for their own parishes. We are happy to hear of the progress in the Gospel work in Africa, Brazil, and Baja California, but there is that abiding satisfaction that God would have us in Argentina.

Argentina Is in Our Blood

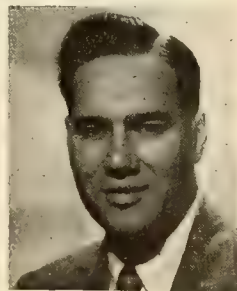
It's hard to explain to those who haven't experienced it for themselves, but we must confess that we have been gradually changing in our way of thinking, ways of expression, outlook on life, and in many ways we have become like the Argentine. We little realized this until we returned to the States, but daily we are seeing it in ourselves. Surely this is of the Lord. We can't expect to reach these people unless we are able to think as they think and put ourselves into their life and circumstances.

On the Brink of Great Blessing

It is no secret that the Argentine mission field has passed through deep waters. "Perils within and without" have held back the work. One who knows the whole story must praise God that we still have a testimony in that land and that all the churches are united. Since the beginning of the young people's camps there seems to have been a slow but constant growth in the mission as a whole. Today we have a Bible institute which can be accounted for at least in part by the camp program. Furthermore, the Lord is laying His hand upon more young people to volunteer to help in this great task. Surely the Lord has much in store for us as we go back.

When the Victories Are Won I Want To Be There

Although the goals of each individual missionary may vary some, there are certain ones which we hold in common. Some have been faithfully pressing toward these marks for a number of years. We joined in the battle 6 years ago. Some remarkable advances have been made, and we don't want to be somewhere else when all these dreams come true. We want to be right in the thick of the battle for the Lord.



Rev. Solon Hoyt

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Christ in Five Years, if Jesus Tarries!

When God's Hour Struck

By Dr. Floyd Taber, Yaloke, Africa

Wait . . . wait . . . wait . . . So much of a missionary's life seems to be made up of *waiting*. This time we were waiting for a trans-Atlantic booking to get back to Africa. The longer we waited the more discouraging the prospects became. And I became impatient with the travel agency.



Dr. Taber

Then GOD'S HOUR STRUCK! Within 2 hours there came a telegram and a long-distance phone call offering us passage on two different ships which would sail within a week. So on Wednesday noon, July 2, I was nailing boxes in Winona Lake; on Wednesday noon, July 9, we were sailing out of New York harbor on the *Queen Mary*; and on Wednesday noon, July 16, we were eating dinner at the Baptist Mission in Bangui.

Arriving at Yaloke the next day we found that Marvin Goodman had come in just three-quarters of an hour sooner, wanting to consult me concerning 3-year-old Anne. There was a need on the other side of the world. The fact that there was no passage available made no difference to the Lord. He got us there!

I thought I was waiting on the travel agency. In reality the Lord was waiting for me to get ready.

At 2:30 in the morning of the day we left Winona Lake I was still nailing boxes. Then a policeman told me to "cut the hammer," so I left the remainder of the work for others to do. But if we had left one day sooner the work would not have been ready to leave in the hands of others. *The very day I was able to get the work ready to leave, the Lord sent us on our way.*

As we begin this new term, pray for me that my besetting sin of procrastination may not make me late to any appointment the Lord has for me, but that every time His clock strikes I may be ready.

We Made It!

By Mrs. Floyd Taber, Yaloke, Africa

Hustle, bustle, hurry, scurry, scam! Whee, we made it! Not many people arrive at such a distant destination a week before they leave home—officially.

After waiting several months for definite passage and having been told there was no possibility before July 23, a telegram and telephone call came from New York on July 1 saying that we had passage on a ship sailing July 9. That gave us exactly one week to get from Winona Lake to New York—only four days to get ready, and one of those the Fourth of July!

But when He putteth forth His own, He goeth before. Very obviously it was God's time for us to leave, for in all the rush there was order. And of all the many details to be cared for nothing of importance was overlooked. Washing, ironing, sewing, packing, cleaning, shopping, pictures taken, eyes tested and glasses fitted, Allan's teeth pulled—



Mrs. Taber

READY TO FLY



The William Samarin and Don Miller families at the airport, Paris, France, just before flying to Africa, where they arrived on June 30.

everything went like clockwork. By noon Sunday we were ready to leave for the East. Stopping in Ashland, Ohio, and Allentown, Pa., for final visits with relatives and friends, we arrived in New York late Tuesday evening. After spending the evening with my sisters in Brooklyn, who had prepared a surprise birthday cake, we bade them and mother good-bye. As we drove back to our room for the remainder of the night, I wondered how we would ever be able to get up to go to the ship.

We traveled just one week from New York to Bangui via France by ship and plane, and the next day we were at home at Yaloke! Is it any wonder that I'm still in a daze? Yet, even through the daze, there is a deep consciousness of God's guiding hand upon us. He dealt very graciously with us during our furlough. Faith has been tested in a number of ways, but He has proved faithful, as we have seen the answers to our prayers. So we have come forth comforted, strengthened, and in the confidence that our God doeth all things well.

And so here we are, happy to be back among our black brothers and sisters in Christ. By God's grace we hope to lead them on to higher ground, and to share with them the task of winning their brethren according to the flesh unto the Lord Jesus Christ.

The few weeks between now and the new school term will be spent repairing and cleaning our house (our roof leaks like an open faucet), and preparing material for Junior Bible school. The Lord has graciously kept our boys during our absence and we praise Him for it. You who have been praying for them will rejoice with us. They all seem really happy to have us back.

We ask your continued prayers for ourselves and the work that all may be to the praise of His glory always.

GO TELL—JESUS SAVES

You, going forth with a trust so sacred
And a truth so divine and deep,
With a message clear and a work so glorious
And a charge, such a charge, to keep;
Let it be your greatest joy, my friend,
That the LORD can count on you;
And if all besides should fail and falter
To your trust be always true.

—Selected.

"WITH SICKNESSES OFT"

By Miss Mary Cripe, Bekoro, Africa

Of course before coming to Africa I had some idea that there was sickness here, but I never guessed there would be so many sick people. Since coming here to Bekoro I have had a chance to work with those who are sick with many different diseases. Almost 9 out of 10 are suffering with something.

We have lots of lepers here as you all know. In January of this year the word got around that more lepers would be accepted and so people came from everywhere. Most of these people don't just have leprosy, but are suffering from other things as well—there is a big work in caring for them. Nearly everyone who has one thing wrong with him has two things wrong. Due to the crippling effects of leprosy, many have sores or ulcers on their feet and legs. Many have lost fingers and toes and have sort of a perpetual sore that is hard to heal. They need a tonic to build up their general condition, and just the fact that someone is doing something for them helps. They have been outcasts for a long time and they are thankful to have someone interested in them.

Besides the leper work we have a large medical work. Every morning we gather all the patients for a time of singing and a message from the Word. Often there are testimonies from those who have been helped and who have found the Lord precious. Next, all the patients line up and we listen to their complaints, try to diagnose what is wrong, and prescribe what we think will help them.

There is usually an abundance of sick babies. One poor little fellow may look half dead. He is breathing hard and grunting with each breath. Upon asking the mother what is wrong, she will probably tell you that his chest hurts and he hasn't slept a wink the night before and that he has coughed all night. That sounds like it might be bronchitis or pneumonia. The next baby may be hot and feverish. He hasn't been nursing well and vomits everything. That is probably malaria. Almost 100 percent of the babies here suffer with it. Some work up a kind of immunity, but they get weakened bodies, enlarged abdomens, and anemia from the fight. To be able to give the medicine that will bring relief will soften the heart of the mother if she is still a heathen, and will be a comfort and blessing to the Christian mother. Every day sick babies make up over one-third of the people we treat. You, mothers in America, what would you do if you lived miles away from medical aid and the only way to get there was on foot? Wouldn't you sympathize with the pastor's wife who said: "I don't like to go home. What if she should get sick like this again?" This little girl has been very ill two different times recently.

In older children there are many cases of malnutrition, ulcers, and intestinal parasites, to say nothing of the enlarged spleen and liver because of repeated attacks of malaria. Many of these thus stunted in childhood will never be strong. Ours is the challenge to help them with tonics and medicines to treat their malaria.

There are always the unexpected epidemics which sweep the country killing many. Now sleeping sickness and smallpox are almost extinct because of the vaccinations and other preventive measures. But this year



"Suffering With Something"

several people died from smallpox. There was also lots of meningitis and dysentery. An out-patient department is not sufficient and so we have built a 24-bed ward to care for the critically ill, and those who come from long distances. There are 12 rooms and each room has two beds in it.

A nurse's work is never done. We are on call at any time. We may be awakened from a sound sleep to find that someone is very sick and so one of us must go immediately. Often we stand by the dying, unable to do anything or not knowing what to do. We are glad that we have the message of life to give to them. The Lord has been so good and we praise Him for His goodness. Just today a woman told me that our God helps us here and the people know and acknowledge it, and that is why so many people come here. They know everything possible will be done for them, but more than that, we will pray to the God who hears and answers prayer.

What a privilege to be able to help these who are thus afflicted. They are willing to pay if they can only get medicine to help them. Often a mother will come and bring 200 francs and ask if we don't have something to help her baby. Our medical supply is so limited that we are often torn to know what to do. Shall we give medicine to the person who is very sick, or should we keep it for someone who might be worse? How we pray that there may soon be a supply of medicine adequate for our needs. The people are willing and ready to pay, but we don't have enough medicine. Surely we can and will make it possible for them to obtain these much-needed medicines.

Each of us here covets your prayers for this work. There are many opportunities in it to bring both physical and spiritual help to these sick people.

If some noble-hearted millionaire offered to support you and to bear all your burdens for you, would you refuse his offer? Then why fear to serve the Lord on the foreign mission field? "Lo, I am with you alway."—*Miss Ruth Snyder.*



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We are informed by the executive committee of the board of trustees of Grace Seminary that *Dr. Paul R. Bauman* will continue with the school, and that he is available for engagements in connection with its promotional work and program. The seminary board is anxious to aid the churches in making effective as quickly as possible the new plan of monthly envelope contributions. Therefore other members of the seminary staff will be glad to accept Sunday engagements in churches not too far distant, when *Dr. Bauman* might not be able to come. Churches desiring speakers should either address *Dr. Bauman* or the seminary office.

Rev. John Mayes, pastor of the Paramount, Calif., church, has moved to 420 E. 49th St., Long Beach 5, Calif. (add in Annual, p. 69).

The Long Beach, Calif., First and Second churches will be centers for evening classes conducted by the extension department of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Classes begin on September 8.

The Seal Beach, Calif., church held a Bible conference August 25-29, under the direction of *Dr. J. Vernon McGee* and *Rev. John L. Mitchell*, pastor and assistant pastor of the Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles.

Rev. Albert Flory preached at the Bellflower, Calif., church on August 24. Brother *Flory* is superintendent of the Long Beach Brethren Schools.

Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Schneider and daughter arrived in Mansfield, Ohio, at 4 p.m. on August 25 after a visit of 3 months in Europe and Palestine. Immediately upon his return Brother *Schneider*, with *Rev. Glenn O'Neal*, left by airplane for Winona Lake, Ind., for the final session of

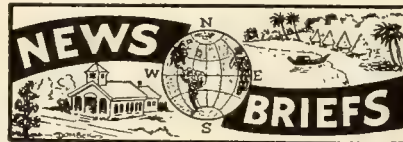
the board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

The Harrisburg, Pa., church received 2 members on August 10, both upon confession of faith and baptism. This church had 15 people in attendance at the annual conference at Winona Lake. Bro. *Ken Sanders* preached there on August 17 and Bro. *Ernest Reisinger* on August 24.

The Altoona (Juniata) and Leamersville, Pa., churches have challenged each other in a Sunday school contest beginning October 5. This is in connection with the international contest being sponsored by Christian Life magazine.

On August 24 *Rev. C. Harold Chrisman* and *Dr. Edward John Carnell* were the preachers at the Glendale, Calif., church.

At the Uniontown, Pa., church *Rev. John Drury* was the preacher on August 24.



Rev. and Mrs. J. C. McKillen began a Brethren testimony at 2727 W. Rovey Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. They began meetings on August 3 and the highest attendance thus far has been 30. They conducted a vacation Bible school with an average attendance of 60 pupils and with 120 present in an out-of-doors closing program on August 22.

Grace Theological Seminary will hold its convocation service on Tuesday, September 9, at 9:25 a.m. The speaker will be *Rev. Bernard N. Schneider*, pastor of the Mansfield, Ohio, church. This will be Brother *Schneider's* first message in the Winona Lake area since his return from Europe.

The office of the Foreign Missionary Society received a cable to the effect that *Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason* and children, *Rev. and Mrs. Martin Garber*, *Rev. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy*, and *Miss MaryAnn Habbegger* arrived in France August 25.

Rev. John Neely closes his ministry at the Conemaugh, Pa., church on September 21, after which he will be engaged in evangelistic work at Aleppo and Uniontown, Pa., and at Peru, Ind.

The Clayhole, Ky., church, pastored by *Rev. Sewell Landrum*, heard the following speakers in recent weeks: *Rev. Clyde Landrum*, Uniontown, Pa.; *Rev. Orie C. Landrum*, Scarbro, W. Va.; *Dr. C. Logan Landrum*, Brunswick, Ga.; *Mr. Dale Brock*, Greenville, S. C.; and the Barker Quartet, Darfork, Ky.

A retreat for Brethren men of the Northern Ohio District will be held at Camp Chibiabos, Doylestown, Ohio, September 12-13.

On August 24 Bro. *Robert Kern* spoke at the Winchester, Va., church.

At the Beaumont, Calif., church *Rev. Earl Morgan*, of Portland, Oreg., spoke on August 24.

The Leamersville, Pa., church heard *Rev. Ding Teuling* and *Rev. Roy W. Gustafson* on August 3. Bro. *Kenneth Wilt* preached there on August 17 and 24.

The Whittier, Calif., church will hear a musical program presented by *Mr. Bill Carle*, bass soloist, on September 14.

The Southeast District, according to Bro. *W. V. Findley*, secretary of the district conference, had more than 90 delegates and visitors present at the annual conference of the National Fellowship at Winona Lake. Most of these people drove an average of 600 miles one way to be at conference.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, of Middlebranch, Ohio, were given a surprise celebration in honor of their 21st wedding anniversary the second week in August.

The Chico, Calif., church used its Tower Chimes for the first time on July 30, playing recorded music. *Mr. Paul Kauffman*, of Fresno, and *Mr. Ovie Christopherson*, of Vina, spoke at the church on July 20, and *Mr. Ronnie Priddy* spoke on July 27. One member was received on August 10.

The South Gate, Calif., church is redecorating its building. Bro. *Gene Uselton*, member of the congregation, preached there on August 17.

The Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church heard *Rev. William Clough*, of Tracy, Calif., and *Rev. Roland Hein*, member of the congregation, August 24.

The Ashland, Ohio, church received 2 members on August 3 and witnessed the confession of faith of 2 people on August 10. *Dr. Charles W. Mayes*, a former pastor of the church and now of Long Beach, Calif., spoke at Ashland August 17.

PRAY FOR THESE MATTERS IN SEPTEMBER

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—

Pray for—

1. The Marvin Goodman family, recently arrived from Africa and now located in southern California, where little Anne is receiving treatment for polio.

2. Misses Edith Geske, Gail Jones, and Marian Thurston, who expect to sail for France on September 19 for a period of language study prior to missionary service in Africa.

3. Those just now in the first month of their language study in France—Rev. and Mrs. Martin Garber, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason, and Miss MaryAnn Habegger.

4. The following missionaries appointed by the Foreign Missionary Society at its recent annual meeting, as some of them make plans to leave as soon as possible and others complete their seminary training: Mr. and Mrs. Victor Meyers for Argentina, Miss Dorothy Robinson for Baja California, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber for Africa, and Mr. and Mrs. John Teeter and Rev. and Mrs. John Zielasko for Brazil.

5. The large group of approved missionary candidates who will be delayed in going to the various fields because of insufficient funds. Pray that the financial needs may be met and that the Lord will lead in the activities of each during this time of delay.

6. The Fogles in France, that the proper location may be found for our permanent Brethren testimony.

7. The Solon Hoyt family, recently returned to Argentina, as they seek to find the proper place for beginning a Brethren testimony in the large city of Buenos Aires.

8. The raising up of native and national believers in all our fields who may be trained to effectively take the Gospel to their own people.

9. The work in Honolulu, Hawaii, that the Lord will lead in the establishment of a permanent Brethren testimony. Pray for Brother and Sister Jones, who are leading in the work.

BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL—

1. Pray that the Lord will lay the burden on new families to join in the work at Albany, Ore. Many fam-

ilies have moved away in the past year, and others are needed to take their places.

2. Pray that it will be possible for the Alexandria, Va., church soon to complete their upper auditorium to alleviate the need for Sunday school room.

3. Pray for the Yakima, Wash., church that they will be able to meet their increased financial need for the year ahead. A large amount will be needed to retire the bonds due, and many of the people have had financial reverses.

4. Pray for the Juniata (Altoona) church that the members might have regular work. One of the hindrances in the work is the unstable working conditions that cause people to move away.



5. Pray for the Spanish-American mission work in New Mexico, especially for the missionaries at Taos, Arroyo Hondo, Cordillera, and Albuquerque, that they will be able to overcome every obstacle that would hinder the Lord's work.

6. It is the home mission offering period, and prayer is the greatest need. *Please pray.*

BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD COMPANY—

1. Praise the Lord that the company was able to serve the denomination this past year in getting out Christian literature.

2. Pray that the Lord will give wisdom, strength, and perseverance to the staff of the company in carrying out this year the decisions that were made by the board of directors for the advancement of the testimony of Christ upon earth.

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA—

1. Pray for the new officers elected at the national conference that they may be wholly dedicated to the Lord, looking to Him for guidance in leading the SMM this coming year.

2. Pray that the new vision of what can be accomplished when we all band together may be shared with the girls unable to attend conference.

3. Pray that programs planned for the coming year may be blessed of the Lord in a special way.

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the way so many have responded already to the seminary's monthly finance plan. Pray that not less than \$6,000 per month will be subscribed by the Brethren people.

2. Praise the Lord for the record enrollment of new students. Pray for all the students as they return, find lodging, and begin the work of another year.

3. Praise God for the return of President McClain and for his restoration to health. Pray for him and for every member of the staff of Grace Seminary.

BRETHREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray that the young people who made decisions for Christ at summer camps may keep them faithfully.

2. Pray for the young people who are entering college or Bible school this fall, that they may find the Lord faithful in supplying every need.

3. Pray for the new plans, programs, etc., launched at conference for all departments of our youth work.

4. Praise the Lord for meeting each need for the Youth Council, enabling us to pay all back bills and end the year in the black.

BOON TO CHRISTIANS

A development which will be welcomed by Christian organizations is the vote by both Houses of Congress to raise the amount of the individual's exemption from income tax from 15 to 20 percent because of contributions to religious, educational, or charitable organizations.

The measure was passed in the final rush of adjournment as the House accepted a House-Senate conference report approving the increase. The Senate previously had voted in favor of the bill.—*Christian Life*, September 1952.

FORWARD WITH CHRIST

By Rev. Russell H. Weber, Harrisburg, Pa.

(Moderator's Address Given at the East Fellowship Conference, Listie, Pa., July 21-24, 1952)

The conference theme—"Forward With Christ"—is based upon Philipians 3:13. If there was ever a time when the Lord's people needed to go forward in spiritual things, it is now! But simply to go forward is not enough; we must go "Forward With Christ"; we must, as Paul puts it, reach "forth unto those things which are before," and press, pursue, follow after "the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

In this day when advances are being made in the field of science, in the field of education, in the field of physics, and in every other field, we, as individual believers, as the church of Christ, as the Brethren Church, must likewise advance in our field, that is, in the realm of faith. The scientist is not satisfied until he has explored every possibility in his chosen field; the educator is never content with present methods, but is always trying to develop new and more effective methods of teaching; the last few years have shown to us that in the field of physics there still remains much to be discovered, and constantly men are seeking to make these discoveries.

Has the Brethren Church completely explored the possibilities of her faith? Not one of us would be presumptuous enough to answer in the affirmative. As a home mission pastor I receive what is called a last-minute questionnaire. One of the questions on it is: "Are you satisfied with the progress that has been made in your field during the past year?" This question always disturbs me somewhat, for I am not quite certain what is meant by it, and I have often wondered if any pastor answers this question with a positive "Yes."

It has been my experience that when I—and this applies to all of you—have come to the place where I am completely satisfied with my achievements, then it is time to change jobs. Especially is this true in respect to the work of the church. In a time when the world about us needs so critically the message we have to give, we ought to be going

"Forward With Christ," exploring every possibility before us. . . .

In the field of religion the words "advancement," "forward," and their synonyms have had a meaning that is foreign to God's purpose for His own people. The trend among the majority of churches, denominationally speaking, is for union. The heads of the leading denominations of our land are seeking to amalgamate all the churches into one great superchurch. As a result of this effort we have the National and World Council of Churches, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and a host of other similar organizations. But these organizations do not in any way indicate that we have made advancements in spiritual things.

In the life and experiences of the Apostle Paul we see one who was constantly in prison, in persecutions, in privations, and the like, but we also see one who was continually going "Forward With Christ." Going "Forward With Christ" implies walking with Christ and depending upon Him for every experience; it means holding to the infallible Word of God as our rule of faith and practice; it means contending for "the faith once for all delivered." The aforementioned organizations are dedicated to the abolition of positive truth—they want union without unity. Doctrinal truth to them is of no great importance; they will sacrifice every tenet of faith just to sit down to a communion breakfast in which Protestants, Jews, and Catholics share equally. . . .

Let me give you my personal impression of the Brethren Church. It is the one church among all the denominations of our day which, I feel, is adhering more closely to the Great Commission as given in Matthew 28: 18-20 than any of the other denominations. . . . What faith and allegiance I am permitted to give to any organization after I have met the Lord's demands upon my life is given wholly to the Brethren Church without reservation. I am a member of the Brethren Church, not by birth, but by my own choice as led by the Spirit of God. Since becom-

ing a member of the Brethren Church I have, for the first time in my Christian experience, utmost confidence in the ministry and in the missionary program of my church. When I make any contribution to our various denominational interests I am sure that my money will be used to promote the Gospel of the grace of God and not to further the apostate ecumenical movements of our time. . . .

I believe in missions; I believe in foreign missions; I believe in home missions; I believe in district missions. I believe that the missionary interest of any church determines whether the church will go "Forward With Christ," or whether it will remain stagnant, eventually to retard and decline. One of the things that would cause me to leave the pastorate of any church would be a decline in missionary interest. I would then feel that I had failed as a pastor to keep before my people the missionary vision which is so vital today. . . .

We have not, however, come to the place where there is no room for improvement. Allow me to give you an example by telling you of an incident that took place in our official board meeting in the Harrisburg church. We were discussing the budget and the possibilities for the coming year when someone remarked that we need to be careful that we do not go beyond the saturation point in making demands on our people. Another one of the group said: "I don't believe there is a saturation point." After discussing the latter statement we agreed that there really is no saturation point. To whom do we belong? Who enables us to earn money? Whose money is it that we are privileged to handle? When we talk of the saturation point, we usually mean the point where we want to stop in our giving.

Let me give you a personal experience, and see how it fits your case. Sometimes I say to myself: "That's all I can give to this particular appeal." Then I drive toward my home and along the way I stop for a gallon of ice cream. Our family likes ice

cream, I like ice cream, but was it necessary that I have it? We would have gotten along just as well without it, perhaps better in some respects. Remember, just recently I had reasoned that I had given the last dollar I could possibly give. I am not saying that you should quit eating ice cream, nor am I saying that I have, or will, quit eating ice cream. I am merely saying that the next time you are tempted to yell and rave, rant and squawk about the saturation point in your giving—remember these things.

"Forward With Christ." How can we plan for the coming year? What can we do to best live up to the motto of this conference? Let me make a few suggestions. The Brethren Church is a denomination that believes in the sovereignty of the local church; this conference cannot dictate to your local church what you must do. If you want to go "Forward With Christ" you need first of all to become a good, solid local unit, desiring to fulfill God's will in your local church. The reports that sometimes get around of local churches that are continually fighting and quarreling among themselves are discouraging, to say the least. God cannot bless a church that is not united for the testimony of the Word of God. Such a church usually loses interest in the missionary challenge, and certainly does not go "Forward With Christ."

One of the things most needed in every church is real revival among our people. I feel this is just as necessary for us as pastors as it is for the laity of the church. When we have revival we'll have less of the evidences of the flesh in our churches; we'll forget about those things we constantly hold to and call our "rights" as privileged members. We need an enlarged vision of the calling of the church; we must press forward toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Prayer is essential if we would go "Forward With Christ." The statement of the Word is clear: "Without me ye can do nothing." Let us talk with Him about all our problems, and let us be in conference frequently with the Lord about the future of our churches, about the expansion of our testimony, and about every detail of our work as we plan to go "Forward With Christ."

Then, let's back up our prayer and our stated intentions by giving. The

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New Church in California Conference



Sunday school pupils on Dedication Day.

The Brethren Christian Center of Modesto, Calif., is now in its second year as an organized church. In July of this year we were received into membership of the Brethren Conference of California.

Our building and property, consisting of 3 acres of land and a brick building containing 4,000 square feet of floor space, is located 7 miles north of Modesto and 5 miles south of Escalon. Our building and grounds were dedicated to the Lord in June 1951. Rev. Henry Rempel was our speaker, and Dr. Charles Ashman held a 2-week Bible conference following the dedication.

Since the organization of the church 28 people have been baptized and received into membership and 5 by letter. We are entirely self-supporting and now have a membership of 76. We have a well-graded Sunday school, WMC, 4 Christian Endeavor societies, and a boys club.

We have "family night" the last Friday of each month, at which time the entire church family meets together for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Thursday night, August 14, the young married people and the young people from our church, the Tracy Brethren, and the La Loma Grace Brethren got together at Riverbank Park (near our church) for a party. Over 70 were present. Sunday night, August 17, the young people from 8 churches met in our church for a singspiration after the evening service. About 130 were present.



Participants in dedication service —(l. to r.) Miss Hazel Shively, Mrs. Mary Miller, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ashman, Mrs. and Rev. Ralph Rambo, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Rempel.



Boys Club.



Home of Modesto Brethren Christian Center.

God is giving us some real victories, but the Devil is active also. Pray for us that we may reach the people of this community for Christ. —Ralph Rambo, pastor.

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FLYING SEMINAR VISITS HOLY LAND

STUDENTS SEE SKELETONS; HAVE FILM CONFISCATED

By Prof. John Whitcomb, Winona Lake, Ind.

(This is another letter written by Prof. Whitcomb to the editor, telling of some of his experiences in connection with the Flying Seminar of the Winona Lake School of Theology.)

The very last hour of our visit in Rome strengthened our conviction that Roman Catholicism is indeed the spiritual blight of that land. We walked across the street from our hotel into a Catholic church, where we were directed into a basement corridor by an ancient monk. There we looked into four rooms absolutely jammed with human bones and skulls. Many of the skeletons were dressed in monks' clothing and were leaning against the corners and walls. One of the skeletons represents a monk of the 8th century who is due to be made a saint by the Roman Church soon. What a tragic commentary on the depths to which a so-called Christianity can fall!

After taking off from Rome in our TWA Constellation, we circled over the city twice, circled over Naples, Mount Vesuvius, the Isle of Capri, and, after a short stop in Athens, flew over Crete and the Nile delta before reaching the hot, crowded North African city of Cairo. What a contrast to Europe! All of us were struck by the filth, the poverty, the crowds, and the political tension.

From our hotel window on the Nile we could see Egyptian policemen dispersing the people who gathered in front of the hotel, arresting several for resisting them. The next day we were shown the vacant city block where the magnificent Shepherd Hotel was completely destroyed by fanatical anti-British mobs on January 26 of this year. Needless to say, we were aware of the possibility of being mistaken for British citizens as we walked through the narrow

streets and bazaars of Cairo the following day.

A trip to the great pyramid (including a weary climb to the top in the noonday sun) and a visit to the largest Mohammedan mosques concluded the main part of our sight-seeing there. I was fortunate enough to find the book store of the Nile Mission Press in Cairo, and I bought some Gospels and tracts in Arabic to distribute to our Moslem guides and hotel clerks. They seemed to be very happy to receive them.

Our next stop was Beirut, Lebanon. Here we found ourselves in a small but unique Near Eastern country, the majority of whose population is nominally Christian. Having obtained independence from France and Syria only 7 years ago, this nation is making rapid progress. During our 2-day visit, we took trips to Tyre and Sidon to the south, and Baalbek to the north, where the remains of a gigantic Roman temple are to be found.

Leaving Beirut in a caravan of cars on August 9, we passed snow-capped Mount Hermon to the south, and soon found ourselves on the edge of the vast Syrian Desert, with Damascus, the world's oldest existing city, spread before us in the bright sun. We had only 1 day there to visit the amazingly complex and crowded bazaars, the wall over which Paul was supposed to have been lowered in a basket, the street called "Straight," the house of Ananias, the museum, and the great Mosque of the Omayyades.

Again our long car caravan moved along the road, this time to the south in the direction of Amman, capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan. We had a rude awakening at the Syrian-Jordan border, however, when all the films in our cameras were confiscated by the Syrians be-

cause it had been reported that some in our group had taken pictures of natives. In spite of this sad episode, we were glad to be traveling through this interesting part of Palestine which was once known as Gilead, Bashan, Decapolis, and Perea.

After a short stay in Amman, we traveled through the ancient land of Moab, crossed the River Jordan at Allenby Bridge, visited Jericho (and saw the ancient mound not far from the modern town), stopped long enough at the Dead Sea to taste its bitter, salty water, and drove up the Jericho Road to Jerusalem, just as the night settled upon the barren wilderness of Judea. Even from the River Jordan we could see the towers on the Mount of Olives, silhouetted against the sky, and our hearts were thrilled with the realization that we were moving toward the city where David and the kings of Judah reigned; where Isaiah and the prophets taught; and, above all, where our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose again!

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entrepreneurs of our day can do nothing without capital. The church needs capital; the district needs capital; the denominational interests need capital. You and I need to give as we have never given before; the hour is late, the time is short; let us buy up every opportunity during this coming year. We must establish more Brethren churches where the Word of God will be taught in simplicity and in truth. But there are many adversaries!

I close this message with the conference text: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." May the message of this text motivate every one of us to go "Forward With Christ" in this coming year.

PASTOR LOGSDON RESIGNS

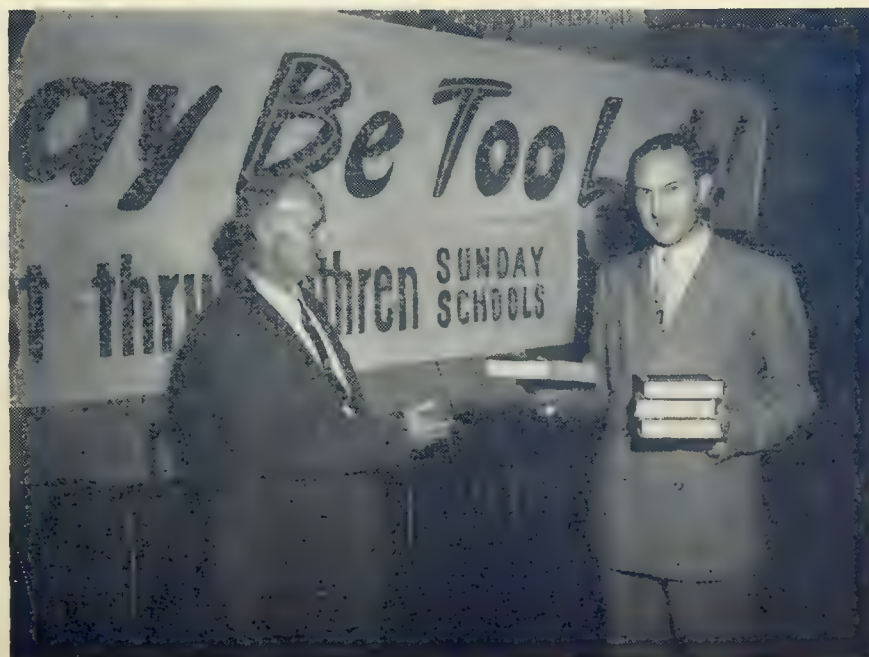
Dr. S. Franklin Logsdon, pastor of the Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, Ill., resigned on August 24 after serving almost 2 years. He has accepted the pastorate of the Emmanuel Bible Church, Holland, Mich.

The Brethren Missionary Herald



*Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum,
Newly Elected Moderator of the
National Fellowship of Brethren
Churches, Receives Gavel From
Secretary Joseph L. Gingrich,
Acting for Retiring Moderator
Orville D. Jobson, Who Was
At His Mission Post in Africa.*

*Moderator Kriegbaum Presents
Set of Expositor's Bible to
Rev. J. L. Gingrich, Retiring
Secretary, Who Had Served
for 25 Years in That Capacity.
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The Los Angeles, Calif., First church heard Rev. Roy Howard, missionary to Baja California, and Rev. Jack Green, missionary to the Russians in the Los Angeles area, on August 24.

At the Johnstown, Pa., First church Rev. Wallace L. Fass and Rev. Olaf Carlsen, both of Johnstown, preached on August 24.

Rev. John Aeby, pastor of the Philadelphia, Pa., First church, was the preacher at Fort Wayne, Ind., on August 24. Brother Aeby was formerly pastor there.

The Artesia, Calif., church heard Missionary Candidate Jack Teeter on August 24.

The Portland, Oreg., church, pastored by Rev. Vernon J. Harris, received two members on August 17.

Mrs. Georgia Bennett, of Portland, Oreg., died on August 29 after a long illness. She was one of the first to join the Portland church and served some time as both treasurer and pianist of the church. She was the sister of Dr. Alva J. McClain, of Winona Lake, and Mrs. Mary Miller and Mrs. Charles H. Ashman, both of Los Angeles.

The Waynesboro, Pa., church, pastored by Rev. Dennis Holliday, heard Rev. Ray Miller, of Huntington, Ind., on July 27; Rev. Palmer Slenker, of Quincy, Pa., on August 3; Rev. Arthur Malles, of Fulton, Mich., on August 17; and Rev. J. Edgar Beckley, of Hagerstown, Md., on August 24.

Mrs. C. C. Grisso, wife of Rev. C. C. Grisso, of Mexico, Ind., died at Indianapolis on August 27.

Lt. Col. Floyd W. Shiery, chaplain now serving with the military forces

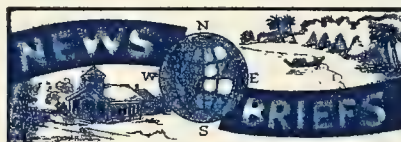
in Korea, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious work.

The Winona Lake, Ind., church received two members by letter on August 31.

The Waterloo, Iowa, church, pastored by Rev. Lewis Hohenstein, is holding special meetings September 7-14. The speaker is Bro. Richard Neale. Bro. Vernon Schrock spoke there on August 17 and Bro. Roland Hein on August 24.

The Beaumont, Calif., church held special meetings August 24-29, under the direction of Rev. Earl F. Morgan, instructor in the Multnomah Bible Institute at Portland, Oreg. Rev. Claude Bunzel spoke on August 31.

The Johnstown, Pa., Riverside church, pastored by Rev. Ralph Hall, will hold evangelistic meetings September 14-28. Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, of Altoona, is the evangelist.



The preacher at the Winchester, Va., church on August 31 was Bro. L. L. Schreck.

Rev. Charles Beatty, of Long Beach, Calif., spoke at the Artesia church on August 31.

The Middlebranch, Ohio, church has planned a week of Bible lectures and pictures of the Holy Land September 15-21. The speaker will be Dr. O. E. Phillips, a student of the prophetic Scriptures.

The Northern Ohio district has planned a youth rally for September 26-27. The Wooster church will be host to the rally.

The Akron (Ohio) Bible Institute opened its 13th year on September 8. Dr. Raymond Gingrich is president of the school. The first week was in the nature of a Bible conference under the direction of Dr. O. W. Yates, who also will be the speaker on September 14 at the dedication of the recently acquired estate on Medina Road.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Gingrich, of Akron, Ohio, observed their silver wedding anniversary on August 31.

They were married on August 31, 1927, at Leon, Iowa, by Rev. Frank Garber, father of Mrs. Gingrich.

The Fremont, Ohio, church is another one of our churches that is entering the Christian Life Sunday School Contest, beginning October 5.

The Covington, Ohio, church surprised its pastor, Rev. James Young, and his family with a pantry shower upon their return from the national conference. Since Brother Young has been pastor of the church 2 people have made public confessions of faith in Christ and 1 person made reaffirmation of faith. On August 17 the BYF of the church was reorganized with 18 people present.

Marilyn Grubb, the 12-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Grubb, Winona Lake, sustained a severe injury to one leg when she was knocked from her bicycle and fell under a trailer loaded with children being taken around through the village of Winona Lake on August 29.

Dr. Elias D. White preached his last sermons as pastor of the South Gate, Calif., church on August 31. He used the same subjects he used on his first Sunday as pastor there in June of 1939. Dr. White left later in the week for St. Louis, Mo., where he assumed the position of dean of the Brookes Bible Institute, a school with an enrollment of 297 last year. The family will remain in Lynwood, Calif., until Brother White can find a home in St. Louis.

Rev. Charles Bergerson, Wadsworth, Ohio, was the organist and pianist for the prophetic conference sponsored jointly by the American Association for Jewish Evangelism and the Winona Lake Bible Conference, at Winona Lake, Ind., August 25-September 1.

One of the recommendations of the National Sunday School Board which was enthusiastically received by the delegates to the annual conference, is the designation of the months of September and October as a time for our Sunday schools to regather all people who have their names on the Sunday school rolls but who have become delinquent. This is a task and a challenge for every member of the Brethren Church, and it is something every person can do. Begin now in your community!

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Christ Above All

By Rev. Lester Pifer, Fremont, Ohio

Moderator's Address for the 15th Annual Northern Ohio District Conference of Brethren Churches, Held at Akron, Ohio, July 22-25, 1952

We face a world steeped in sin and gradually declining in spiritual power, in political prestige, and in moral integrity. The church, which is the last restraining force for righteousness, has become stagnant with modernism . . . Our own denomination, the Brethren Church, holds tenaciously to the faith once for all delivered to the saints, but is coming far short, as a spiritual force for righteousness, of what it could be in these days. . . .

Brethren Church Can Be Used

Though the picture be dark and though the Brethren Church be small in the midst of many denominations, yet we are keenly aware that God has been able to take the minority or the remnant and shake the forces of evil. With the knowledge of the Word of God which we have, the Brethren Church is in a peculiar position in which she could be used mightily to bring about a consciousness of God's rightful place in the lives of men. However, this will never come to pass until we, as a church and as individuals, put Christ in His rightful place in our lives, in our living, and in our work.

The Apostle Paul warned the church at Colosse against heresy. This church thought it had the truth, but because of its intense intellectual pride it had lost sight of its appointed task of soul-winning and practical living for Christ. It had its own doctrine of angels, it doted on the Supreme Majesty and His relation to matter, and it held a strange form of asceticism which boasted in its self-righteousness. . . . Paul counteracted this heresy with a message concerning the person, work, and glory of Christ. This, we feel, is the need of the present hour—a study of the person, work, and glory of Christ. . . .

Colossians 1:15-20, the basis of this message, is one of the great passages of Scripture. As a Christological statement it has scarcely an equal, certainly no superior. Two great truths are presented: First, Christ in His relation to creation,

and, secondly, Christ in His relation to the church.

Christ and His Creation

You will note immediately that Christ is spoken of as "the image of the invisible God" (15). Just as the earthly child bears the representation of his father, so our Lord Jesus Christ is the exact representation of the Father. "He is the brightness of his glory, and the character, the exact impress, of his person" (Heb. 1:3, lit.). "In him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead" (Col. 2:9).



Rev. Lester Pifer

"Being in the form of God, he thought it not robbery to be equal with God" (Phil. 2:6). . . .

Christ is next spoken of as "the firstborn" (15). It is well to bear in mind that not always, in the Scriptures, is the one who is born first called the firstborn. Rather it is a term given to the one who is the heir or preeminent one. It is the eternal Son who stooped in grace to be born of a virgin who is here referred to as the heir and preeminent one in creation.

It was He who brought all things into being (16). "Without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3). All the inhabitants of heaven and of earth owe their life to Him. Beings, visible or invisible, are all creatures of His hand. . . . His preeminence extends over all creation.

Note next that "he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (17). By the term "all things" we understand all that has been created,

whether personal or impersonal. Christ existed as the eternal Word before them all. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). It is the eternal Word who sustains the universe. . . . Never has there been a moment from the beginning of the creation that He has not held together all things by the word of His own power. . . .

Christ and His Church

In verses 18 through 20 we see Christ's relation to the church. The Apostle Paul, having shown the relationship of Christ, the eternal Son, toward the creation, now turns to the church, the body of Christ. . . .

The nature of the relation is seen in the phrase, "He is the head of the body, the church" (18). The church is a called-out body of believers—a people whom God has called out of the world and who recognize Christ as the Head of the church.

This church is the body of Christ. As a body it has organic unity; its internal relations are not tangible to the senses, but not less real are its order, harmony, and ultimate purpose. As the body of Christ it is one with Him in life, in position, in strength, in glory. This vital oneness with Him is something tremendous! Would to God that every believer in the church were conscious of this in every hour.

Christ is not merely the governmental head, but the vital head as well, since that of which He is the head is His body, which "by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God" (Col. 2:19b). Jesus Christ is the sovereign Lord of all creation, and as such He does and will govern for the benefit of His church. . . . When our churches realize this truth in its fulness, it is certain there will be a unity of purpose, of will, of desire, and of service. This is the heart of the work of the Holy Spirit in this present hour as He seeks to lead and guide the visible church in its leadership, growth, and unity. What glorious business meetings we could have if

each one followed as the Spirit leads in exaltation of the divine Head's purpose. . . .

Next we note the accomplishment of this relation. The two expressions, "the beginning" and "the firstborn from the dead," are interesting. These have a definite reference to our Lord. The beginning of what? Not of time, nor of creation, though these are true of Him. It has reference to His resurrection from among the dead. Our Lord was the first to arise from the dead. As Paul says in another place, "Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (I Cor. 15:23). . . .

Purpose of This Relation

The purpose of this relation is stated in clear concise words: "In order that He might become, in all things, Himself preeminent" (18, lit.). The design of the Father is expressly stated: As Christ is first with respect to all creation, so should He be first with respect to the church. This was God's design in so constituting Him the Redeemer, as is seen in Philip-
pians 2:6-11. . . .

Let us ever keep in mind that "He, Himself," is to be preeminent. Every Brethren church should be planning its program, its services, its work toward that glorious end. Every believer in Christ should have as his desire and aim to make Christ preeminent in all things concerning his life. . . .

When each child of God comes to the place where this is his chief desire, then it is certain what will be

J. L. GINGRICH HONORED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Honor to whom honor was "do" as well as "due" was the thought on Wednesday of National Conference, when in the evening devotional service Rev. J. L. Gingrich was presented with a set of the Expositor's Bible. The conference moderator, Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, made the presentation in recognition of Brother Gingrich's 25 years of service as National Conference secretary.

The retiring secretary spoke briefly in response, expressing his appreciation for the gift and for the cooperation he had received in his work down through the years.

Clyde Landrum, secretary.
(See cover picture.)

his decision at the time of the mid-week prayer meeting. Will it be the television, or will it be the prayer meeting? The believer must make his decision about this: Does he want to put Christ first or not? Giving Christ the preeminence will answer every problem concerning the pleasures of the world, concerning the place of your presence when services are being held in your church, concerning your decision in every business meeting; it will be the answer to your life of testimony and soul-winning. It may even be the answer to your life's work, and certainly it will be the Spirit's leading in your life at all times. Oh, may this be a day when we shall make Christ preeminent and may we keep Him in that place for the duration of our testimony on earth!

Statistics Show Loss

Next, the manner in which our Lord paid the price for our reconciliation is set forth (20). What a price He paid, and yet how little is done for Him! The net results of our district statistician's report of this year shows an 18-percent loss! Immediately someone will say, "Yes, that is because of roll revision, and a church that ceased to exist." But the fact still remains that Christ was not preeminent in the lives of our Brethren people or we wouldn't have needed to revise the rolls, close up a church, etc. I wish we had a record of the number of people that were won for Christ. This would certainly be indicative of just how much "first place" Christ is allowed to have in our lives. . . .

Brethren, let us stop and consider—are we to put ourselves first, or is it Christ? What was the last command that He left with us? Was it not to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15)? When Christ is placed in His preeminent position in each of our lives and in all our churches the net result will be gain and it will appear in sizeable figures. Only 24.3 percent of our people attend prayer meeting each week. Does this tell the whole story of who is first on prayer meeting night? It may not tell all of it, but we need to do some good checking up on ourselves. . . .

A warning must be sounded at this point. It is true that many people boast they are giving Christ first place and yet down underneath they are holding back. We cannot expect the blessing of God to be upon our

lives, our work, our church, or our ministry if Christ is not wholeheartedly given the proper preeminence. The sooner we recognize this truth the sooner the blessing will come upon us. . . .

Some Recommendations

The following recommendations we would make as your retiring moderator:

1. That a "Christ Above All" campaign be put on in every church to cause our people to become more conscious of the instruction which God has given on the preeminence of Christ. This, we feel, with proper emphasis, will help in the matter of soul-winning, the attendance at all services, and especially will do much to increase our prayer meeting attendance.

2. That we encourage the National Sunday School Board to continue its work of awakening our Sunday schools to the possibilities in the realm of evangelism in local communities.

3. That our district mission board be encouraged to make every effort possible to establish a Brethren testimony in the many towns and cities of our district where no Brethren churches are now located.

4. That we continue our stand against the National Council of Christian Churches and other apostate bodies who would hinder the preaching of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May this coming year, should our Lord tarry, bring much in blessing from our Lord, much in the number of souls won for Christ and an increased fervency on the part of every believer in the district to put "Christ Above All."

FRANK NORRIS DIES

Dr. J. Frank Norris, 74-year-old southern preacher, died on August 20 near Jacksonville, Fla., apparently of a heart attack. Dr. Norris is remembered as the pastor of Baptist churches in Detroit, Mich., and Fort Worth, Tex. Under his guidance a Baptist seminary was started in Fort Worth.

THINKS HERALD IS WONDERFUL

"The Herald is wonderful. I am afraid I could not improve it, but I surely do glory in it. Would hate to miss a copy."—Mrs. Kenneth McConkie, Bellville, Ohio.

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

We Must Turn to God's Word

Mayor William F. Devin, of Seattle, Wash., recently said, as reported in the Pentecostal Evangel: "It is my opinion that the American problem, as well as the world problem, has been created by reason of the departure of man from the will and the Word of God. The only real and lasting solution to either and both of these problems is in the return of man to God through a study of His Word and the doing of His will. The sooner we do that the sooner will we solve our individual, national, and international problems."

One day the psalmist came to a similar conclusion in regard to his own life. He summed up what he said in these words: "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments" (Psa. 119:59-60). An illustration of these verses can be found in the words of the Lord Jesus that He spoke concerning the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-24).

When any man turns to God he is immediately received by the loving heavenly Father and joy is given to the soul of the sinner who has turned from his sin.

Greatest Burden in the World"

John Milton, the English poet, once said that superstition is "the greatest burden in the world." Cicero, the Roman statesman, called it a poison that "destroys all peace of mind." Also, he further declared: "Superstition, which is widespread among the nations, has taken advantage of human weakness to cast its spell over the mind of almost every man."

Superstition, however, is not a curse from which modern people are free. Scholars inform us that one-half of the people of the world carry amulets and charms to protect them from bad luck, evil spirits, and illness.

According to our English translation of the Bible the Apostle Paul accused the Athenian people of being too superstitious" (Acts 17:22). They had erected altars to the gods they knew by names, and lest they had missed a god they erected another altar "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD." Paul claimed that these pa-

gans did this because of ignorance.

Fellow believer, we dare not entertain for one moment any superstition, for "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

Misusing a Name

A federal judge in Argentina has ruled that persons who offend the memory of Eva Peron, Argentina's first lady who died recently, will be guilty of a "crime against the security of the state."

Dear reader, there is a name and a memory far more holy than those of Eva Peron. Concerning this name the Word of God declares: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" (Ex. 20:7).

Peter testified concerning this name: "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. . . . Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:10, 12).

Let us, therefore, be careful never to misuse any name of our God.

Charge Against American Homes

In annual meeting the Northeastern Ohio Teachers' Association was told that the schools are now doing many things for children that were once done by the home. Broken homes and homes where both parents work away from home have combined to make the problems more perplexing. The association was told that in some cases the teachers had to teach the children to tie their own shoes and to brush their teeth, neither of which was learned from the parents.

Ben Waddington, a Cleveland instructor, said: "A teacher nowadays must give a pupil a pat on the back or a friendly smile to make up for the neglect at home."

One reason why the Apostle Paul could trust Timothy with the im-

portant pastorate of the church in Ephesus was because of "the unfeigned faith" that dwelt in him, "which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (II Tim. 1:5). Parents, learn a lesson from this example!

A Result of Drinking Wine

Selim II, Sultan of Turkey, 1566-1574, conquered the island of Cyprus so he could have an inexhaustible supply of Cyprus wine. He reveled in his victory and drank freely of the wine of the land. The result was that he drank so much of the wine that it caused his death.

Selim, along with every other drinker of wine, ought to have read the words of the wise man. Solomon, who had tried everything under the sun, said: "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Prov. 23:29-32).

Man Can Still Hope for Peace

Vice President Alben Barkley has placed his hope for peace in the United Nations. Recently he summed up his thinking on this matter thus: "If the United Nations goes the way of the League of Nations, the last hope of man to organize the way of peace will disappear." This is his plea to keep the United Nations from failing.

The United Nations may be "the last hope of man to organize the way of peace," but it is not the last hope of peace. Speaking of people who have turned from God, the Prophet Isaiah wrote: "The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace" (Isa. 59:8). But when the Lord Jesus comes He "shall speak peace unto the heathen [nations]: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth" (Zech. 9:10).

Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafar, 81-year-old founder and president of Dallas Theological Seminary, died on August 21. At the time he was in Seattle, Wash., in Bible conference work. When he became ill he was transferred to the home of a friend, Mr. Robert O. Fleming, where he was placed under an oxygen tent and his special nurse from Dallas, Tex., went to Seattle to care for him.

He lingered several weeks before dying. The body was returned to Dallas for the funeral and burial services on August 26. Memorial services were conducted by the Winona Lake Bible Conference on August 29 under the direction of Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, conference director, and Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of the Watchman-Examiner.

Grace Theological Seminary has written a memorial resolution which will appear in the Educational Number of the Herald.

THE WORK OF RESCUE MISSIONS

The work of rescue missions is more needed now than ever before. President George L. Bolton, of the International Union of Gospel Missions, at the annual convention of the group in Trenton, pointed out that more homeless and friendless people were helped during 1951 than in any previous year. The 23,000 beds available in the 229 missions in the United States and Canada were used more than 5,500,000 times during the year for overnight lodging, and more than 10,000,000 meals were served.

These missions conducted more than 155,000 public gospel services, at which an estimated 104,000 people made public decisions to accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

Though these are days of great material prosperity, they are at the same time days of great spiritual poverty. There are countless thousands of people in this nation who are in deep need of a knowledge of the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

GREATER THAN NIAGARA

Dr. A. J. Gordon took an English friend to see Niagara Falls. Taking him to the foot of the falls, he said: "There is the greatest unused power in the world." "Ah, no, my brother, not so. The greatest unused power in the world is the Holy Spirit of the Living God."—*Fifth and Cherry Light.*

He Humbled Himself

By Rev. Charles Bergerson, Wadsworth, Ohio

He humbled Himself,
The Sovereign Son
Of God, the Messiah,
The Wonderful One,
The Counsellor true,
Indeed God the great,
The Father of Ages,
The peace-prince of state.

He humbled Himself:
With chords of love knit
He willingly offered
His face to the spit,
The spittle of Satan
From Satan's own slaves,
The snarlings of bastards,
Of beasts and of knaves.

He humbled Himself:
Thus bound to His task,
He graciously yielded
His back to the lash,
The steel-studded belt
Of Roman design,
With death-decreed daring
Of Jewish malign.

He humbled Himself
For peoples unborn,
Unflinchingly giving
His brow to the thorn
They platted thereon
With torturing thrust,
Not caring for flesh—
For wound Him they must!

He humbled Himself,
Creation's avail,
His hand and His feet
To the hate-hammered nail.
What miracle feet!
What beautiful feet!
That nails should His goodness
On Calvary meet!

He humbled Himself;
For, by the cross near,
The Westerner wounded
His side with a spear.
Out flowed blood and water,
The last sacrifice!
The blood for redemption,
The water for life.

He humbled Himself:
Our sin on Him hurled,
He meekly laid down
His life for the world.
The glories eternal
He willingly spurned,
By way of cruel Calv'ry
Thereto to return.

He humbled Himself:
And shall I do less
Than die His death daily,
His life manifest?
"Who humbles himself
Exalted shall be:"
'Twas true of my Saviour;
Is it less true of me?

SPEAKERS SELECTED FOR INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON PROPHECY

The program committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. John W. Bradbury, announced on August 29 the names of some of the speakers for the International Congress on Prophecy to be held at the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City November 9-16. Each speaker was selected because of his fundamentalism and his diligent study of the prophetic Word.

Among those who have thus far accepted are Dr. Wilbur Smith, professor at Fuller Theological Seminary; Dr. Louis T. Talbot, president of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles; Dr. William Culbertson, president of Moody Bible Institute; Dr. V. Ray-

mond Edman, president of Wheaton College; Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse, editor of Eternity magazine; Dr. John F. Walvoord, of Dallas Theological Seminary; Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of the People's Church, Toronto, Canada; and Dr. David J. Laurier, Bible teacher from Scotland.

Themes to be considered will deal with the meaning of prophecy, the history of the development of prophecy, prophecy concerning the Jews, the world-wide apostasy, the meaning of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, matters concerning the Antichrist, and other subjects of similar nature.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Editor, Jesse B. Deloe

SPIRIT OF LAYMEN AT CONFERENCE ENCOURAGES NEW OFFICERS

Laymen from Brethren churches all over the country were overjoyed when, during one of their final sessions at Winona Lake, a report was read to them by Rev. Walter Lepp, of the Board of Evangelism, concerning a plan for evangelization by the Brethren Church in the future.

The plan, to be operated by a committee of the Board of Evangelism to be known as the "Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade" committee, was unanimously endorsed by the laymen, who rose to their feet to sing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." The report was adopted at a later session of the conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Further details of this new evangelistic crusade are being published from time to time in the Herald on a page being edited by Rev. R. Paul Miller. Watch for these pages, for the laymen of the Brethren Church have as one of their principal projects for the coming year the raising of \$2,500 for support of the Board of Evangelism.

The response of the laymen to the report of their project committee and the spirit that was manifested in general during the sessions were a source of joy to the new officers of the group and it is to be hoped that such a spirit will prevail as the men return to their home churches to witness to the lost as the Lord leads. At our national conference, the attendance and offerings at the laymen's meetings were:

| | Present Offering | |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Tuesday, Aug. 19 | 39 | \$29.15 |
| Wednesday, Aug. 20 | 51 | 21.63 |
| Thursday, Aug. 21 | 49 | 19.71 |
| Friday, Aug. 22 | 49 | 26.31 |
| Saturday, Aug. 23 | 23 | 14.15 |
| | 211 | \$110.95 |
| Average attendance | 42 | |
| Average offering | | \$22.19 |

STUDENT AID COMMITTEE

The Student Aid Committee of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen for the coming year is composed of the following men: Wesley Miller, of Goshen, Ind., chairman; Jesse Deloe, Winona Lake, Ind.; Prof. John Whitcomb, Winona Lake, Ind.

NEW OFFICERS OF NFBL

Ballots cast at the meetings of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen in the Rainbow Room of the Westminster Hotel, August 19-23, resulted in the following being elected:

President—O. M. Cooper, 1611 Staunton Ave. NW., Roanoke, Va.

Vice President—Earle R. Cole, 2753 Elmwood St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Secretary-Treasurer — William Fisher, 335 Fugate Rd. NW., Roanoke 12, Va.

Boys' Advisor—Owen Hacker, 1621 Benson Dr., Dayton 6, Ohio.

Laymen's Page Editor—Jesse B. Deloe, Box 251, Winona Lake, Ind.

Pictures of these men will be run on this page when we receive copy for them.

NEWS FROM WHITTIER, CALIF.

From the calendar of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., we print the following, which was titled "Brotherhood." (We wonder if the service was sponsored by the laymen.)

"Stanley D. Hill, who was shot in the neck and crippled for life while trying to hold up a Beverly Hills liquor store, will be one of a trio of evangelists speaking Sept. 9 at the First Brethren Church.

"From his wheelchair Mr. Hill will give a 25-minute testimony, describing how his conversion in October 1950 turned him from a life of crime to one of evangelism. Dick Hill, his brother, will preach a sermon. Chuck Viall, song leader and chalk artist and veteran of Youth for Christ, will share the program.

A Navy veteran, Stan Hill had a number of brushes with the law before he drew a sentence at San Quentin Prison. He was paroled March 3, 1952, and immediately started on an evangelistic career."

PRESIDENT MASON COOPER LEADS VISITATION GROUP

Bro. William Fisher, of Roanoke, Va., our secretary-treasurer, answered your editor's appeal for news with the following letter, which we print, in part:

"Bro. Mason Cooper led us in a soul-winning and personal visitation campaign this summer, asking God for 100 souls. We praise God for the accomplishing of the goal, for God gave us 108 precious souls before our campaign was ended. I know the Brethren denomination would be pleasing God more if each of our churches would endeavor to have such a campaign, especially before an evangelistic campaign to prepare the way. Already several Brethren churches have expressed their desire to have Brother Cooper come and work with their laymen in such a campaign of 2 or 3 weeks. We truly praise the Lord for having a layman with such a talent, and with such a passion for lost souls.

"At the closing meeting of our laymen at national conference, Brother Cooper, our newly elected president, brought us a heart-searching, a heart-warming, and a challenging message that touched each heart. He read Ezekiel 33:7. Ezekiel was called to be a watchman, the same as each layman is called to be a watchman for the Lord to warn, rebuke, reprove, and encourage. We should be watching every opportunity that we have to win precious souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Each of us as laymen soul-winners should set our goal now for the number of souls that we intend to win to the Lord during the coming year. We need the prayers and the cooperation of every man in the Brethren Church. We need the suggestions of every layman in order to complete the goals that we have set up for the Lord's work in the coming year. Brother Cooper challenged every layman from the bottom of his heart to pledge his cooperation and determination to win souls to Jesus Christ this coming year."

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JOHN 21: 15-17

Lovest Thou Me?

By Mrs. Edward Bowman, Garwin, Iowa

National WMC President's Message to Conference, August 19, 1952

Our theme for this year is in the form of a question we all should ask ourselves. The scope of it is too great to be covered in a single message. We shall confine ourselves to that part which especially applies to us women of the Women's Missionary Council. As we consider the question, let us answer it in our hearts as though the Lord Jesus Christ in person were here and speaking to each one: "Lovest thou me?"

The words of our theme are found in John 21. This wonderful chapter, which closes the Gospel of love, sets forth the public restoration of Peter to the fellowship of Christ and his commission to do the work of Christ. The disciples had come from Judea to Galilee as the risen Lord had instructed them. They were no doubt confused and restless after the events which took place at the time of Jesus' death and resurrection. In his restlessness, Peter's mind went back to his old occupation, and he proposed a fishing trip. The others went along, and "that night they caught nothing." It seemed so much easier to go fishing than to give themselves to prayer and waiting for a manifestation of the Lord.

In the morning Jesus appeared to them on the shore. In obedience to His command they let down the nets again and took a great draught of fish. Then the Lord in love and grace prepared and served His discouraged and defeated disciples their breakfast! What love He manifested to them!

After this blessed time of fellowship on the seashore, the Lord turned to Peter with this searching question: "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" "Peter do you love Me more than these other disciples love Me? Do you love Me more than you love these fish and the fishing trade? Do you love Me supremely, Peter?" Peter answered the thrice-asked question: "Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee." Then Christ commissioned Peter to His service—to the work of the undershepherd. His call to be a fisher of men was renewed. Proof of his love for Christ would be manifest in his service. Love for Christ is the only acceptable motive for service to Christ.

Let us stop for a time and examine this question, word for word. As emphasis is placed on first one word and then another, we shall discover the meaning of the question.

LOVEST THOU ME?

The first word is "lovest." There are three different Greek words for the English word "love." *Eros*, which describes a lustful love, is not found in Scripture. *Philia* is the word used to describe the love between friends, a fondness for another. *Agape* is the strongest word for love. It is used in Scripture of Christ's love and describes a deep and pure love. Our Lord in speaking to Peter used the strongest word, *agape*. In like manner He is saying to you and me today: "Have you absolutely pure, unselfish love for Me?"

This is the love of absolute devotion. It is a personal love for Christ that makes Him supreme in the heart and life. It is the essential qualification for Christian service. Only those who really love Him can be of use to Him. A deep love for Christ produces a love for the souls of men and a willingness to endure suffering and hardship that His message of salvation might be carried to those who have never heard.

In His message to the church at Ephesus in Revelation 2, our Lord found one fault with the saints in this wonderful church. They had "left their first love" for Him. That zeal and devotion to Him that was so manifest in their early days as His children was gone. They were cooling off in their service to Him. He admonished them to repent and be restored to His fellowship lest they lose their testimony for Him. So let us search our hearts today to see if we have left our first love for the Lord. If so, confess it to Him and be cleansed this moment that you can answer, "Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee."

LOVEST THOU ME?

As we consider the second word of our theme, should be noted that Jesus was not speaking to a stranger or casual acquaintance. He was addressing one who had been His constant companion and servant for 3½ years. Peter was one of that inner circle of those who were closest to the Lord.

Jesus could not have come to a stranger with this question, "Lovest thou me?" There had to be dealing with that lead up to love. A mother can say to her own child, "Do you love me?" and receive an affirmative answer because the mother is familiar to the child. But s

cannot expect the same answer from a strange child. He will have to do something for that child before love can spring up. Christ has done much for us and merits our deepest heart's love. Surely we cannot help but love Him when we remember that He died for us and that He keeps us daily. Because of His love for us we have eternal life and the privilege of being called by His name.

This is a personal question—"lovest thou me?" Love for Christ is the test of our Christian character. It is the surest means of becoming like Him. He wants to be first in our hearts and lives. Regardless of the demand made on us by loved ones, He wants our love supremely. Let us give it to Him, not only in faithful service, but expressed to Him in prayer. Declare your love for Him. As a day goes by and my husband fails to tell me that he loves me, I ask him if he does. There is no doubt in my heart that he loves me. I just like to hear him say so. Even so with our wonderful Lord: let us tell Him often of our love lest He question us: "Lovest thou me?"

LOVEST THOU ME?

The third word is the most important, because it sets forth the One who is to be the object of our affections. Deep, true love and devotion must be felt for the Lord Jesus Christ, His person, character, and cause. Time will not permit us to go into detail on this. Perhaps it can all be summed up in the words of the hymn writer: "How can I help but love Him when He loved me so?"

Aside from the fact that we *owe* Him our love, He is *worthy* of our love. He who is the Creator of the universe, the King of kings and Lord of lords, has condescended to ask the love of poor human beings! He gave His life for us. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." No wonder the hosts of heaven cried out, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain!" He is the One altogether lovely.

Jesus draws our love toward Himself and then fills our hearts with His love and compassion for the souls of men. Beloved, if you care little for the souls of men, there is little love for Christ in your heart. The two go hand-in-hand: love for Christ and love for others. Paul said, "The love of Christ constraineth us," which literally means, "The love of Christ overmasters us." It makes us helpless to do otherwise than win men. When we are overmastered by Christ, it means that His life is ours, His love is ours, His truth is ours, His will is ours, His compassionate concern for others is ours. If our Christian life is barren today, examine your love for Christ. As you love Him, He will fill your life and make you useful in His service. Remember His commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself" (Luke 10:27).

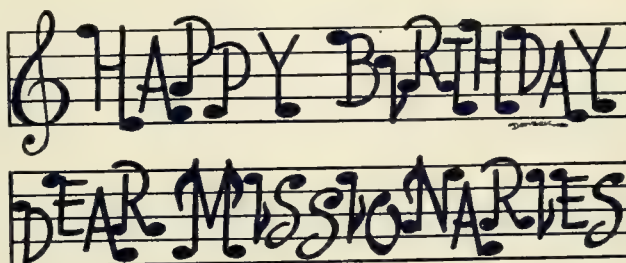
Now let us consider what we as members of the Women's Missionary Council can do out of love for Him. Turning again to the Word of God, we learn from the lips of our Lord Himself, "If ye love me, keep my commandments," and again, "If a man love me, he will keep my words." Daily reading of the Word is fine and should by all means have a larger place in our day's program, but there must also be that living out of its truths in our daily walk. Putting the Word into practice in our daily living will result in holiness of life and the bearing of much fruit for His glory.

The strongest proof of the sincerity of Peter's love was the fact that Christ commissioned him to feed and care

for His sheep. Those who truly love Christ are commissioned by Him to do His work. One cannot love the Lord and be idle! 'Tis true that we women are not to be undershepherds of God's flock, but there are other phases of His work in which we can have a part. Love for Christ will make us willing, yea eager, to teach in the Sunday school or child evangelism classes, to give much time to visitation and witnessing, and to give active and faithful support to the program of our churches. A true love for the Lord Jesus Christ will untie our purse strings that the work of Christ may not be hampered by lack of funds or equipment. Sincere love for Him will drive us often to the prayer closet for sweet fellowship with Him and intercession for His servants on the mission fields of the world. This is indeed a needed ministry and one that brings results. And last, but by no means least, love for Christ will cause us to love one another, thus bringing unity in the Lord's work which the Spirit of God can bless. Only as there is this unity in the Women's Missionary Council will we move forward for Christ this year.

Love for the Lord is the only acceptable motive in service. As the love of Christ constrained or overmastered Paul to win men and to be faithful in spite of great persecution and hardship, so may His love be the impelling motive in the heart of every member of the Women's Missionary Council this year.

"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God" (Phil. 1:9-11).



Africa—

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| Ruth Dunning..... | November 1, 1941 |
| Miss Clara Schwartz..... | November 2 |
| Miss Mary Elizabeth Munn..... | November 3 |
| Rev. Chauncey B. Sheldon..... | November 8 |
| Mrs. J. P. Kliever..... | November 12 |
| Carolyn Ruth Sheldon..... | November 21, 1941 |
| Mrs. Robert W. Hill..... | November 27 |

Argentina—

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| James Paul Dowdy..... | November 1, 1936 |
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Baja California—

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| Rev. LeRoy Howard..... | November 7 |
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Brazil

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| Rev. Edward D. Miller..... | November 11 |
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In U. S. attending school (c/o W. A. Ogden)—

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| Ann Celeste Kliever..... | November 13 |
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On furlough—

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| Rev. Hill Maconaghy..... | November 25 |
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By Althea S. Miller

The other day I looked through the book, "Robert's Rules of Order." This work is the dynamite set to explode any false theory or guess in parliamentary procedure. This is the rulebook men use to govern the business affairs of their various and sundry organizations. It tells them how far they dare go in disagreeing with another, in overriding an opponent, or getting a pet motion across. With cold, calculated authority it determines man's treatment of his fellow man in matters of organizational business. Its impartiality sticks to principle and rule; it is not affected by personalities. The rules have calmed many a group where feeling ran high and blood warm. Adherence to this book has often set certain types of individuals in their proper place.

Of course, the book serves another purpose. It has a wealth of information for the man who really wants the "know-how" for proper organizational procedure. By governing a conference with the book's rules a meeting can be kept calm and the business transacted with dispatch. It is an outgrowth of study of men's needs in organization.

Still I pondered on the book. It is easy to understand why an organization of ungodly men would need its check and discipline. The average unsaved man is hard-pressed to hold himself in check, to defer to another. Of course, being born again certainly does not make the followers of Christ know all there is to be known in this world of men. So this book is of value to the Christian for its information. But for the Christian there is help above and beyond this book. For one's *rule* in dealing with another we need only to look to The Book. "In honour preferring one another" (Rom. 12:10). "To every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think" (Rom. 12:3). "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men" (Rom. 12:17). For the *enabling* it is good to remind ourselves of the great apostle's cry: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). There is nothing too hard for God to do for us. The *desire* for treating our fellow men with love and respect is the constraining love of Christ which dwells in our hearts through faith in Him. He died for all men, not alone for one or two. How dare we refuse to give honor to other children of our Father (II Cor. 5:14-21)?

The WMC theme for the year 1952-53 is, "Lovest Thou Me?" We answer by our spiritual growth or by its lack; by our increased knowledge of God's Word or ignorance of the Book; by our kindness and respect toward our fellow workers, or lack of these. Each WMC member, each local council, will stand on her own record. May we arise to the challenge and really answer honestly: "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee" (John 21:17).

Goats, Peanut Butter Cookies

By Manya Samarin

The other day Mama and Papa put Curly, my doll, in a big trunk and said she was going to Africa that way. Ever since that day the most exciting things have been happening. A few days later, Mama said to kiss Becky and Victor (Fogle) good-by. I did, and then we went on a long bus ride. After that ride we got on an airplane. I know something about airplanes because I went to see Grandma once on one. We were in the airplane a long time. I was getting awful sleepy when the airplane landed and two big black men in white robes and red capes helped me down the stairs.



"They don't like me!"

Papa said we were in Tripoli. It was dark and hot, and I was sleepy. We went up again. I got sick all over my nightie, but I was too sleepy to tell Mama, so she did not know until morning.

Before I could see the sun they woke me up and we got out at a dry old place Papa called Fort Lamy. But I saw some colored men without shoes just like Papa said I would. Mama asked for some boiled water for me and I had to drink it still hot. When we got back on the airplane Mama combed my hair twice, and both Mama and Papa acted excited and kinda silly. I guess it was because we were landing at a place called Bangui. When we climbed down the stairs I couldn't see anything but a circle of black people at the bottom. I looked at Papa and said, "They don't like me!" Then I scrambled up on his shoulders and it seemed safer up there.

Two of the biggest men in all the world met us. Papa said they were Uncle Jake Kliever and Uncle Wayne Beaver. We got in big red trucks that made an awful rattle. Mama and Papa got so excited about the people on the road, but I thought the goats were cuter and nicer. We got to a big house where a kind lady had a dinner ready. It was pretty good. The milk tasted funny, but I liked the peanut butter cookies. Then Mama showed me my bed. It looked just like a tent and I thought it was just fine. As I crawled under the net I asked Mom what the noise was I heard. She said it was drums. I almost asked what drums are and why the people were making so much noise, but I was too sleepy. I guess it was just because we were at last in Africa.

(Manya is a little less than 3 years of age. This rather limits her writing, but we are sure that these were some of her thoughts.—Ruth Samarin.)

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WMC FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1951-52

CASH ACCOUNT

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| Balance, August 21, 1951 | \$1,160.35 |
| Receipts— | |
| Credential and general offerings, 1951 conference | \$476.55 |
| Sisterhood Mary and Martha | 300.00 |
| Return of Miss Mary Emmert's love gift check | 30.00 |
| WMC stationery and extra packets | 6.00 |
| Home mission offering | 2,455.86 |
| Foreign mission offering | 2,247.17 |
| Grace Seminary offering | 2,191.04 |
| Thank offering | 2,024.85 |
| Special leper offering | 90.84 |
| Special Jewish offering | 59.40 |
| Special for Elena Wagner in Argentina | 15.00 |
| Special fund for cooking utensils for Africa conference | 4.19 |
| Songbooks for Navaho work | 5.00 |
| Special for Miss J. Nielsen in Argentina | 10.00 |
| Missionary birthday offering for support of missionary | 45.98 |
| General expense offering | 1,296.90 |
| Total receipts | 11,231.78 |
| Disbursements— | |
| Home missions | \$2,455.86 |
| Foreign missions | 2,247.17 |
| Grace Seminary | 2,191.04 |
| Thank offering | 2,024.85 |
| Special accounts | 194.43 |
| General expense | 2,150.47 |
| Total disbursements | 11,263.82 |
| Cash balance July 30, 1952 | \$1,128.31 |

HOME MISSION FUND

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance on hand August 21, 1951 | \$0.00 |
| Receipts— | |
| Dec. 30, 1951 | \$2,226.23 |
| March 31, 1952 | 229.63 |
| Total receipts | 2,455.86 |
| Disbursements— | |
| Jan. 18, 1952 | 2,330.21 |
| Feb. 12, 1952 | 107.65 |
| May 2, 1952 | 18.00 |
| Total disbursements | 2,455.86 |
| Balance on hand July 30, 1952 | \$0.00 |

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance on hand August 21, 1951 | \$0.00 |
| Receipts— | |
| Sept. 30, 1951 | \$12.59 |
| March 31, 1952 | 10.00 |
| July 30, 1952 | 2,224.58 |
| Total receipts | 2,247.17 |
| Disbursements— | |
| July 22, 1952 | 2,247.17 |
| Total disbursements | 2,247.17 |
| Balance on hand July 30, 1952 | \$0.00 |

GRACE SEMINARY FUND

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance on hand August 21, 1951 | \$0.00 |
| Receipts— | |
| Sept. 30, 1951 | \$12.47 |
| March 31, 1952 | 2,141.57 |
| July 12, 1952 | 37.00 |
| Total receipts | 2,191.04 |
| Disbursements— | |
| May 2, 1952 | 2,154.04 |
| July 28, 1952 | 37.00 |
| Total disbursements | 2,191.04 |
| Balance on hand July 30, 1952 | \$0.00 |

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance on hand August 21, 1951 | \$10.00 |
| Receipts— | |
| Thank offering | \$2,024.85 |
| Leper work | 90.84 |
| Jewish work | 59.40 |
| Support of Elena Wagner in Argentina | 15.00 |
| Africa utensil fund | 4.19 |
| Songbooks for Navaho work | 5.00 |

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| Support of Miss J. Nielsen | 10.00 |
| Missionary birthday offering | 45.98 |
| Total receipts | 2,255.26 |
| Disbursements— | |
| Foreign Missionary Society— | |
| Leper work | 90.84 |
| Elena Wagner support | 15.00 |
| Africa utensil fund | 4.19 |
| Miss J. Nielsen support | 10.00 |
| Home Missions Council— | |
| Jewish work | 2,084.25 |
| Songbooks for Navaho work | 5.00 |
| Grace Seminary— | |
| Bozoum, Africa, for pulpit Bible | 10.00 |
| Total disbursements | 2,219.28 |
| Balance on hand July 28, 1952 | \$45.98 |

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT

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|---|-----------------|
| Balance on hand August 21, 1951 | \$1,150.35 |
| Receipts— | |
| Credential and general offering 1951 conference | \$476.55 |
| Return of Miss Emmert's love gift check | 30.00 |
| For stationery and extra packets | 6.00 |
| Sisterhood of Mary and Martha | 300.00 |
| General expense offering | 1,269.90 |
| Total receipts | 2,082.45 |
| Disbursements— | |
| Conference expense and love gifts to national officers and conference expense to district representatives—Mrs. E. Bowman, \$40; Mrs. C. McCall, \$40.00; Mrs. H. Rempel, \$40.00; Mrs. C. Sandy, \$40.00; Mrs. R. Miller, \$40.00; Mrs. H. Koontz, \$35.00; Mrs. R. Ashman, \$40.00; Miss M. Emmert, \$30.00; Mrs. P. Dick, \$10.00; Mrs. M. Fisher, \$10.00; Mrs. F. Walters, \$10.00; Mrs. A. Kriegbaum, \$10.00; Mrs. S. Henry, \$10.00; Mrs. C. Mayes, \$10.00; Mrs. E. Morrell, \$10.00; Mrs. K. Ashman, \$10.00 | \$385.00 |
| Loudon Printing, 1951 conference programs | 32.00 |
| National Youth Council, half of general offering | 152.78 |
| National S. S. Board, half of general offering | 152.77 |
| Brethren Missionary Herald, space in Annual | 40.61 |
| Brethren Missionary Herald, 11 Heralds | 1,081.20 |
| Miscellaneous supplies and mimeographing work | 306.11 |
| Total disbursements | 2,150.47 |
| Balance, July 20, 1952 | \$1,082.33 |
| Mrs. Chester McCall, Financial Secretary-Treasurer. | |



Dear Mrs. Miller,

The Women's Missionary Councils of the Southeast District held their spring rally at the Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., on Friday, May 16. Approximately 103 ladies attended. We were happy to welcome a new council from the Washington Heights Church of Roanoke. This brings the total number of councils in this district to 13.

We were privileged to see slides of our missionaries who are home on furlough and of some who are ready to leave for the fields for the first time—those who have been approved by the Foreign Missionary Board. These pictures were a genuine inspiration and challenge to us all.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Robert E. A. Miller had charge of a round-table discussion. The problems discussed and suggestions offered will be most beneficial to

all councils as we strive to serve Him better and "Occupy Till He Comes."

In His service,
Mrs. Moda Coffey, District Secretary.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

The women and girls of the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles held their annual fellowship banquet in May at the church.

Fifty-six women and girls enjoyed a very pleasant evening and did justice to an excellent meal prepared by the younger women of the church. The men served the banquet.

The programs were printed on large paper sombrero hats and the tables were pretty with cactus and other Mexican decorations. Mrs. Dorothy Howard, one of our missionaries to Baja California, gave an interesting talk. She told of the work just started in Tijuana and of the great need for Christ throughout all Mexico. Those who do accept Christ have to make many sacrifices in order to live the Christian life.

Little Kathy Howard sang several choruses in Spanish. The evening closed with prayer and all said: "It was good for us to have been here."

In His name,
Mrs. Pearl McNeil, secretary.

BIBLE AND MISSION STUDIES

The National WMC is *not* making up program booklets this year. Here is a list of Bible and Mission Studies for the year, for your convenience in making up your own booklets.

| Bible Study | Mission Study |
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| September—The Personal Call | Understanding the Jew |
| October—The Personal Question | Anti-Semitism |
| November—The Personal Answer | Jewish Holidays |
| December—The Progressive Question | Jewish Holidays (cont.) |
| January—The Perplexed Answer | Jewish Holidays (cont.) |
| February—The Persistent Question | Jewish Religion and Customs |
| March—The Pure Answer | Jewish Religion and Customs (cont.) |
| April—The Price of That Love | Responsibility of the Church to Israel |
| May—The Pull of That Love | Evangelizing Israel |
| June—The Promise of That Love | Pointers in Witnessing to Jews |
| July—The Produced Change That Love Makes | Messianic Scriptures Useful in Witnessing to Jews |
| August—Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory | Objections of Jews and How to Meet Them |

NATIONAL WMC OBJECTIVES (1952-53)

1. Daily Bible reading of your own choosing or reading the Gospel of John, I, II, and III John, I and II Peter, Psalms, I and II Corinthians.

2. Special emphasis upon establishing family devotions in every home, stressing this objective in the month of January.

3. A monthly devotional meeting, using the program packets.

4. Emphasis upon personal evangelism through visitation and tract distribution, suggesting that each council appoint a tract chairman.

5. A birthday offering to be taken for the full support of a WMC missionary on the foreign field, such offering to be sent to national financial secretary-treasurer before July 31 or brought to national conference, where a special recognition service will be held.

6. Each council enlisting prayer warriors from the congregation, continuing the use of prayer booklets, prayer pointers in the Herald, and introducing the use of prayer covenant cards which may be obtained from the national literature secretary.

7. A thank offering be given for the Brethren Jewish work in Los Angeles, to be sent to national financial secretary-treasurer before June 30. Each council provide own banks, if so desired.

8. Each council having a part in the district projects.

9. Four major offerings to be sent in so that they will reach the national financial secretary-treasurer before the 10th of the month after each respective offering closes.

(1) Sept., Oct., Nov.—Home Missions—\$2,200; (a) \$1,100 toward the purchasing of lots at Baltimore, Md., (b) \$1,100 toward completion of church auditorium at Portland, Ore.

(2) Dec., Jan., Feb.—Grace Seminary—\$2,200; (a) to provide sidewalks around seminary building, (b) any remaining balance to be used toward purchasing chairs.

(3) March, April, May—Foreign Missions—\$2,200; (a) \$1,100 toward purchasing an automobile for workers in France, (b) \$1,100 toward purchasing property in Buenos Aires.

(4) June, July, Aug.—General Expense—\$2,200.

5. Promoting the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in the district.

6. Each district to sponsor at least one project, suggesting said project be cleared through the national vice president to avoid duplication.

7. Each district contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward furnishing and repair of the Foreign Missionary Residence, this fund being used at the discretion of the committee in charge. Such offering to be sent to national financial secretary-treasurer before July 31.

NATIONAL WMC RECOMMENDATIONS (1952-53)

1. That a membership rally be held annually in each local church, using the original covenant card and star system.

2. Each local president attending National Fellowship conference if at all possible.

3. That Mrs. Robert E. A. Miller be our editor.

4. That Miss Mary Emmert continue as our prayer chairman and that we encourage the observance of the day of prayer each month.

5. That we send good usable clothing to the Clayhole, Ky., mission, Rev. Sewell S. Landrum, via express to Jackson, Ky.; to Taos, N. Mex., Rev. S. I. Horney, parcel post, or via express to Santa Fe, N. Mex.; to Indian mission, Rev. Evan Adams, Brethren Navaho Mission (located at Counselor Post), Star Route, Cuba, N. Mex., c/o San Juan Basin Lines, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; to Albuquerque, N. Mex., Rev. Clarence Gutierrez, R. R. 4, Box 732F, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

6. That our national vice president be our national project chairman.

7. That officers in the local councils be elected in the July meeting, installed in the August meeting, and take office in the September meeting.

8. That each council promote the evangelization of children, urging the women to assist in Sunday school, vacation Bible school, children's Bible classes, etc.

9. That the women in each council continue to show an increased interest in the Sisterhood in all possible ways: in prayer, in financial help, and in work projects.

10. In view of the rapid expansion of our various Brethren endeavors and the accompanying need, we *strongly urge* that all local and district councils use Brethren talent and support Brethren works.

11. A birthday message, suggesting the use of 10-cent air mail, be sent to foreign missionaries and their children.

12. That the book, "Witnessing to Jews," by Milton B. Lindberg (50c) be used in connection with National Objective No. 3.

13. That the local council purchase two of the suggested reading circle books:

(Reviewed by Mrs. Conard Sandy, literature secretary. Books should be ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Winona Lake, Ind.)

"Showers Upon the Grass," by Bob Jones, Jr., \$2. The 98 short, devotional messages found in this most inspiring book appeared originally in a syndicated newspaper column entitled, "A Look at the Book." Because of their popularity, Dr. Jones was persuaded to collect them together and present them to a wider reading audience by means of this volume. A companion volume—"As the Small Rain"—has had a wide ministry and the same is predicted for this book.

Dr. Jones presents Bible truths in a delightfully simple and understandable style. There are 8 main divisions in the book and under each is found several short, to-the-point, and timely sermonettes. An appropriate poem accompanies each message.

Read this book with a prayer in your heart for a blessing from God, and you will not be disappointed.

"The Untold Korea Story," by Bob Pierce, as told to Ken Anderson, \$1.25. Persecution, privation, excruciating agony, and untold suffering such as our minds find difficult to comprehend have been and continue to be the daily circumstances under which our Korean brethren are living.

The reader will marvel at the strength, valor, and courage of the Korean Christians who, though driven from their homes and separated from their loved ones, are willing to publicly testify of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. They continue to ask for more Gospel meetings where they may be strengthened and encouraged by the story of the God who cares—the God who gives strength in times of weakness and peace in place of fear.

As one reads this eyewitness account of tragic defeat, yet ultimate victory through Christ, he will surely search his own soul and ask: "What have I done for Jesus?"

"Hidden Valley," by Douglas C. Percy, \$2. This book is an African mystery novel that is filled with suspense and thrills that seem to be matters of life or death to those concerned.

The author portrays the life and customs of the Africans from authentic knowledge, having worked as a missionary among them for many years. The hero of our story is a young man who is willing to be used by the Lord as a witness for Him among those lost in the darkness of heathen Africa. Peter, our hero, has two friends who visit him in this dark land, and while here they find life is indeed anything but monotonous, and that the thrill they seek is ever present.

"Hidden Valley" is a prize winner in Zondervan's Second International Christian Fiction Contest, and as your attention is held by the unfolding of the plot you will undoubtedly feel that the judges were justified in choosing this book as a winner.

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

1. Every district represented on the national board, suggesting that expenses, wholly or in part, be paid by the district.

2. A written report be given at national conference and published in the Herald.

3. Each district to provide interesting material representing work done in past year for display at national conference.

4. Each district to select a prayer chairman who will encourage the enlisting of prayer warriors. The name of the district prayer chairman be sent to the national prayer chairman by November 1.

"Ambassadors for Christ"

Sisterhood of MARY and MARTHA

II COR. 5:20



WILLIAM CAREY—THE FATHER OF MODERN MISSIONS

By Miss Mary Emmert

The first missionary sent to a foreign land in modern times was William Carey, of England. He was a cobbler by trade, but while he was making shoes he was studying Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French, and Dutch. He liked languages and read a chapter of the Bible in all these languages every day. He soon began to preach the Gospel.

He studied a huge map he had hung in his shop, and wrote in everything he read about all the countries. Brainerd's life greatly influenced William also in his decisions to be a missionary.

It took him 9 years, however, to convince the churches that it was their duty to evangelize the heathen. When he first urged missionary work upon them, the chairman of the meeting shouted at him: "Sit down, young man. When God pleases to convert the heathen, He will do it without your aid."

Finally, in 1793, the missionary society which he had helped to form sent him and his family out to India. He was then 32 years old. He had to locate in Bengal because the East India Company would not allow him to work in Calcutta.

It was a good thing that his motto was, "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God," for he truly had to depend upon God as he faced his work.

The people of India were very superstitious. Because of their religious beliefs they often burned widows on the funeral pyres of their husbands, sacrificed baby girls by throwing them into the river, and burned lepers.

Mr. Carey learned the Bengali language very well, due to his careful habits of study. Later he also learned Sanskrit and 36 other languages derived from it. God had given him the gift of languages necessary to unlock the many languages of India and to translate the Bible into them.

He first worked in an indigo factory to make expenses. Later he and the other missionaries who joined him earned money for the mission by teaching school and by printing on the press which the natives thought to be his god when he first set it up. Carey believed in making the mission self-supporting.



SMM Ambassador for 1952-53

Our national project is to raise \$1,500 toward the support of MARY BETH MUNN, missionary to lepers in Africa.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray for the new missionaries studying in France.
2. Pray for the missionaries serving faithfully in the fields that are now white unto harvest.
3. Pray that many souls will be reached for Christ this SMM year.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

SINGSPIRATION.

INTERCESSION—Circle prayer (using suggestions in prayer box).

SCRIPTURE—Psalms 119:17-32.

TRAINING FOR AMBASSADORS—

Juniors and Middlers—"Dorothy's Doubts."

Seniors—"Christian Science."

SPECIAL NUMBER.

REPORT ON AMBASSADORS—

Juniors, Middlers, and Seniors—"William Carey."

BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

Besides translating and printing the Scriptures, and preaching, he also established schools and hospitals. He preached 7 years before his first convert stepped out for the Lord. He had to lose his caste in order to become a Christian. But Carey's zeal in preaching salvation through the death of Jesus finally caused many more to follow this first convert.

Although he had been kept from preaching in India proper, the government finally sent for him to become a professor of Bengali and Sanskrit in their college, as no one else had his skill in the languages. In this way India was opened to missionary work. He continued as a professor for 30 years, teaching 4 days a week and at the same time he did much work for the mission.

Mr. Carey had some great losses by fire, flood, and cyclone. To add to his burdens his wife lost her mind during the last 12 years of her life. After her death he was happily married to one who was a true helpmate. Three of his four sons became missionaries and were a great joy to his heart.

He persuaded the government to make laws against the burning of widows and lepers, and to prevent the drowning of children. He lived to see the slaves freed.

By 1818 his first little native church had branched into 26 churches, and there were 126 native schools with 10,000 boys in attendance. When he died at the age of 72, in the year 1833, there were 18 mission stations. God indeed had accomplished great things through him.

Mrs. Smith had just finished teaching her Sunday school class of girls. She had told them about God in the beginning making things on the earth and in the heavens; she had said that He existed today and kept things going; she had taught that it was God who had given each girl in the class life and it was He who kept that life growing and existing each day.

Dorothy was a new girl from the housing project across the road from the church. This was her first time there, but she had no difficulty believing those things. Her very heart had told her some wonderful person was behind everything she could touch, see, feel, smell, enjoy, and imagine. But she just couldn't seem to get it straight about His nature. She was too shy to ask questions. She was new and maybe the others would think she was queer. However, all during the week she wished she had asked a few questions.

She wondered what God looked like. Could you see Him if you were in the right place? Could you hear His voice talking like you do people on the radio? Could you invite Him to come visit in your house and actually give Him the best room for a week?

The next Sunday, Dorothy was one of the first in the class. She had been waiting for the door to open. And she was glad, for Mrs. Smith again told them about God. She said that God was a spirit and that spirits didn't have flesh and bones like people. Spirits could go wherever they wanted and nothing could stop them. They could enter places although doors and windows were shut. They could go up into the heavens without the use of airplanes or wings. They could go to the bottom of the ocean without getting into a submarine. She said that girls had a hard time understanding God because they couldn't think of Him as a spirit. They had never seen a spirit, so they didn't know just how one looked. But she told the girls that the Bible said this about God, and the Bible was true and they must believe it. So one of Dorothy's questions was answered.

Mrs. Smith also told how God visited people in the Old Testament days by taking upon Himself the form of an angel. She told how He took upon Himself the form of a little baby and was born to a lady named Mary in New Testament times.

"Oh," said Dorothy, "I know that story. But I thought it was about Jesus."

"Yes," said Mrs. Smith. "You are right, Dorothy. It was about Jesus, but Jesus told us that He and the Father were one. Jesus was very God in the form of a man, because He knew that men needed saving."

Next Mrs. Smith showed how the very names of God showed what kind of a being He was. In Genesis 22 He was a Lord that provided. In Exodus He was the Lord that healeth and He was their Banner. In Judges He was the Lord of Peace. In Psalms He was the Good Shepherd. In Jeremiah He was the Lord of Righteousness. In Ezekiel He was the Ever-Present Lord. Surely He was and is wonderful to be able to do all these things for His people.

Then Mrs. Smith reminded the girls that man was created in the image and likeness of God. But she hurried to add that this did not mean that He had ears, eyes, mouth, hands, feet, and general features like man. However, it did mean that man and God each had an image

that consisted of righteousness, knowledge, and holiness of truth, but man lost his when he listened to the serpent in the garden.

The teacher pointed out that there are four things the personal God does for the universe and those in it:

(1) That all things are held together by Him; if not, this old world would go to pieces quickly. A personal God is running this "ship" and He is at the helm.

(2) That the physical supplies for all God's creatures are in His hand; He feeds them all.

(3) That God has His hand in history, guiding and shaping the affairs of nations.

(4) That God cares for even the sparrows, the hairs of the head, the tears of His children. He shows an active interest and participation in all things, even the smallest things.

Dorothy was so happy she had come that morning. So many of her doubts had been cleared up. However, she had one big question. Would she be brave enough to ask the last question which bothered her so much? "Well, here goes," she said to herself.

"Mrs. Smith, there is one big question I wish you would answer today."

"Yes, Dorothy. What is it? I'll try to answer it for you," said Mrs. Smith.

"Well, I have heard people say that God is one person, and then some others have said that He is three persons. I just can't understand that."

"My, Dorothy, but you have given me a hard one! It is true that God is one. He told the Jewish people not to worship many gods but to worship Him, the one true God. Then He is spoken of as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I heard it explained this way once. I hope it will help you. People call water H₂O. That is the chemical name for it. You can freeze it and call it "ice." You can heat it so that it becomes "vapor." Or you can let it stay in liquid form. Each of these can be turned into the other under the proper conditions. Yet they all remain as H₂O. There is only one thing wrong with this illustration. God doesn't turn into any of the three. He is all three in one."

Now Dorothy's doubts are cleared up and she is so happy that she went to that particular Sunday school where she was able to get her questions answered and hear so much about God.

CAN YOU TELL?

Some good things God does for His people?

What "image" of God means?

About God and creation?

What it means to say, "God is a spirit"?

How He visited people in the Old Testament times?

How He came in New Testament times?

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I. *Names and Definition.* The cult under consideration in this study is commonly known as Christian Science. Someone has remarked concerning it that it is neither Christian nor scientific, for the reason that it denies the outstanding doctrines of the Christian faith and the basic facts of science. This cult is also called "Eddyism" in recognition of its founder. Quite often it is called "Divine Science." Its official name, however, is the Church of Christ, Scientist.

According to the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," the system is defined as follows: "Christian Science is a system of healing based upon the old philosophical concept of the nonexistence of matter. Its leading principle is that there is nothing material in the universe; matter does not exist. Mind is all; matter is naught." (The writer will not attempt to cite the location in which quotations from Mrs. Eddy's book occur for the reason that there is quite a difference in paging in the various editions.)

II. *Origin.* Christian Science took shape under the influence of Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy. In her book she claims to have been the discoverer of the system. Her statement follows: "In the year 1866 I discovered Christian Science. It came by revelation for the reception of which God has been during many years graciously fitting me." The fact is, however, that she received many of her ideas from one Phineas P. Quimby, a sort of a healer, whom she visited during a time of physical infirmity. The very year he died Mrs. Eddy said she discovered Christian Science.

No doubt Mrs. Eddy was a woman of considerable ability. As a child, she was beautiful and bright, but subject to hysterical attacks. Her schooling was quite meager. She had the reputation of being a rather peculiar girl, the spoiled child of the family. Though she became a member of the Congregational Church, she fell heir to a group of "isms." Her nature provided a fertile spot for their development.

III. *History of the Movement.* The founder was born at Bow, N. H., July 16, 1821. She claimed to receive "revelations" direct from God in 1866 and wrote "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures" in 1875. This textbook has passed through many editions, the one in the writer's hands being the 148th. Mrs. Eddy founded a "Metaphysical College" at Boston not long after the writing of her revelations, where her followers were trained. So-called churches began to be established. The latter were really reading rooms. These appeared all over the United States. Practitioners began to multiply. The system has appealed to the sick and to those who think superficially. It is not a fast-growing movement at present, though it is widely represented. Its headquarters are located in Boston, Mass.

IV. *Doctrinal Viewpoint.* What are the beliefs of Christian Science? It is important to know the beliefs of our opponents before we can refute them. Many a battle has been lost because the enemy was underestimated or their strategy was not considered. We need, first, to know well our own position. Then we ought to know that of our opponents.

First: What is there of truth in Christian Science? (1) It emphasizes the influence of mind over matter. Man can worry himself sick. The Eddyites carry this influence too far, but they possess an element of truth that we do well to recognize. (2) Christian Science has declared the ministry of healing to be an integral part of Christ's discipleship. Thus they have emphasized that there is such a thing as healing of the body, something well-nigh forgotten in many circles of the church. (3) It has emphasized to some degree the virtue of self-mastery. But when they say nothing hurts when something does hurt there is a lie.

Second: What is there of error in the system? (1) It has a wrong idea of God, making Him an impersonal being. He is Principle and Mrs. Eddy says that the words "person," "personal," or "individual" are wrong when used of God. (2) It has a wrong idea concerning the *Holy Spirit*. In the glossary in Mrs. Eddy's textbook, she says that Divine Science is equivalent to the Holy Spirit and does away with His personality. (3) It is wrong as to the *atonement*. It presents a bloodless gospel. Hers is the error of Cain. Listen to her denial of the very heart of Gospel truth: "One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin. . . . The efficacy of the crucifixion lies in the practical affection and goodness it demonstrated for mankind. The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed tree than when it was flowing in His veins." (4) It denies the reality of sin. Mrs. Eddy says, "Man is incapable of sin." (5) It denies the reality of sickness. It is "an illusion," "an error." (6) It is wrong as to *salvation*. Mrs. Eddy rightly says we are saved through Christ, but it is a Christ who is a Wayshower, who elevates human faith and understanding, who helps man to see the good that is already inherent in him, not a Christ who died to save man by His sacrifice. (7) It is wrong as to the *second coming of Christ*. Mrs. Eddy makes her own system equivalent to His coming.

V. *Belief Concerning Christ.* Christian Science, like Gnosticism of early church history, distinguishes between Christ and Jesus. Number IX in their platform reads: "Jesus was born of Mary, Christ was born of God. Jesus was a mediator between humanity and spirit. He voiced Truth. He spoke to the human sense through the divine." Number XV in the same platform says: "The invisible Christ was incorporeal, whereas Jesus was a corporeal or bodily existence." Christ is called the *Wayshower*.

VI. *Refutation.* How may this cult be refuted? The best way is not by criticizing its founder, though the subject offers abundant opportunity, but by showing the doctrinal beliefs of the cult to be contrary to the plain teachings of the Word of God. Do this by taking each doctrine separately. For example, their bloodless gospel doctrine (see Lev. 17:11; Isa. 53:5; I Pet. 1:18; Matt. 26:39; Heb. 9:22). Or their error with respect to sin (show them Rom. 3:10, 23, etc.). Or their error with respect to Christ's dual personality (show them I John 5:1).

OFFICIAL REPORT

MATERIAL, PINS: All SMM materials, including SMM pins, should be ordered from literature secretary, Myra Joy Connor, 4131 Vermont Ave. NW., Roanoke, Va.

CONSTITUTION: Several amendments were made in the SMM constitution; it will be reprinted and copies sent out shortly. However, here are a few changes we would like to call to your attention. Provision has been made for *three divisions*: Juniors (9-11), Middlers (12-15)—combined SMM's would probably go by this name, too; and Seniors (16-30). The requirements for membership are now: Juniors: (1) Attend 3 meetings; (2) fulfill 7 of the points of the merit system (see Recommendation 1, points 2-8); (3) sign an SMM covenant card. Middlers and Seniors: same as for Juniors, plus must be a Christian.

READING BOOKS: The following devotional books are suggested: Juniors—"Daily Bread" (4 books, 15c each); Middlers—"See the Glory," by Carolyn Canfield (\$1.95), and "How To Meet Your Troubles," by Paul Hutchens (\$1.75); Seniors—"Showers Upon the Grass," by Bob Jones, Jr. (\$2), and "When God Says No!" by Paul Hutchens (75c). Order from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

OTHER AMBASSADORS: The names of Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Gutierrez, of Albuquerque, N. Mex., should be added to the list of home missionaries.

NOTICE: As soon as the Mary-Martha Sisterhood song, constitution, Middler covenant cards, Scripture holders, and project books are available, there will be a notice in the Herald.

MISSIONARY REPORT: Sisterhood girls, especially Seniors, should be well informed on our own missionary activities. For this reason, in the Senior SMM's the literature committee is responsible to give a report each month from missionary activities written in the Herald. A few comments from at least one home and one foreign missionary ought to be given.

RECOGNITION: At conference this year Miss Estella Myers, missionary to Africa, received personal award for memorizing Ephesians in 1951. As a love token, the SMM girls presented a Scofield Bible to Mrs. Herman Koontz, our retiring patroness.

Girls learning Philippians in 1952:

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| Carolyn Oberholtzer | Evelyn Fuqua |
| Wilma Nolt | Catherine Painter |
| Carolynn Andrews | Isobel Fraser |
| Nancy Thomas | Mrs. Virginia Shingleton |
| Bettilou Kemper | Dianne Poe |
| Maxine Kemper | Roxanna Flickinger |
| Normajean Cochran | Jane Young |
| Marjorie Lepp | Janet Weber |
| Lydia Valdez | Ocariz Duran |
| Shirley Imhoff | Nancy Weber |
| Geraldine Gillin | Janice Grubb |
| Donna Jean Bowser | Mrs. Viola Van Orman |
| Dorothy Finnegan | Marilyn Grubb |
| Betty Huff | |

Writing Contest Winners:

Essay: Sr.—First, Geraldine Taylor; second, Nancy Hillagas; Jr.—Linda Warren.
Story: Sr.—First, Isobel Fraser; second, Catherine Painter; Jr.—Betty Lou Kern.
Poetry: Sr.—First, Nancy Schrock; second, Vera Lee Kyker.

Honor Sisterhoods:

Sr., Pike Brethren Church, Mundy's Corner, Pa.
Jr., Pike Brethren Church, Mundy's Corner, Pa.
Sr., First Church of the Brethren, Des Moines, Iowa.
Jr., Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.
Sr., First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.
Jr., Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.
Int., First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Honor District:

The Southeast District.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we use the following merit system in Sisterhood next year:

(1) Attend Sunday school and church regularly.

(2) Name the requirements necessary to become a member of Sisterhood.

(3) Repeat the Sisterhood slogan.

(4) Give the colors of Sisterhood and their meanings.

(5) Repeat the Sisterhood aim.

(6) Repeat the Sisterhood covenant.

(7) Memorize the Mary and Martha song.

(8) Give the Sisterhood benediction.

2. That all Sisterhood girls who meet the requirements in Recommendation 1 be eligible for a pennant.

3. That the following be the requirements for earning the jewel awards:

Juniors: To earn emerald must meet all starred goals; to earn the diamond must meet all starred goals, one unstarred Mary goal and three projects of the unstarred Martha goals.

Seniors and Middlers: To earn emerald must meet all starred goals, one unstarred Mary goal, and one project of unstarred Martha goals; to earn diamond must meet all starred goals, three unstarred Mary goals, and three projects of the unstarred Martha goals.

4. That all Sisterhoods meeting their local organization goals be recognized as Honor Sisterhoods.

5. That the Sisterhood give the WMC \$350 toward our Herald expense and the general secretary write a letter of thanks to the WMC thanking them for their help in paying the balance of our Herald expense.

6. That a gift of \$50 be given to Helen Small, general secretary.

7. That a gift of \$20 be given to all national officers attending conference toward their expenses.

8. That a birthday thank offering be given by the local Sisterhoods in April, which is SMM birthday month, for the higher education of our missionaries' children; \$400 is the goal; offering to be sent to the national treasurer before May 10.

9. That our personal project be to learn the Book of I Peter and that the deadline for reporting memorization be June 30. The awards will be \$7.50 toward Camp Bethany registration or \$7.50 worth of literature from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., or other materials stocked by them, or a Sisterhood sweater.

10. That personal awards be given to those who will memorize the names and fields of our missionaries. Those who learn names and fields of all home and foreign missionaries to receive the SMM pin. Those who learn the names and fields of all home and of 50 foreign missionaries (all five foreign fields must be represented) to receive the SMM emblem. That the executive committee be authorized to give another award of the same price should the girl have the one specified. Only one of these awards can be earned.

11. That the SMM cooperate with the WMC by enlisting as prayer warriors and by signing the WMC prayer covenant card.

12. That each member of the national SMM board that met Saturday and Monday before conference receive \$5 for each working day present.

13. That we accept the amendments to the constitution as suggested by the national board and have the constitution reprinted.

14. That we accept the covenant for the Middler Sisterhood suggested by the SMM board and that it be printed.

15. That the national board meet the Saturday and Monday before national conference 1953, and that each member receive \$5 for each working day that she is present.

16. That we use the tune of "America, the Beautiful" for our Sisterhood song and have it printed.

Mary Goals—

*1. Attend at least 12 devotional meetings unless unavoidable; use SMM material in the Herald.

*2. Bible reading required: Juniors—Acts; Seniors—Acts and 6 of the 12 Minor Prophets.

*3. Quiet time observed every day.

*4. Have some part in devotional program at least once.

*5. Memory work required: Juniors learn at least 6 of the following: Seniors learn at least 12 of the following: John 4:24, 15:26, 16:8-9; I Tim. 2:5; Isa. 7:14; Acts 1:11; Jas. 4:17; Jer. 17:9; I Pet. 1:18-19; Tit. 3:5; Dan. 12:2; I John 3:4.

6. Read a missionary book.

7. Read a Christian fiction book.

8. Read a devotional or other type Christian book.

9. Tell in Sisterhood an experience in witnessing to an unsaved person.

10. Attend all church services regularly.

Martha Goals—

*1. Take part in bandage rolling.

*2. Free-will offering for general fund given at each devotional meeting attended.

*3. Have a part in the project offering.

4. Enlist a new girl for Sisterhood.

5. Cooking project, such as canning for missionaries, pastor, etc.

6. Sewing, such as making your own SMM dress, layettes for mission fields, knit sweaters, socks, mittens, etc.; embroider for missionaries, make outfits for nurses and patients in African hospitals, towels, baby kimonos.

7. Crafts, such as articles made for missionaries, hospitals, etc. (see project book).

8. Christian service, such as teaching Sunday school class, choir, street meetings, mission services, D. V. B. S., rolling and passing out tracts, helping in child evangelism, in nursery, etc.

9. Writing project: Play—theme to be "missions." Best to be given at conference; others printed for use in SMM's. Must be sent to national patroness by January 31. Prof. Homer Kent, Jr., and Prof. Ralph Gilbert to be asked to judge plays.

10. Out-of-doors projects: Raise gardens and can vegetables for missionaries, or sell and give money to missions; raise animals for the same purpose.

11. Help fill missionary chest: linens and household goods, bought or made.

12. Send gifts to mission points, missionary families, the Brethren Missionary Residence, rest home in Africa, Navaho school (notice in Herald from time to time of suggestions).

Local Organization Goals—

1. At least two postcard news items sent to the general secretary concerning activities of your Sisterhood.

2. Statistical blanks sent to the general secretary, national president, and district secretary by July 31.

3. One box of bandages for Africa sent prepaid to the bandage secretary before July 31 (7 yards long, 2 inches wide, rolled hard, and sewed at the end).

4. Free-will offering taken at each meeting and sent to the treasurer before January 31 and July 31 for the general fund.

5. Offering for the project sent to the treasurer before July 31.

6. That 75 percent of the girls earn either their emerald or diamond award.

7. A cabinet meeting in the fall and spring.

8. Senior goal—that the literature committee be responsible for a report each month on missionary activities from the Herald.

District Goals—

1. District organizations sending a list of their district officers and local officers to the general secretary.

2. A district project.

3. A written report at national conference.

4. A display brought to national conference by either the district or some local Sisterhood in the district.

5. District appoint a bandage secretary.

6. Honor goal: That the district help their president in coming to early SMM board meetings. Minimum amount, \$10.

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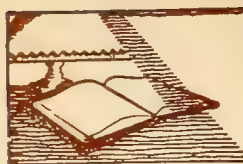
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As the Editor Sees It

By L. L. GRUBB



MOST OUTSTANDING NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 1952 national conference of the NFBC was by far the most outstanding national conference in our history. This is true in many different ways.

The conference attendance at the various sessions was excellent from the first down to the last session. An increasing and vital interest was shown by Brethren folks in what is being done by our various boards and also in the plans for the future. Great crowds of Brethren folks were able to meet other Brethren from different sections of the nation for the first time. The fellowship was indeed sweet in the Lord.

Spiritual power was manifest in the sessions as the Word of God was given first place. Believers responded with emphasis to the challenges voiced by the various speakers. This enthusiasm seemed to be the type, not born of the energy of the flesh, but that which arises from placing intelligent faith in the only proper object of faith, our blessed Lord. The omnipotence of God and His power to perform the miraculous, if we will but pray and dedicate ourselves, was emphasized frequently.

A most important indication of the direct working of the Holy Spirit in the minds and hearts of believers was manifest in the spirit of unity which prevailed in the business sessions and in the cooperation of the various boards. We realized this year more than ever that we work as one great family in the expansion of our gospel crusade to evangelize lost men around the globe. In union, and especially in unity, there is strength.

If our national conference and our district conferences can give any indication as to what lies in the future for our Fellowship, then this coming year should be by far the greatest in our history.

We hope that the enthusiasm and inspiration of our national conference will be carried back to the churches by the delegates and imparted to those who were not privileged to fellowship with us.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Preachers have preached it. Newspapers have publicized it. Everybody seems to believe it, but is it true? Do we really have religious freedom in America?

It is to be remembered that religious freedom not only means liberty to walk down the street with your Bible or any other type of "religious" book under your arm and freely enter any place of worship, whether a church or otherwise; it also means that members of other churches or religious sects will refrain from tangible interference in that worship.

We have the right to write freely or speak freely concerning our religious convictions, but we have no right to

interfere with the operation of the religious practices of others so long as they do not break the law of the land.

There is one church which is always crying "tolerance," but which practices little of it. Recently in New Mexico a Catholic father spoke during a field mass on St. Ann's Day. In the course of his message he said that "the prime tenet of the Christian faith is that we love one another." He continued to urge all his listeners to follow the commandments of Christ, to avoid bitterness, and to pray in their own churches for the gift of peace and love.

Later this same priest spoke to some people over a public-address system and told them to tear up the tracts that had been given out by our missionaries.

Is this tolerance?

At different times vandals have destroyed our mission property, apparently with the blessing or perhaps the direction of religious leaders. This absolutely ceases to be religious freedom. It is a well-known fact with many documentations that the Roman Catholic system has been instrumental in the death of Protestant missionaries in foreign lands. Reports from Colombia, South America, very recently have caused us to shudder in horror at the cold-bloodedness of these crimes.

Recently we were attacked editorially in the Taos, N. Mex., newspaper. Said the editor: "There is a lady with a book in her hand that is visiting from house to house. She reads a little from the book and then asks the mother of the family if she would not like to send her children to a summer school that is now going on here. What is taught there is NOT for Catholics that believe in the Christian faith that Christ taught us. The school is in charge of a local Protestant minister. We hope you will not forget what Padre Leo Fay advised us before he was transferred to Tucumcari, when he admonished us that such schools are not proper and if children are sent there the fathers and mothers will be responsible before God."

It is very plain that the editor was referring to Sam Horney and Celina Mares and our vacation Bible schools. This is pretty plain talk and a bit inconsistent for a newspaper editor to publicly attack a church in his own community, when one of his priests is crying "tolerance" at the same time.

We have sounded this note before and we sound it again. It is time for Protestant believers to arouse themselves and realize that no matter how much the emissaries of the Roman Catholic Church prate about tolerance, that tolerance is a "one-way street" for them. We must tolerate them, but they need not tolerate us or anyone who does not agree fully with the Catholic position.

There is only one antidote for this destructive and intolerant attitude: that is the teaching of the Word of

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CARSON AVENUE BRETHREN CHURCH D.V.B.S.



This fine group of boys and girls made up the D.V.B.S. at Artesia, Calif. The enrollment was 159, with an average attendance of over 100. Many of the boys and girls accepted Christ during the 2-weeks period. Brother and Sister Rager conducted the school and reported many valuable contacts made through this medium.

and, not as the Catholic Church reveals it, but as the Holy Spirit teaches it.

We need more mission stations and missionaries, especially in these areas where Catholicism has enjoyed comparative freedom in both the religious and political fields. Let your Thanksgiving offering answer this challenge!

JEWS ARE ON THE MOVE

In the last 50 years there has been a constant shifting of the world's Jewish population.

In the Western Hemisphere the Jewish population has risen from 10.9 percent in 1900 to 52.9 percent in 1951. The Jewish population of the Americas has risen from 1,000,000 in 1900 to 6,000,000 in 1951. Over 5,000,000 of these Jews live in our own nation. During this period the Jewish population of Europe has fallen from 8,900,000 to 7,700,000.

Two points of immigration seem to interest the Jews primarily: the United States and the new state of Israel. In counting those who have moved to Palestine during 1942, the new Jewish state has increased from 35,000 to 1,400,000 Jews in 50 years.

It is significant that the United States has by far the largest Jewish population of any nation on earth.

The sovereignty of God is apparent in this, for we have been charged with the responsibility of evangelizing this great majority of the seed of Israel. Jews are going back to Palestine in unbelief and very few are being reached for Christ in that land. But here in America we have the golden opportunity of doing the thing that has always been very close to the heart of God, blessing the Jew with the Biblical revelation of Himself and their Messiah, Christ Jesus.

The NFBC is having a definite, even though small, part in evangelizing this great throng of the Lord's chosen people. But our work needs to be greatly expanded with more missionaries, literature, and contacts in the Jewish homes.

We depend alone upon Brethren churches for the support of this work! Nothing is taken from the Thanksgiving offering for it, but churches send in their offerings the year round. May each Brethren church have a vital part in this great work.

SCHOOL DAYS BEGIN AT THE NAVAHO MISSION



The second school year has started for the Navaho boys and girls at the Brethren Navaho Mission. The majority of the boys and girls in the above picture of last year's group will be returning again this year. Only enough new ones will be accepted to make up the quota of 24. Many parents have indicated that they would like for their children to attend the Brethren mission school, but the present facilities will accommodate only 24. It is possible that some white children from a nearby oil workers' camp will attend the school, but it will not be necessary to feed and house them. This school involves a lot of hard work, and your prayers for the staff would be greatly appreciated.



Home Missions Travelog

BY THE SECRETARY



NEW CHURCH ON UPPER MICHIGAN PENINSULA

With the nose of the *Grace Ambassador* pointed due north, in a short time we had covered the approximately 400 miles to St. Ignace, Mich., after having flown across some of the most beautiful terrain in the United States. The straits of Mackinac, with Traverse City, Mackinac City, and other communities, plus the beautiful bay, were laid out in thrilling panorama.

Landing in over the water on the small strip at St. Ignace, we taxied up to the gas pit, and before we even had an opportunity to stop the "prop" the attendant informed us that we were wanted on the phone.

Our good friend, Bro. Paul Lovegrove, was calling to see if we had arrived, and in a few minutes picked us up at the airport. After a short ride we were in Ozark, Mich., where a small and faithful group of the Lord's people had been meeting for several months.

As we met with these saints we heard a story which followed the same pattern as many others. Uncompromising, Bible-believing servants of Christ refused to go along with the modernistic program of the denomination to which they had belonged. They separated themselves from this apostate influence and decided they would fellowship, if possible, with our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, because they knew of our stand upon the Word. The discussion was a profitable and blessed one as we fellowshipped in a small building which formerly was a schoolhouse. Without any financial help the group had purchased this building and are gradually changing its face to look more like a church. The fellowship of those who are of like precious faith is indeed sweet.

Bro. Paul Lovegrove has been the preacher and leader in this group. Even though having plenty to do on his farm, he gives much time to the work.

At our last Central District Conference in Dayton, Ohio, this new group in Ozark was added to the church roster. There were some attendants also at our national conference.

Pray for this new church that God will meet their needs and burden their hearts for the confused and lost souls in their community.

The great State of Michigan is a challenging mission

field to us. Many great cities, such as Detroit, are still without a Brethren Church.

PRODUCING SOUND FILM IN NEW YORK

Navion time from Dayton, Ohio, to New York City was a little over 3½ hours and it took Edison Yoder, Max Kent, and me into the heart of this nation's greatest metropolis on business for the King.

Hours of hard work with plenty of tension were involved in placing the narration on our new sound film, "The Forgotten Navaho." As a result we are expecting our Lord to bring salvation to many pagan Navaho souls.

At night we wandered into Times Square and saw a picture of sin that was absolutely sickening. Derelicts of humanity—dissipated, sunken and bleary-eyed men and women and young people—staggered along the brightly illuminated streets under million-dollar buildings and expensive signs which did everything but talk. Behind an expensive plate-glass front a woman stood on the counter of a bar singing "boogie" songs while a crowd of men worshiped at her feet. Farther down the street was a 10-cent dance hall with 50 pictures of scantily clad women, any one of whom could be had for a dime. Service men and others were coursing in and out of this house of sin. At 3 o'clock in the morning there was still about as much activity in Times Square, for we could not sleep.

There are almost 10,000,000 human souls in the New York-Newark area and not one Brethren church! What a challenge!

We found ourselves praying again that our blessed Lord would open the eyes of Brethren people a little wider during this home mission season to see this vision of sin and need and to give a great increase in our offering.

COUNCIL BOARD MEETS

This year, as usual, the directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council met during the week preceding the national conference and also during conference week.

It seems that each year the business becomes heavier. Naturally, as our list of mission points increases, more details are involved.

However, with no remuneration, the members of the board are willing to take their time and work hard day and night in order to do business for our Lord. It would be indeed an education for the average Brethren to be with us during the long hours of intensive concentration and prayer. We certainly express our gratefulness for a group of men, both ministers and laymen, who know how to pray, who are businesslike, and also men of real faith.

As usual, our board meetings were marked by a spirit of real unity from the beginning.

Some far-reaching decisions were made by our council this year. A budget of about \$140,000 was adopted by

TEN LEADING CHURCHES IN THE HOME MISSION OFFERING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1951-52

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| 1. Long Beach, Calif. (First) | \$10,584.33 |
| 2. Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)* | 8,121.77 |
| 3. Dayton, Ohio (First) | 6,748.95 |
| 4. Mansfield, Ohio | 4,449.19 |
| 5. Washington, D. C. | 3,832.51 |
| 6. Fort Wayne, Ind.* | 3,722.19 |
| 7. Johnstown, Pa. (First) | 3,417.77 |
| 8. Philadelphia, Pa. (First) | 3,295.05 |
| 9. Whittier, Calif. | 3,201.92 |
| 10. Berne, Ind. | 3,120.51 |

*Former home mission churches.

Brethren Minute-Men About to Go "Over the Top" in York, Pa.



An air view of York, Pa. (Inset) The York Bible Class and Rev. Gerald Polman baptizing the first two converts.

The Brethren Minute-Men are ready to storm the great city of York, Pa., with their prayers and gifts!

Who are the Brethren Minute-Men? Have you never heard of this fine organization that God is using to start two new Brethren churches each year? The Brethren Minute-Men are just average Brethren people of all ages who give one dollar or more when they receive an appeal through the mail, and then they pray earnestly that the dollar might do the work of a hundred others. These enthusiastic believers have helped start a number of new churches. They have made it possible for us to have a mission among the Navaho Indians, and now they are swinging into action in York, Pa.

In this great city of more than 100,000 souls we face another opportunity that God has literally "thrown" at us. A group of 30 to 40 Brethren folks from other areas are meeting now in regular services in an old grocery store. A fine young man with experience in a former

successful pastorate, is working in a cement block plant to partially support himself because we cannot fully support the work and care for other similar challenges as well. Bro. Gerald Polman and his family have manifested the spirit of sacrifice. They are willing to pioneer this new work.

Now comes the word that we can purchase a strategically located piece of property for our church if the funds can be raised.

You say you would like to help with a project like this! Then if you do not receive a Minute-Man letter from our Winona Lake office, write to the Brethren Home Missions Council at once and get your name on the list!

Minute-Men! We are depending on you to give us just the help God lays on your heart to give. Don't forget, we do not take it from our local church or any other offering, but we give this dollar or more in addition.

Help us take York for our wonderful Saviour!

faith, expecting God to lay the burden upon the hearts of His saints. This is about \$20,000 more than last year. Even with such a budget, we are not able to meet the multiplying opportunities and appeals to build new churches.

Since church-building costs have skyrocketed and inflation has made this business so difficult, the council has decided to organize a Brethren Construction Company in order to assure good work on our buildings and

to take advantage of each possible saving in time and materials. It will take some time to get this organization set up and functioning, but it is on the way.

Further plans were also made to encourage our pastors, as the Lord may lead, to support themselves in new church areas in the establishing of new churches.

The council rejoices in the best year in its history in every respect and sends forth an urgent appeal to help meet the challenge during the Thanksgiving season.

WHAT HAPPENS TO FORMER HOME MISSION CHURCHES?

For the third in a series on the above title we bring to your attention the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Md. This former home mission church has successfully used the medium of radio continuously for a longer period than any of our other former home mission churches. It has today one of the finest and most complete Sunday school plants of any of the churches in the brotherhood. But, lest we forget, let us go back and retrace the steps that bring us up to the present time.

The history of the Grace Brethren Church dates back to October 1938, when it was organized as the Second Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Md. The group went by this name and was served by part-time pastors for the next 2 years. In July of 1940 the lots were purchased for constructing a new church building. Later in the year Rev. L. L. Grubb arrived on the field as the first full-time pastor. At this time the church was organized as the Grace Brethren Church. The work took on a new impetus with a full-time pastor, and by January 1, 1941, a radio program entitled "Heralds of Grace" started going out over the air waves once a week.

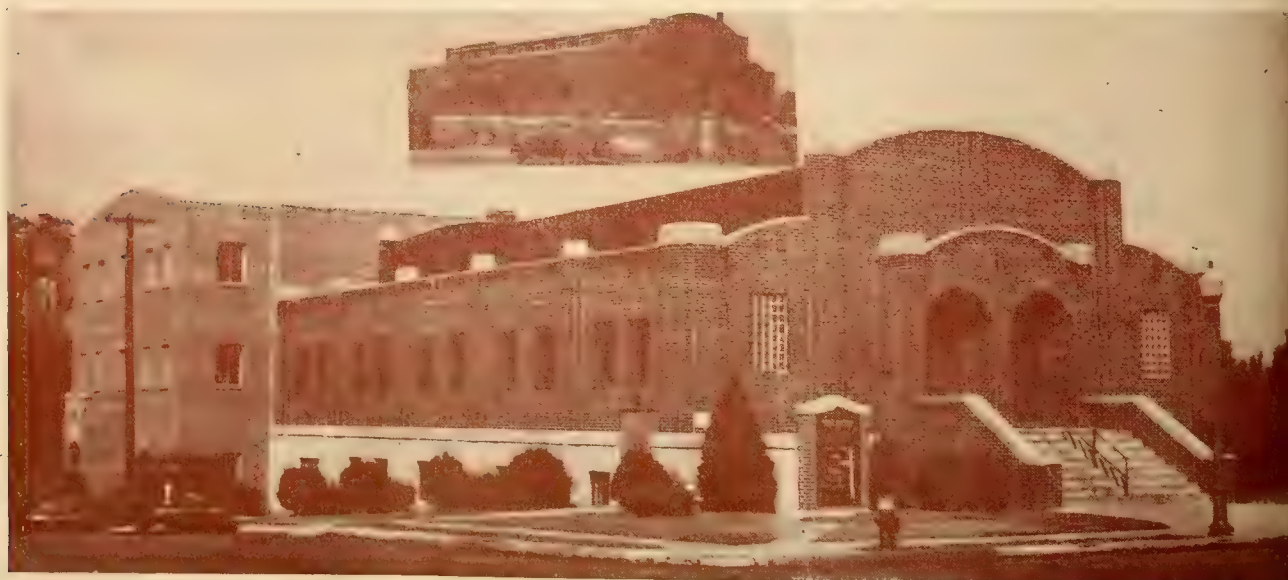
In July 1941, one year after purchasing the lots, ground was broken for the first unit. Many obstacles were placed in the way because of the conditions and restrictions brought on by World War II. Loans were not available from loaning institutions, and God used a new plan of financing successfully, known as the Columbian National Life Insurance Plan. September 27, 1942, arrived, the dedication date of the new Grace Brethren Church, located at First and Spruce Streets in Hagerstown, Md. A \$35,000 building had been erected for about \$23,000. Praise be to God! At the time of the dedication of the church a daily broadcast was inaugurated called "The Family Altar," and this program has continued for 10 consecutive years without interruption.

The membership grew from 71 at the time of organ-

ization to 110 at the beginning of the building program. By January 1, 1945, it had reached 175, and the church assumed full responsibility for its financial obligations, becoming self-supporting. At this period in the church's history, Rev. Walter A. Lepp became the pastor, and the Lord has continued His blessing upon the work during his ministry. By 1950, when the attendance had increased over three times the number at the time of building the first unit, it became evident that another building program would be necessary. In 1951 this new building project was started and completed. It consisted of a 4-floor unit, size 30 x 50, which was built for a cost of \$65,000 and is valued at over \$100,000. Of course this was made possible only by the labor and gifts that were donated by God's people. You can easily see this new unit as well as the original building in the accompanying photo.

We turn from the physical aspects of the work to the spiritual, and we learn that the number of souls won for Christ during the existence of the church adds up to a total of nearly 650. This is only the recorded number and would not include any that may have been saved during the 10 years of broadcasting the Gospel over the air. Brother Lepp testifies that many have come to know Christ as Saviour through the use of the radio and have joined in the work. And so doubtless there are many others who accepted the Lord, but were not recorded. Among this number who accepted Christ during the church's history was a young man, Mr. Carson Rottler, who dedicated his life to serving the Lord full time on the foreign mission field. He has prepared himself and, with his wife and family, is now serving on the field in Argentina. In addition to the church providing this fine missionary family, it is also providing for their support on the field. Another member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Mr. William Wiles, is attending Grace Theological Seminary and looking forward to full-time service for our Lord.

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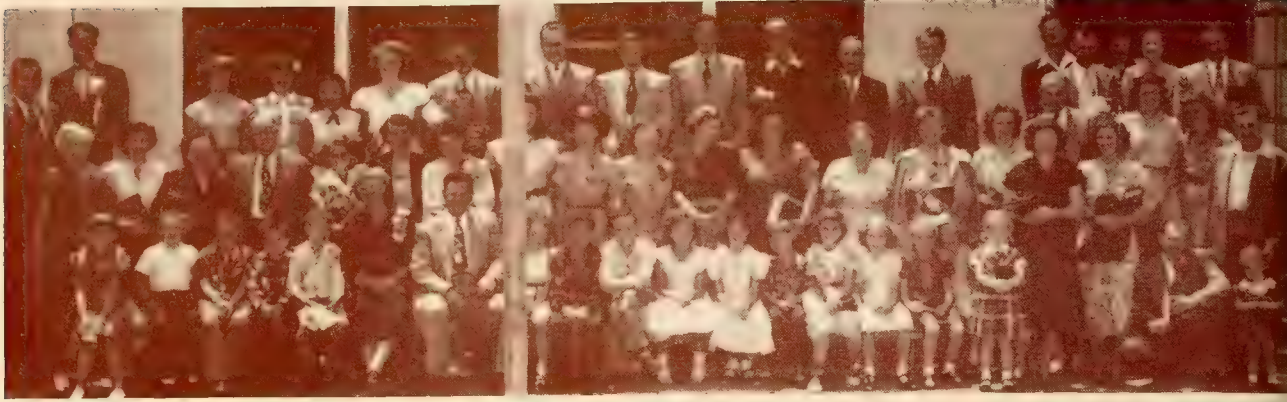
The Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md. (the original and present building).

These Urgent Home Mission Needs Depend on Your Prayers and Gifts---Remember Them at Thanksgiving!

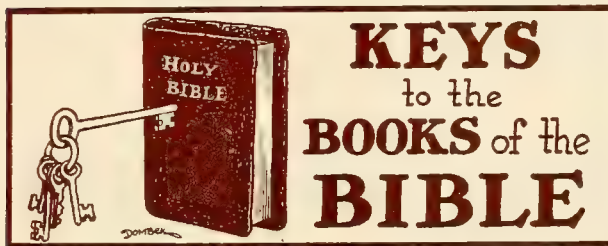


- A completed upper auditorium at Alexandria, Va.
- A new church building at Artesia, Calif.
- A full-time pastor for Baltimore, Md.
- The Cherry Valley Brethren Church completed.
- The Patterson Park, Dayton, Ohio, church completed.
- A new church building at Denver, Colo.
- A new chapel at Dryhill, Ky.
- A new church building at Washington Heights, Roanoke, Va.
- A new chapel at Temple City, Calif.
- The part-time pastor to give his full time in York, Pa.
- A full-time pastor in Seattle, Wash.
- A new church building in Findlay, Ohio.
- The part-time pastor in Findlay, Ohio, to become full-time.
- The part-time pastor in Riverside, Pa., to become full-time.

TEMPLE CITY BRETHREN CHURCH RELOCATING



With the purchase of new property on Temple City Boulevard, the above congregation is now in the process of moving from the Las Tunas location. Already the buildings, formerly used for the day school and church services, have been moved. Plans are being made to erect a first unit for a chapel on this new property at once. The old location will be sold as business property. Remember in prayer the pastor, Rev. Leo Polman, the sale of the old location, the Christian day school, the need for building funds, and, above all, the wisdom of God needed.



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Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman and the buildings that were moved in Temple City, Calif.

II CORINTHIANS

I. Presents the ministry within the church by which the church is to be perfected, in order to the fulfillment of its ministry in the city.

II. Key Words.

- A. Comfort (1:3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 6; 7:6, 6, 7, 13) (10 times).
- B. Consolation (1:5, 6, 6, 7; 2:7; 7:7) (6 times).
- C. Tribulation (1:4; 7:4).
- D. Sufferings (1:5, 6, 7).
- E. Trouble (1:4; 4:8).
- F. Afflicted (1:6; 2:4; 4:17).
- G. Suffer, pressed out of measure, anguish, perplexed, cast down.
- H. Triumph (2:14).
- I. Ministry (5:18; 6:4; 9:1, 13).

III. Key Verses.

- A. 7:6-7—"God that comforteth . . ."
- B. 5:18-20—Especially, "Be ye reconciled to God."
- C. 6:1—"Workers together."

IV. Key Outline.

- A. Principles of action (chs. 1-7).
 - 1. Introduction (1:1-11).
 - 2. Explanation (1:12-2:11).
 - 3. Nature of Paul's ministry (2:12-6:10).
 - 4. The appeal (6:11-7:4).
 - 5. The assurance (7:5-16).
- B. Collection for poor Christians at Jerusalem (8-9).
- C. Defense of Paul's apostolic authority (10:1-13:10).
- D. Conclusion (13:11-14).

V. Key Thought for the Day (Morgan).

- A. The church's equipment for its ministry is—
 - 1. Obedience to the Word which is preached.
 - 2. Separation from the world which is to be saved.
 - 3. Conformity to the will of the Lord which is revealed.
- B. The church is to exercise its ministry by seeing to it—
 - 1. That it puts no occasion of stumbling in the way of the Word.
 - 2. That it is living a life of reconciliation to God.
 - 3. That it does not receive the grace of God in vain.
- C. Twofold application.
 - 1. To the church.
 - a. It needs to return to a recognition of the sacredness of the ministry. The minister's most important task is the faithful presentation of the Word of God.
 - 2. To the minister of the Word.
 - a. That he is to know the Word and to preach it.

TEN LEADING CHURCHES IN PER-CAPITA GIVING TO HOME MISSIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1951-52

| | |
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| 1. Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) ** | \$36.09 |
| 2. Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park) * | 29.49 |
| 3. Winona Lake, Ind. | 25.32 |
| 4. Temple City, Calif. * | 23.12 |
| 5. Mansfield, Ohio ** | 20.22 |
| 6. Fort Wayne, Ind. * | 17.89 |
| 7. Berne, Ind. | 16.42 |
| 8. Harrisburg, Pa. * | 16.40 |
| 9. Cedar Rapids, Iowa * | 15.92 |
| 10. Sidney, Ind. | 15.77 |

*Present home mission churches.

**Former home mission churches.

What Happens to Former Home Mission Churches?

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In comparison, let us look at the year 1942 and the year 1952—

| | 1942 | 1952 |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|
| Church members | 147 | 325 |
| Bible school | 105 | 350 |
| Morning worship | 90 | 245 |
| Evening worship | 85 | 180 |
| Prayer meeting | 34 | 121 |
| Home mission offering | \$730 | \$1,945 |

The total home mission offering for this 10-year period adds up to \$13,831.14, which would far exceed the amount invested by the Brethren Home Missions Council in this point.

What God is doing in Hagerstown, Md., He is doing in other cities also, but He would like to be doing the same in many more. The only way this can be accomplished is by letting these examples challenge our hearts to a greater burden for prayer, to a greater burden for missions, and to a greater faith in a God who is able to do exceeding abundantly above anything we might ask or think.

BORROWED HOME MISSION PASTOR RETURNED

Mr. John Zielasko was graduated from Grace Theological Seminary with the Class of 1950 and at the time felt the call to the foreign mission field. Because he was unable to leave immediately and was desirous to be busy serving the Lord, he accepted the call to serve in the home mission field as pastor of the Sunnymede Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind.



John Zielasko

Brother Zielasko has now served that church faithfully for slightly over 2 years, ending his ministry there as of August 31, 1952. During these 2 years the Lord blessed in the ministry of Brother Zielasko, and his resignation was accepted on one condition by the church and that was that he be accepted by the Foreign Missionary Society for appointment to Brazil.

Brother Zielasko was chosen as the moderator of the Central District Conference in 1952 and served on various committees and organizations of the Brethren Church during his short pastorate.

It has been a real joy and blessing to have the services of this servant of God for these 2 years in the section of the mission field known as home missions. Now that Brother Zielasko and his family are transferred to another section known as foreign missions in Brazil, it is our prayer that God's continued blessing will be upon them.

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The *Aleppo, Pa.*, church, pastored by Rev. Fred William Walter, will hold evangelistic services September 22-October 5. The evangelist will be Rev. John S. Neely, who closes his pastoral ministry at the Conemaugh, Pa., church on September 21.

The *Martinsburg, W. Va.*, church, pastored by Rev. M. Leon Myers, will hold evangelistic services September 22-October 5. The evangelist will be Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, pastor of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church. On August 24 Evangelist Gib Jones spoke, and Rev. John Kaufman preached on August 31.

Rev. Marvin Goodman, Jr., was in charge of the services at the La Verne, Calif., church on August 24 and 27. Rev. Orville A. Lorenz is pastor of this church.

Rev. William H. Schaffer, pastor of the Spokane, Wash., church, participated in two chapel services at the Chanute Air Force Base and aided in a missionary service at the Grace Bible Institute of Omaha, Nebr., following the national conference at Winona Lake.

Rev. William Smith, of Washington, D. C., is now holding evangelistic services at the Accident, Md., church. These meetings close on September 21.

The *Cedar Rapids, Iowa*, church now broadcasts the Gospel Truth radio program over station KPIG (1450 kc) from 8 to 8:30 a.m. each Sunday.

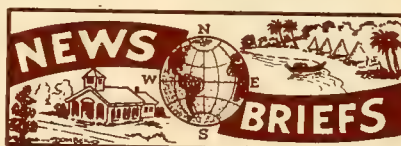
The *Ankenytown, Ohio*, church, pastored by Rev. Wesley Haller, received 5 members upon confession of faith and baptism during August. At the evening service on August 24 the pastor did not preach; instead he read a complete New Testament epistle as the message of the evening.

The *Roanoke, Va.*, Washington Heights church, pastored by Rev. William Carl Miller, received 6 members into fellowship during August.

The *Clayton, Ohio*, church surprised its pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Clair Brickel, on August 29 in honor of their "tin wedding anniversary." This church will hold its annual homecoming service with Dr. Homer A. Kent, of Winona Lake, as the speaker on September 21.

The *Garwin, Iowa*, church, of which Rev. Edward Bowman is the pastor, has planned evangelistic services for September 28-October 12, with Rev. William Smith as the evangelist.

At the *Long Beach, Calif.*, First church, Dr. William Sanford La Sor, of Fuller Seminary, and Chaplain William Leonard, who recently returned from Korea, spoke on August 31.



The *Roanoke Bible Institute* opened its fall term on September 8. Rev. Robert E. A. Miller, pastor of the Ghent church and chairman of the board of directors of the institute, is teaching a course in Bible doctrine. Rev. William E. Howard, pastor of the Clearbrook church, is teaching a course in personal evangelism. Several laymen of the Ghent church are members of the board of directors.

Rev. Homer A. Kent, Jr., of Winona Lake, will preach at the Berrien Springs, Mich., church on September 21.

The *Middlebranch, Ohio*, church has scheduled evangelistic meetings for October 13-26. Rev. Edward Lewis is the pastor and Rev. Robert Ashman will be the evangelist.

September and October have been designated as a time for regathering and recruiting in all *Brethren Sunday Schools*. Get at it and keep at it and your Bible school will profit from the time and energy spent.

Bro. Eugene Burns, who has been employed at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company since January 1947, has accepted a position with the Winona Lake, Ind., post office effective September 8.

Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Flory, Whittier, Calif., became the parents of Linda Marie, who was born August 26. Brother Flory is pastor of the Community Brethren Church at Whittier.

The *Winona Lake, Ind.*, church received a member by letter on September 7.

The *Ashland, Ohio*, church, pastored by Rev. Miles Taber, will hold evangelistic meetings September 28-October 12, with Rev. Robert Ashman, of Winona Lake, as evangelist.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, of Winona Lake, conducted the 30-minute telecast program of the America Back to God Crusade over a Detroit, Mich., station on August 30, in the absence of its director, Dr. Robert M. Parr. On August 31 he preached for Dr. Parr at the Gilead Baptist Church of Detroit. During the two Sunday services 8 people made public confession of faith in Christ, and 2,000 people heard the morning sermon.

The *Altoona, Pa.*, Grace church received 1 member during August. Rev. Phillip J. Simmons is pastor.

Rev. Alf Dodds spoke at the *South Gate, Calif.*, church on September 3 and 7. This church is now without a pastor.

The *Bellflower, Calif.*, church, pastored by Rev. George Richardson, received 2 members by letter and 4 by confession of faith and baptism on August 10.

The *Long Beach, Calif.*, First church is participating in a city-wide evangelistic campaign September 29-October 19 under the leadership of Dr. Hyman Appelman. The meetings will be held in the municipal auditorium.

The *Roanoke, Va.*, Ghent church will hold its rally day and building fund rally on October 5, with Rev. Luther L. Grubb, of Winona Lake, as the speaker for the day.

The *Harrisburg, Pa.*, church has planned for an evangelistic campaign for October 20-November 2, under the leadership of Dr. "Mickey" Walsh, of Philadelphia.

The *Berrien Springs, Mich.*, church will observe its anniversary and rally day on October 12, with the editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald as the speaker.

The *Uniontown, Pa.*, church, of which Rev. Clyde Landrum is the pastor, has scheduled an evangelistic campaign for October 6-19, under the leadership of Rev. John Neely.

Arabs Tell Their Side of Story

Men From Grace Seminary Take Opportunity to Explore Walls of Ancient City

By Prof. John Whitcomb, Winona Lake, Ind.

(This is the third letter which Brother Whitcomb sent to the editor from the Mediterranean Sea area. It was written in Athens, Greece, after the Flying Seminar party had visited in Palestine. Since writing this letter Brother Whitcomb has returned to Winona Lake and is now teaching his classes in Grace Theological Seminary.—Ed.)

Ten days of traveling through Arab and Jewish Palestine proved to be an eye-opening experience for all of us in the Flying Seminar group. First of all, I would like to tell you of the various places we visited, then some of the personal experiences we had during our stay, and finally our impressions concerning the situation in Palestine today.

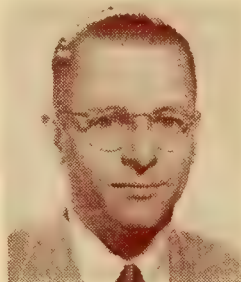
We arrived in Old Jerusalem (Arab-held) on the evening of August 10, after a long drive from Damascus through the barren Transjordan regions, through Amman, capital city of the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan, and across the Jordan River near Jericho. It was not difficult to imagine ourselves as being modern Joshuas, sharing his joy at seeing the Promised Land, even though riding in a caravan of modern automobiles. Very impressive to me was the sight of our 15 or 20 cars winding up the old Jericho road toward Jerusalem's towers on the Mount of Olives, already visible on the horizon.

Dome of the Rock Visited

The very next morning we stood upon the temple area, now a Moslem sanctuary called Al-Haram Al-Sharif. Our Moslem guide took us into the Dome of the Rock, a beautiful mosque named for the famous rock over which it stands, which most archeologists admit to be the place where Abraham offered Isaac, and where the altar of burnt offering stood in Solomon's temple. We even went under a part of this rock to see

a small aqueduct which probably carried off the blood of the sacrificed animals.

After visiting the Mosque of Aksa, at the southern part of the temple area, we saw the old wailing wall of the Jews, doubtless an original section of Herod's temple wall, now closed to the Jews. Following the traditional path where Jesus carried the cross to Calvary (the Via Dolorosa) through narrow, winding streets, we came to the Church of



Prof. Whitcomb

the Holy Sepulcher. Although revolting to the evangelical Christian because of the numerous altars, shrines, lamps, and statues which fill this church, it must be admitted that this is very likely the original location of Calvary. The discovery of an ancient wall to the south and east of this church places it *outside* the city walls in Christ's time.

Another place which claims the honor of being the place of the crucifixion is Gordon's Calvary, to the north of the present wall. Indeed it looks appropriate, and is quiet and beautiful, but is probably not the true location. After all, the *location* matters little to us today; what *really* matters is that Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us, and upon that finished work our salvation depends.

The best view of Jerusalem is from the Mount of Olives to the east of the city. From the top of the Russian Tower we could see the Dead Sea on the east, and the entire

Old and New Jerusalem spread out before us on the west, with the temple area in the foreground, just across the Kidron Valley. Not far from here, Jesus ascended into heaven (Luke 24:50; Acts 1:12), and to the Mount of Olives shall He return in glory at the second coming (Zech. 14:4; Ezek. 43:1-4; 44:1-3). We traveled back down the Jericho Road through Bethphage (Luke 19:29) and Bethany to the ruins of Jericho, where the old walls can still be seen, fallen on all sides, and still further to the shores of the Dead Sea.

Dead Sea in Prophecy

Not far from here, in an abandoned cave, the Isaiah scroll was discovered, and just this spring, in another cave nearby, two Hebrew scrolls made of bronze were discovered. We saw them at the Palestine Archeological Museum in Jerusalem, but they have not been unrolled yet. Even the Dead Sea has its place in Bible prophecy, for its bitter waters shall be healed, and it shall yet abound with fish (Ezek. 47:8-11). Submerged beneath the southern extremity of the Dead Sea may be the ruins of Sodom and Gomorrah.

One day we traveled north to the hill of Samaria (near the wretched, modern village of Sebastia), where King Ahab had his famous palace. The ruins of this palace are still visible, high above the surrounding valleys. Little wonder that it took the Assyrian armies 3 years to take it in 721 B. C. On the way back to Jerusalem we visited the Samaritan colony at Nablus, where 300 poverty-stricken descendants of the original Samaritans live on tourist trade and proudly exhibit their copy of the Samaritan Pentateuch.

Further along the road to Jerusalem we stopped at Jacob's Well, still giving forth water after thousands of years. An Orthodox priest lowered the bucket 180 feet to supply each of us with a refreshing drink. On the outside, we could see the village of

Sychar on the hillside to the north, and Mount Gerizim towering above, just to the southwest. It was on this mountain, rather than Jerusalem, where the Samaritans worshiped (John 4:20). How little, after thousands of years, have these Biblical sites changed! If one can somehow forget the modern shrines that embellish these sacred places, it is a soul-stirring experience indeed, to walk where Jesus walked.

Bro. William Short and I felt that our visit in Old Jerusalem would not be complete until we climbed through Hezekiah's Tunnel, which winds for 1,800 feet through solid rock under the old Jebusite stronghold (later the City of David, or Zion), from the Gihon Spring in the Kedron Valley to the Pool of Siloam. Armed with one flashlight and a camera, and followed by several Arab boys, we waded knee-deep through this amazing tunnel, which was built by the engineers of King Hezekiah around 700 B. C., in order to bring water within the city walls, and to keep the Gihon Spring from being used by attacking Assyrian armies.

Surprising Engineering Feat

Our experience convinced us that engineering feats are not confined to modern times, and it is indeed surprising, as the Siloam inscription tells us, that the workmen who cut the tunnel from both ends were able to meet in the middle, after much twisting and turning. Near the Gihon Spring end, we saw the vertical shaft leading up into the Jebusite stronghold, by which Joab was able to capture the town for his master, David. Other experiences in Old Jerusalem included a visit to the Greek Orthodox Patriarchal Library, where the Archimandrite Aristophilus showed us the priceless Didache manuscript, and a 13th century manuscript of Job.

We were not long in Arab Jerusalem before realizing the tense situation that now exists between Arabs and Jews. It is difficult for Americans to realize how intense is the hatred between these two groups of people today. One night, in the American Colony Hotel, we had the privilege of hearing the ex-mayor of Jerusalem, Anwar El Khateeb. For nearly an hour he answered our questions, and tried to show us how the Jews, with the help of the U.S.A. and Great Britain, have driven out 800,000 Arabs from their homes, taken far more territory than legally

allotted to them by the UN partition plan, and have failed to compensate the Arabs for their loss of property. Many bitter words were spoken, not only by this Arab, but by others who spoke to us (especially during our 1-day visit in Bethlehem), most of whom had lost all their property to the Jews.

Numerous Refugee Camps

Realizing fully the presence of suffering on all hands as a result of the Arab-Jewish conflict in 1948 (as evidenced especially in the numerous Arab refugee camps spread all over the Near East, throughout Lebanon, Syria, Transjordan, and central Palestine), we could not help but recall such Old Testament prophecies as



Obadiah 17-21, Amos 9:11-15, Isaiah 60:1-22, etc., which point clearly to the ultimate return of Israel to the land, even in unbelief. One Moslem leader, accusing our group of pro-Jewish sympathies because of faith in Old Testament prophecy, tried to convince us that the present Jews have no relationship to those of the Old Testament!

We were also told that the Arabs have no more desire to give to the Jews the land which they have held for 1,300 years, than the U.S.A. would have in giving its land back to the Indians who held it only 500 years ago. Needless to say, we found it

difficult, if not impossible, to discuss the fulfillment of prophecy with embittered Moslem Arabs, and confined our remarks to an expression of good will to the Arab peoples, and a desire to help them both physically and spiritually as God enables by projects such as that of Dr. Thomas Lambie, in his successful Christian sanatorium near Bethlehem.

Plight of Greek Orthodox Arabs

In spite of the apparent failure to gain the confidence of Moslem Arabs in our true Christian motives, we did have opportunities to establish contacts with some Greek Orthodox Arabs. Brother Short and I had supper one evening with two Arab families of this background, and for over an hour we answered their interested questions concerning the Gospel and Biblical Christianity. They told us of the peculiar predicament in which Greek Orthodox (and other non-Moslem) Arabs find themselves in the present situation. Unwanted by either Moslem or Jew, many of them find it impossible to hold good jobs, and as a result are trying to leave the land. They feel that they are suffering greatly for Christianity (and they are), but the tragedy is that so many of these so-called Christian Arabs are unsaved. Here indeed is a needy and promising mission field! Pray for these people, that they might be won for Christ, and be effective missionaries to their fellow Arabs.

After a trip to Bethlehem and Hebron (including a most interesting visit to Dr. Lambie's work of faith at the Christian sanatorium near Bethlehem), we prepared to cross No Man's Land into the State of Israel. How thankful we were for an illuminating and instructive visit in the city and land where our blessed Lord walked and taught. Our prayer now is that the testimony we left behind might abound for Christ's glory in the land that knows so little of His power to save today.

LOOKS FOR THE HERALD

"Please continue my subscription another year. In this city [Elyria, Ohio] there is no Brethren work and I do miss the fellowship of the Brethren, so naturally I eagerly look for each copy of the Herald and read it from cover to cover—it's a wonderful magazine. (Signed) Mrs. W. Shook."

"If You Don't Listen, You Must Feel!"

She blinked her eyes in an agony of disbelief. These wild-looking creatures standing before her with great splotches of red all over just were not real. But a second blink failed to dispel the sight as a figment of her imagination. Mother's most reluctant mind had to accept the awful truth that her Kent and Althea were an impossible mess of tile red paint. Hair, shoes, socks, dress, almost-new overalls, fingers, arms, legs, cement steps and sidewalk—but why go on?

Mother's rebellious heart looked to her Father with a question as to His goodness to her at this particular moment. Wasn't she due to leave in 10 minutes to speak at a mother-daughter banquet. Hadn't she slaved all day to have all the needs of her family cared for so that her absence over the supper and bedtime hours would not be too noticeable? Had she not waited until the very last minute (as usual) to dress so that nothing at home should be left undone? How many times when Mother leaves the house she's not sure she is presentable! Sometimes it is hard not to envy the woman who can dress in leisure and with some thought as to what to wear with which! "Dear Lord," she groaned within her heart, "how could You do this to me?"

Yesterday these same two youngsters had discovered this can of paint. By a minor miracle 4-year-old Kent had pried off the lid which only a Samson should have been able to budge. While Mother was in another part of the house he had helped himself to a new vegetable brush recently donated, with an ulterior motive, of course, by the Fuller Brush man, and proceeded to paint the grass back of the house, the ladder, and some odd pieces of wood. In the course of this painting orgy, he and his younger sister had splashed some on themselves, though not to the extent of today's damage. As she applied a gentle paint remover on the two culprits, Mother used—and wasted—some beautiful reasoning. Their sweet, innocent expressions belied the fact that any of this fine argument was "taking." Mother was dealing with them in love *without* spanking and really felt a sense of triumph. Therein lay her undoing. Kent, especially, knew

more about the situation than Mother credited to him.

The shock of their deliberate disobedience on this second day rocked Mother clear through. She had had faith that they had learned a lesson. Her faith was strong, believe me. She *didn't* want to clean up any more painted offspring. But her faith, though strong, was misplaced. Evidently the objects of her faith had not learned the lesson. In this case passive love was not strong enough discipline. When she went for the can of paint remover Mother discovered it was empty. Kent had remembered the remedy for making the paint disappear the first day and



had attempted to clean up the results of his transgression. But the remover did not budge the paint from the cement. It had soaked into the cracks and crevices. Only time and wear would cause it to disappear. Further, the lad did not know how to apply this "magic" effectively to himself or his sister. He had wasted most of his help by indiscriminate application. He knew the remedy for his sin, but his feeble and insufficient efforts muffed his plans for covering up.

Big Brother was dispatched on his bike to the store for more remover. The stuff he brought home was strong enough to take the hide off an elephant. 'Twas all the store had on hand. Mother cringed as she applied it. She wept as much as the children, but for a different reason. This was all so very unnecessary. If only Kent had obeyed when Mother had dealt with him in love without the spanking. If only . . . After most of the paint was off, two unhappy babies were dunked in the bathtub. Then Mother again dealt with them in love. But this time that love took the form of a good, old-fashioned spanking. Grandpa always told his children when they were small that

if they would not listen they would have to feel. Mother was definitely of the same opinion today. Mother learned, a little late, that her love was not very kind the first day. She should have known that reasoning does not mix too readily with paint and babies. With a little force behind her love the first time, the grief and upset of this second episode could have been avoided. Mother was wiser today, but the price was higher.

From personal experience, the mother of Kent and Althea knows that God has had to use force with her when she failed to respond to the appeal of His Word. And her number is legion. God always loves us—that is why He puts up with our cold and indifferent hearts. God loves us, but He hates our sin and what it does to us. When His children do not respond to His gentle dealings in love, He applies some force to that love to get us back into His path. We sing loud and long of our love for Christ, of how much He means to us. We manage to deceive ourselves and often "pull the wool" over the eyes of others for a season. But eventually our going back to the world's "paint can" is known and judgment follows as surely as night follows day. "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23).

Man knows he stands in need of a remedy for his sin. Many men in the world know what that remedy is, but rather than accept God's required remedy in Christ, they, like Kent, try to eradicate the marks of their sin by self-induced, self-produced righteousness. With an effrontery common to man, they present the rags of man-made righteousness to a thrice-holy God. Mother never ceases to marvel at the patience of God. Why He does not hew men down with one swift stroke of judgment is a miracle of His grace. May we who have been called by His name show the fruits of real repentance and thorough cleansing.

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6). But, glory to God, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18).

October--and Your Reading for the Month

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Chairman of Book Club Review Committee

Books are the archives of precious information. Into these treasuries have been poured the vast store of knowledge of the human race and of God. Fortunate is that person who has learned this truth and has been availing himself of the opportunity to mine the treasure and enjoy its benefits.

Not everything printed in books will bless the human soul. For this reason the Brethren Book Club has been endeavoring to explore the field of Christian literature and guide Brethren people in their reading. From month to month suggestions of good reading are printed in this issue of the Herald and made available through the offices of the club.

Two Books Proposed

Again this month the members of the book club committee are proposing two books to the readers of this magazine as worth-while reading. For lighter reading, a Christian novel, "Dr. Darwood," by John Frame, has been selected, and the review will follow. For heavier and informative reading, a text on the subject of demonology is being offered.

The first choice for the month is the book on "Biblical Demonology," by Merrill F. Unger. This book will be sent to all members of the club unless they notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company otherwise before October 1.

In case the members desire the second-choice book, or some other book listed previously in these columns, as a substitute for the first-choice book, all you need do is inform the Herald company to that effect.

Membership in the Club

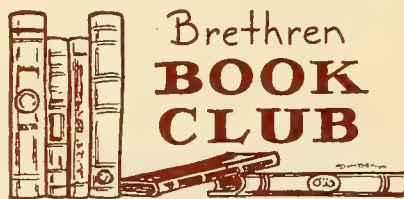
You may be reading this column for the first time, or perhaps for the first time seriously considering the advisability of enlarging your reading horizons. We would like to invite you to join the club. One can become a member of the club at any time by selecting any one of the books offered to the members of the club and reviewed on the Brethren Book Club page each month.

As a premium for joining, the new

member will be sent his choice of these books: Dr. Florence Gribble's "Stranger Than Fiction," or Dr. Andrew Bonar's "The Biography of Robert Murray McCheyne," or Dr. John R. Rice's "Prayer: Asking and Receiving."

New Premium Book

Vance Havner's new book, "Hearts Afire," has been selected as the premium book for the months of August through November for all members who have ordered and paid for four books through the club. If you have not already pondered the value of belonging to the club and joining with many others who are reading these choice selections each month, do so now. We are certain you will not regret your decision.



If any member of the club desires to offer suggestions of books never yet listed in these columns, or perhaps never as yet having come to the attention of the book club committee, you may be assured the committee will give due consideration. Depending upon the financial and theological limitations which must be observed, these suggestions may be used at some later time.

BIBLICAL DEMONOLOGY

By Merrill F. Unger

This first-choice book, being offered at the price of \$4, is one of the important publications of this decade. It bears a subtitle, "A study of the spiritual forces behind the present world unrest." Herein is unfolded from the Word of God, a theme little preached or taught today even among Biblically fundamental groups of believers. All about us there is individual and mass turmoil and confusion without any suf-

ficient explanation apart from the teaching of the Word of God on this subject. Mr. Unger gives to us a very careful and systematic exposition of this theme from the Bible, and it is so written that the book will never grow old. It will remain a classic in its field.

The Apostle Paul wrote the believers of Ephesus: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12). This was not idle talk on the part of the apostle, as every careful reader of this volume will attest. For too long, even in fundamental circles, believers have allowed the so-called assured results of the scientific atmosphere to supplant the clear teaching of the Scriptures on the subject of evil spirits.

In this volume Dr. Unger discusses the origin, identity, and doom of evil spirits. He deals with demon possession, its relation to magic, divination, and communication with the dead. He points out the clearly taught truth of the relation of demons to the false doctrine so prevalent today within the professing church. The place of demons in world governments, so little considered by any, is also clearly unfolded from the Word of God.

Dr. Unger is Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Dallas Theological Seminary, which intellectually qualifies him for such research. Best of all, however, his premillennial viewpoint in the interpretation of the doctrine of last things enables him to understand much Biblical truth on this subject that would otherwise be hopelessly vague.—Herman A. Hoyt.

DR. DARWOOD

By John D. Frame

To what lengths will God take a man who has selected as his life verse, "To do thy will, O God"? It was nothing but the grace and power of God which brought Dr. George Darwood to the point of full surren-

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Ordination of Pastor, Conference Resolutions Highlight News

Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean and professor of New Testament in Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., was the speaker for the day and was in charge of the ordination of our pastor, Rev. Ralph Hall, on August 3. Brother Hoyt laid open God's Word and thrilled the fine audience present with his teaching. Praise the Lord for those who really dig into God's precious Word to find the nuggets of truth not revealed to the soul that simply reads the Bible.

Some of the Brethren pastors secured supply speakers for their own pulpits and assisted in the ordination of Brother Hall. These were Rev. W. A. Ogden, of the Johnstown First church; Rev. John Neely, of the Conemaugh church; Rev. Wayne Baker, of the Jenners church; and Rev. Paul Mohler, of the Listie church. Other visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Ted Henning, of Middlebranch, Ohio.

This was a wonderful day for the Riverside church. We would like to express our thanks to all who have been praying for us, for the Lord is answering prayer.

Now, please, all Brethren pray for us as we enter our revival campaign, September 14-28, with Rev. Phillip Simmons, of the Altoona Juniata church, as the evangelist.—*Don K. Rager, reporter.*

Southeast District

The following resolutions were adopted by the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches in session at Covington, Va., July 7-9, 1952.

Inasmuch as we desire to go on record before God and men as to our convictions on certain matters of vital importance in these days of apostasy in life and doctrine,

First, be it resolved that we affirm our historic faith in the Bible as the verbally inspired Word of God and give constant emphasis to our motto, "The Bible, the Whole Bible, and Nothing but the Bible";

Second, be it resolved that we urge the Brethren of our district to a renewed effort to improve and extend the effectiveness of our Sunday schools—better to be called Bible schools—by inaugurating a program to reach all we can, teach all we reach, win all we teach, train all we win, and enlist all we train to fulfill

the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Third, be it resolved that we commend the call to Jewish evangelization issued by our secretary of Brethren home missions, and that we recommend to our churches that each one include in some definite way the evangelization of the Jews in our local missionary program.

Fourth, be it resolved that we remind Brethren everywhere of the admonition of the Word of God to live the separated life befitting a true child of God, realizing that this separation will govern our amusements, our habits, and our goals of life; that we further resolve against the prevailing worldly styles of immodesty.



We urge that all Brethren exercise extreme care to avoid the very appearance of evil.

In view of the alarming growth of delinquency among youth, and in view of the fact that one chief reason for this delinquency is lack of parental guidance, we recommend that parents put their children above pleasure and profit; that to safeguard the lives of the precious children, family altars be established in the homes, and that pastors take a special interest in aiding and promoting this.

We deplore the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics, and the widespread use of profanity. We urge that the members of the Brethren Church take their stand against these sins by total abstinence.—*W. V. Findley, conference secretary.*

Northern Ohio District

The following are two of the resolutions adopted at the conference of the Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches, at Akron, Ohio, July 22-25, 1952.

As to reaffirmation, resolved that we reaffirm our historic position as to the Christian's attitude toward war. Also that we reaffirm our disapproval of, and opposition to, the World Council of Churches and the

National Council of Churches of Christ in America.

As to dedication, resolved that we dedicate anew our lives to Christ above all, and to the "faith once for all delivered unto the saints." Also to the unfinished task set forth in the great commission, and to separation from the worldly influences which hinder our testimony and growth.—*Charles Ashman, Jr., conference secretary.*

Central District

The 14th annual Central District Conference of Brethren Churches was held at the Dayton, Ohio, First church, July 21-24. There were 22 ministerial and 84 lay delegates in attendance.

Action concerning two churches is of interest to all Brethren. The secretary read the application for membership in the Central District Conference of Brethren Churches of the Grace Brethren Church of Jackson, Mich. This church, consisting of 10 members, is pastored by Rev. Robert Bates. Motion was made and passed that this church be received into our district.

The application of the Grace Brethren Church, of Ozark, Mich., for admittance into the Central District Conference of Brethren Churches was made by the pastor of the group, Paul Lovegrove. It was moved and passed that this church be received into our fellowship.

Among the resolutions were these of general interest:

Whereas, our retiring moderator, Bro. John Zielasko, having dedicated his life to missionary service in Brazil, be it resolved that we commend him to the gracious, loving care of our heavenly Father.

Whereas, the congregations of Jackson and Ozark, Mich., having been admitted to our Central District fellowship, we extend to them our Christian felicitations and continued prayers for their growth in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Whereas, recognizing the vital ministry of Grace Theological Seminary and its evident need for continuing financial support, be it hereby resolved that each church in this district consider fully the present financial emergency and do all within its power to remove it.—*Clyde Balyo, conference secretary.*

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One of the Nine

By Amos R. Wells

"Were not the ten cleansed? but where are the nine?"
(Luke 17:17, ASV)

I meant to go back, but well you may guess
I was filled with amazement I cannot express;
To think that after those horrible years,
That passion of loathing and passion of fears,
By sores unendurable, eaten, defiled,
My flesh was as smooth as the flesh of a child!
I was drunken with joy, I was crazy with glee,
I scarcely could walk and I scarcely could see
For the dazzle of sunshine where all had been black;
But I meant to go back, oh, I meant to go back.

I had thought to return when my people came out;
There were tears of rejoicing, and laughter and shout.
They embraced me—for years I had not known a kiss:
Ah, the pressure of lips is an exquisite bliss!
They crowded around me, they filled the whole place,
They looked at my feet and my hands and my face;
My children were there and my glorious wife,
And all the forgotten allurements of life.
My cup was so full I seemed nothing to lack,
But I meant to go back, oh, I meant to go back.

I had started, yes, Luke, I had started to find
The Healer so mighty, so tender, so kind;
But work pressed upon me, my business you know,
For all of those years I was forced to let go.
I had tools to collect, I had orders to get,
I found my poor family burdened with debt.
My time was all taken with labor and care,
The days went more swiftly than I was aware
With practical problems I had to attack;
But I meant to go back, oh, I meant to go back.

I never supposed He would wait my return—
Just one of the ten—and would linger, and yearn
As you tell me He did. Why, Luke, had I thought
There is no one on earth I would sooner have sought.
I'd have shown Him my body, all perfect and strong,
I'd have thanked Him and praised Him before the great
throng;
I'd have followed Him gladly, forever and, aye,
Had I thought that He minded my staying away.
He so great, I so little and paltry!—alack,
Had I only gone back! Had I only gone back!

der to the will of God for his life. Having been brought to that place he was willing to go the rest of the way with God. He gave up his future and prestige in the field of medicine, he gave up the comforts of life, he was even separated from his own family in following what he believed to be God's will for him.

Three times in his life he was dealt crushing blows but, like Job of old, these were accepted as the refiner's fire and he could still say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

The setting for this story is the time of World War I and much of it is based on fact, which causes it to be an even greater testimony for the Lord. Here is the story of one who needed a goal for his life, found it, and then was willing to pay any price to keep in God's will. If you are distressed, or feel the price of faithfulness to your calling is too high, read this book and you will surely find comfort and encouragement for your pathway. This is a big book of 377 pages that sells for \$3 per copy.—*Blaine Snyder.*

A PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Saviour, thou art mine,
In Thee I trust, on Thee recline;
My life, my all to Thee I give,
And for Thee only would I live.

Now, help me, Lord, from day to day
To walk the straight and narrow way
That leads to Thee, and heav'n above,
Where all is peace and joy and love.

Come, help me, Lord, that I may be
A faithful follower of Thee;
Then, not for self, for others live
And to the lost the Gospel give.

—*Rev. Wesley Haller.*

KEEPS UP ON NEWS

"Please find a small gift of money for the offering for our paper. I really appreciate the Herald, especially being the only Brethren here [Zellwood, Fla.]. The Herald brings or rather keeps me up to date on news of our church and its people. Thank you very much for your page on "Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims" which truly makes one think. Again I say thank you for a wonderful paper which truly honors Him. (Signed) Ruth Ella Williams."

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Joy and Sacrifice

In the Book of Nehemiah (12:43) there is an impressive lesson on the subject of joy. Some Christians seem almost never to have the "joy of the Lord," and do not appear to be much concerned about it. Others are always seeking for some great experience of joy at a church altar, but the feeling (if they ever have it) soon fades away. Nehemiah tells us that the Israelites "offered great sacrifices and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy."

Here we have 2 things: *great sacrifices* and *great joy*. These 2 things go together, and the sacrifices are put first in the record. The next time you give 10 dollars to missions and do not feel too happy about it, you might try doubling the gift, and keep on doubling it until you begin to feel good! It really works! This is the principle of Calvary. (See Heb. 12:2.).

The Scandal of Subsidizing Students

Some recent scandals connected with college athletics have caused a great deal of uproar. A committee composed of college presidents have recommended a new code which, in the opinion of some, deals mostly with marginal matters and misses the real disease. Over 200 sportswriters and sportscasters were sent a questionnaire, and an overwhelming majority of these men replied that the college presidents had missed the real point. What is the real cause of the athletic mess? According to one prominent sportswriter: "The college presidents have sidestepped the cause of their program's evils—recruiting and subsidization." And another writer is still more pointed: "Let the presidents be sure all athletes *do proper academic work like other students*, and they will have done some good in something which is their business."

Here is something from which a much-needed lesson may be learned by those of us who are in the business of educating men for the Christian ministry. If it is a demoralizing thing to let a good football player slip through college without getting his lessons and passing his examinations, it is a thousand times worse to let a candidate for the Christian ministry slip through likewise on the plea that he will probably become a good pastor or missionary. It is bad for the school that does it. It is worse for the student himself. But worst of all, it brings the Christian ministry into disrepute and cheapens the things of God. In this matter we need more of the spirit of King David, who, with all his faults, was determined not to offer something to the Lord "which doth cost me nothing" (II Sam. 24:24).

Are All Men "Sons of a Common Father"?

Glancing through the back numbers of various magazines coming to my desk, I find an article on "Brotherhood," by Rev. Kermit Eby, published in the Christian Century. His opening sentence reads as follows: "As a member of the Church of the Brethren I have always attempted to further the principle and practice of brotherhood, for *we Brethren were brought up with the sim-*

ple belief that all men are sons of a common Father" (italics mine). The writer of the above sentence is, I think, guilty of three misrepresentations:

First, he misrepresents the *doctrine of Christ*. Whatever our Lord taught on the subject of brotherhood, He did not teach that all men are sons of God. Even the late Dr. G. B. Stevens, of Yale University, himself a firm believer in the universal fatherhood of God, rather wistfully admits "that there is no passage in our sources in which Jesus explicitly speaks of God as the Father of all men" (Theo. of N. T., p. 70). What Christ did teach, very explicitly, was that *not* all men are the sons of God. "If God were your Father," He said to the most religious men of His day, "ye would love me" (John 8:42). And the fact that, right here in America, there are multitudes of men and women who not only do not love Christ but actually hate Him, proves that God is not the Father of all men.

Second, Mr. Eby misrepresents *his own denomination*. His church is the "Church of the Brethren," or "Dunkard," as it has been popularly known. It is true that in these present evil days that denomination has fallen rather completely under the control of men who hold views like those of Kermit Eby, men who are determined to keep their church in the National Council of Churches and the destructive path of religious liberalism. But when Mr. Eby says that he was "brought up" that way, I think he slanders a whole generation of godly men and women. That older generation of "Dunkards" may not have seen clearly every aspect of the divine truth of salvation by grace, but they certainly did not believe that "all men are sons of a common Father."

Third, Mr. Eby misrepresents *my own denomination—the Brethren Church*. I am sure that this was not deliberate in any sense. But the wording of his article—to say the least—misrepresents by confusion. Although in his first sentence he names his denomination as the "Church of the Brethren," later throughout the article he designates himself and his group as "we Brethren," "my Brethren heritage," "the Brethren," "a member of the Brethren," "Brethren doctrine," "the approach of the Brethren," "Brethrenism," "program of the Brethren." Judging from the theology of his article, I would conclude that Kermit Eby would not want to be thought of as a member of my denomination (the Brethren Church) any more than I would want to be regarded as a member of his denomination (the Church of the Brethren). Therefore, in the interest of public information and clarity of thought, it would be better for all concerned if writers would be careful to use the proper names for their own and other religious groups. The doctrine of Kermit Eby may or may not be "Church of the Brethren doctrine" today; it is certainly not "Brethren doctrine." The difference between the two is a chasm too vast to be bridged easily by a careless terminology.

(Note: Kermit Eby is an associate professor of social sciences at the University of Chicago. He was at one time director of education and research for the CIO. He is also a member of the Commission on the Church and Economic Life of the National Council of Churches.)

RECORD ENROLLMENT AT GRACE SEMINARY

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Registrar

Registrations for the fall semester began at Grace Seminary the morning of Friday, September 5, and have continued to the present writing, with a few students still planning to enroll in spite of the lateness of the date. Confusion as to the date of the opening of school, illness, accidents upon the highway, among other reasons, have been responsible for some not being able to register on time.

The total enrollment now stands at 176, a new record. Among this number are 83 new students. There are 146 enrolled in the seminary division while the remaining 30 are in the collegiate division. The former figure represents the largest number ever to enroll in the seminary division in any semester. The collegiate enrollment is somewhat smaller than last year. Among the new students there are 66 in the seminary and 17 in the collegiate division.

A brief breakdown of this fall's enrollment shows that of the 146 students in the seminary division 75 are from Brethren churches. The Baptists come second with 36, and those designating themselves as Interdenominational come third with 13. Other groups represented in the seminary enrollment are the Mennonites (5), Methodists (5), Nondenominational (4), United Presbyterian (2), and the following with 1 each: Evangelical United Brethren, Reformed Evangelical, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Primitive Methodist, Evangelical and Reformed, and Church of the Brethren. Thus it will be seen that 52 percent of the registrations in the seminary division are of the Brethren Church, while the remaining 48 percent are scattered among 11 groups.

It is always interesting to learn where our students come from as to States. The distribution is as follows: Indiana, 38; Pennsylvania, 27; Ohio, 27; California, 13; Virginia, 7; Michigan, 4; Washington, 4; Iowa, New York, Illinois, New Jersey, and Kansas, with 3 each; Nebraska and Florida, with 2 each; and 1 from each of the following States: West Virginia, Oregon, South Dakota, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, and Mississippi. There is also a student from London, Canada. Thus we have representatives from 21 States and the Dominion of Canada. This cosmopolitan group makes for human interest and variety of expression.

Much the same story may be repeated with respect to

the collegiate division. Of the 30 enrolled therein, 17 are Brethren students, 9 are Baptist, and 1 comes from each of the following denominations: New Dunkard Church of God, Evangelical and Reformed, United Presbyterian, and Independent. About 58 percent of the collegians are from the Brethren Church. The remaining 42 percent come from 5 different groups. Twenty-one of the collegiates are men, 9 are girls; 10 come from Pennsylvania and 9 from Indiana, 5 come from Ohio, 2 from Michigan, and 1 each from Oregon, New York, Maryland, and Virginia.

It may be of interest to our readers to know that the aggregate of Brethren students at Grace constitutes practically 53 percent of the total enrollment, while the remaining 47 percent come from 13 different denominational, interdenominational, or nondenominational groups.

We believe that God in answer to prayer has sent this splendid group of young people to Grace Seminary to be trained for a fuller Christian service. We now need the prayerful support of our readers that those responsible for this training at the seminary may be able faithfully to discharge their solemn responsibility.

STUDENT-BODY PRESIDENT IN ACCIDENT

Just about 100 miles from his home in La Grande, Oreg., on his way to Winona Lake, Bro. Ivan French and his wife were involved in an accident which seriously injured Mrs. French. At first it appeared that they would not be able to return to school at all during the first semester. However, much prayer has ascended in their behalf, and it now appears that they may be back in Winona Lake before the end of September. The faculty and student body rejoice at this news, for Brother French is the recently elected student-body president.



Ivan French

In a recent letter addressed to Dr. Hoyt, Brother French says: "Be assured that the prayers of the faculty and student body that have been offered on our behalf have been answered. Arloeen's leg was badly crushed, and the doctor was openly pessimistic about being able to restore a straight leg. I believe that even he was surprised when the X-rays were taken after he set it, for they showed that all the bones were in almost perfect place. X-rays will be taken again tomorrow, and I expect to find that God is continuing the healing process in a wonderful way. Besides the healing, God has undertaken for Arloeen in His comforting ministry. She has been so happy and cheerful that folks who visited her in the hospital have marveled at her 'pluckiness.' We know that God has supplied grace sufficient for her need."

Let us continue to pray for the complete restoration of Mrs. French. Such young people, with lives and talents fully dedicated to Christ, are desperately needed on the harvest fields today.

THE FRONT COVER

Top—The convocation service, held on Monday, September 9, in the seminary chapel. Rev. Bernard Schneider, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, was the speaker.

Center—The seminary staff. The picture was taken at the close of the convocation service, and shown with them is Brother Schneider.

Lower—The combined student body of the seminary and collegiate divisions for the fall semester.

Place these students, their families, and the staff upon your prayer list. Remember them daily before the throne of grace.

\$5,948.36 RECEIVED IN AUGUST TOWARD MONTHLY PLAN

Praise God for His abundant provision! The first month's offerings for the new Monthly Finance Plan lack only \$51.64 of reaching the goal of \$6,000 necessary each month to care for the seminary's building payments and operating expenses. Included in this amount is the offering of \$2,065.77 received at the Grace Seminary Rally Thursday evening of national conference. Offerings received at the seminary by the end of the week, however, amounted to a total of \$3,378.02. Elsewhere in the magazine there is a report of the August offering by churches. Thus far 103 churches have requested packets of envelopes. Printed beneath are several helpful suggestions concerning the monthly plan.—P. R. B.

HOW MUCH TO GIVE—The operating expenses of the seminary amount to approximately \$6,000 a month. This means that the school must have 6,000 gifts of \$1 a month to pay its running expenses. Many are taking part in the plan. Some can't. This means that others, whom the Lord has blessed and who have a vision of what is being accomplished by Grace Seminary, must be responsible for more than one gift of \$1 each month. Some have indicated their desire to give \$5 or \$10. May we suggest that you make the Monthly Finance Plan a matter of prayer, and then give as you are able and as the Lord lays this work upon your heart.

WHERE TO GIVE—Whenever possible, your offering should be made through your local church. Its officers will be responsible to see that the money is forwarded to the seminary with a report.

HOW TO GIVE—The seminary recommends the plan of giving once each month. Several have already sent in gifts to cover the entire year. This is appreciated and always acceptable. We recommend, however, the plan of contributing once each month. If most of the gifts come in this way, we can always tell how near the need of \$6,000 a month is being met.

WHEN TO GIVE—Your envelope may be dropped into your church offering any Sunday of the month.

However, your pastor may have one particular Sunday of the month to recommend to the congregation in order to integrate the Monthly Plan of Finance with your own local program and to make it easier for the financial secretary or treasurer to make his reports. Many churches have recommended the first Sunday of each month as the day on which to make your gift. Remember, no matter when you make it, your offering will count!

ISOLATED MEMBERS—Brethren people isolated from their churches may send monthly offerings to their home church. If you prefer, or if it is more convenient, then mail the offerings to Grace Seminary. Whenever possible, credit is given to your local church.

OFFERING ENVELOPES—Packets of the special yellow envelopes should be available at your local church. If there is no supply of these, any number of them may be ordered from the seminary.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS—Personal letters to all members of the seminary staff are always welcome. However, under all ordinary circumstances offerings and reports should simply be addressed to GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WINONA LAKE, INDIANA. This method will save time in handling your offering.

SEMINARY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



One of the helps of a very practical nature at the school is the Seminary Women's Fellowship. Once a month the seminary wives meet to consider and discuss the practical aspect of the life of the pastor's or missionary wife. The picture on the left shows the women taking notes at one of the meetings. On the right is the directing committee: Mrs. Paul Bauman, Mrs. Archer Baum, Mrs. James Hammer, Mrs. Scott Weaver, Mrs. Paul Harrison, Mrs. Herman Koontz, Mrs. Sibley Edmiston.

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Letters You Will Appreciate

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Brazil, South America—"We read with interest practically every word in the seminary issue of the Herald which we received yesterday. We agree heartily with what you wrote about loyalty. Consequently we want to help and so are sending our dollar a member for 5 months. . . . We have good reason to encourage more loyalty."

Bassai, French Equatorial Africa—"In view of the blessings received at Grace Seminary I would like to send this gift as the Lord has prospered me. May the richest blessings be yours this coming year as you open up the Word to each student."

Argentina, South America—"We are praying that the Lord will supply every need of the seminary during the coming months according to the abundance of His grace in Christ Jesus. That which the Lord has begun He will continue to perform. We are enclosing a check for \$24. That amounts to 1 dollar a month for both of us. May the Lord lay on the heart of each member of the church to continue the faithful support that he began. It is but a little "meal" that we have, but may the oil of the Holy Spirit make it acceptable to the glorifying of His name."

FROM ISOLATED MEMBERS

Beatrice, Nebr.—"Here is my check for \$25 for current expense and debt reduction. I am sending for the full year as per the new plan of 1 dollar per month per member for myself and my daughter. Our home church is Beaver City, Nebr., and we live 200 miles away."

Spencer, Iowa—"Enclosed find my check for \$1 to cover the enclosed card. I am not a member any more. I was for almost 60 years but was isolated for nearly 40 years and wanted fellowship, so joined another denomination. I sent in \$1.12 every month for a year to help pay for Grace Seminary, but will send my \$1 for 12 months every month."

Bremerton, Wash.—"I am enclosing my offering toward the work as I am very much interested in sending out more missionaries. I am also very much interested in that we keep a school going where the true Word of God is being taught. I am a member of the Sunnyside church, but working in Bremerton, Wash., so am attending a fundamental Presbyterian church. I attend the class meeting in the new Brethren work in Seattle and would give it through the Seattle work if it were organized yet. Keep modernism out of our seminary and you have my support and prayers."

FROM OUR NEW CHURCHES

Findlay, Ohio—"The Lord has laid it upon my heart to pledge \$2 per month for Grace Seminary. I realize this is not much, but I am grateful to God not only that I may contribute something, but that I have the privilege of praying for Grace Seminary and its needs."

Beaumont, Calif.—"I am nearing 84 years of age and am trying to get 'ready to move'—hence the enclosed. . . . Most of what I can spare goes to the little church in Cherry Valley where God is so richly blessing His work,

but I know there is a pressing need for the seminary, and I am sending just a little and PRAYING."

Everett, Pa.—"Greetings in Jesus' name. Accept this small offering to help in the work. We are praying that the interest here will grow and that the checks may be larger as the months go by."

Yakima, Wash.—"Hope my contribution gets there in time to go in the August collection. Didn't get my envelopes until last Sunday."

FROM BRETHREN ELSEWHERE

Allentown, Pa.—"The Lord has again enabled me to have a part in the ministry of Grace Seminary, for which I thank Him. I trust the Lord will supply every need."

Long Beach, Calif.—"I am enclosing \$5 to help pay the need of Grace Seminary. I wish I could send much, much more, but my finances are low and I am frail in health. I am past threescore years and ten and waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to call me home. . . . My prayers are with you."

Lake Odessa, Mich.—"Please find enclosed a portion of the tithe (\$50) to be used as the Lord lays it upon your heart to do. May He continue to richly bless and continue to meet your every need materially and spiritually."

Conemaugh, Pa.—"I am sending a gift of \$5 for current expense and debt reduction or whatever you choose to use it for. May the Lord continue to bless Grace Seminary is my prayer."

Akron, Ohio—"Enclosed is \$10 for the seminary, with a prayer that God may continue His blessings upon the school."

Huntington Park, Calif.—"Enclosed please find 1 dollar for our August gift for current expenses and debt reduction."

AN UNUSUAL LETTER

Dear Christian Friends,

The Christian way of spelling JOY is Jesus First, Others Second, and Yourself Last. This is the way the JOY Sunday School Class of the Rosemont Brethren Church spells it.

Every Sunday we take three offerings in our class. One for J—to go to mission work; one for O—to go to the regular Sunday school offering; and one for Y—for our local projects. This class is composed of ladies from 20-35 years of age and since our church has just grown from the baby stage into the creeping stage our offerings are not too huge, but the Lord has blessed us abundantly in this way of giving.

Our J Fund has grown to the amount of \$30 and since the needs of Grace Seminary are so great at this time, we feel led to give this offering to you folks.

May God bless the work of the seminary and we know that He will supply the needs as they arise.

In His Service,

THE JOY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
ROSEMONT BRETHREN CHURCH
MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

THE LIBRARY, INTELLECTUAL HUB OF THE SEMINARY

By Mabel Hamilton, Librarian

To a very large extent the success or failure of a school as well as the standard by which its value is judged lies in the extent and value of its library. A question which is put to us often by visitors and prospective students is, "How many volumes do you have in your library?"

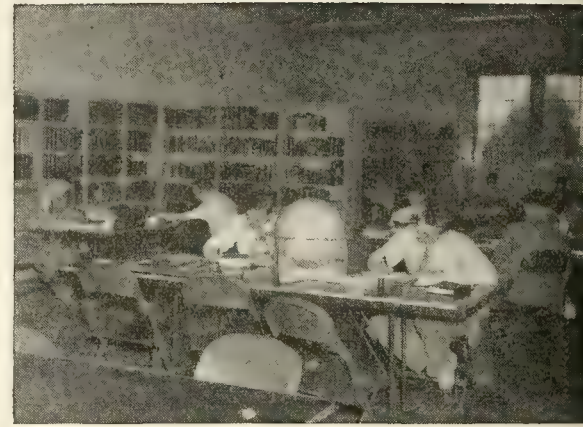
The very nature of a graduate school and the type of courses taught and assignments required demand a large and varied library. A student is expected to go out of Grace Seminary not only with a well-rounded training in the Bible itself but with a knowledge of many collateral subjects as well as the ability to detect and answer the many false philosophies and religions in the world today. The literature that permits a student to acquaint himself with these many different fields of thought must be made available in the school library. This literature must be varied, presenting the "pros" and "cons" of all questions so that the student may have the opportunity of a well-rounded, unbiased presentation of the problem in question. A library such as ours must contain not only books whose theological interpretations coincide with the beliefs of the school, but also those which are opposed to our beliefs. This permits honest and full consideration of arising problems.

A seminary library must be a constantly growing institution. In a library the old adage "of the making of books there is no end" can be paraphrased into "of the acquiring and cataloging of books there is no end." A library staff must be constantly on the alert to acquire worth-while books no longer in print, as well as to keep abreast of current publications. It is in the library that the student finds the material for his mental and intellectual training and development. This training is his reason for being a student and is second only in importance to his spiritual growth.

The designers of our seminary building did an expert job when they planned 3 outstanding things for the growth of the school: a prayer tower, a beautiful, simple, "out-of-this-world" chapel, and a large well-lighted library with almost limitless room for expansion. Our library is an endless source of delight and satisfaction to students and faculty alike who struggled along in the crowded, cramped accommodations of our rented quarters. Needless to say, it is a great joy to the librarian, who also had her problems years ago in those former crowded quarters. It is a tremendous incentive to effort to know that there is plenty of room to make all possible material available to the students.

Perhaps you would like to know something of the work that goes on behind the scenes in the library. There is considerably more to running a library than merely checking books in and out and seeing that the books used by the students in the library are returned to their proper place upon the shelves. Few people realize the amount of work involved in putting each book on the shelves, ready for service. It probably takes an average of almost half an hour to complete all the steps necessary to put one book on the shelves. Let us follow a new book in its progress from the librarian's desk to its place on the proper shelf.

When a new book is received in the library it is first entered on the accession list where author, title, publisher, source, and price is recorded. On the accession



list it receives a number, this being in chronological order as books are entered. After accession the book is then stamped on the title page and at various places throughout the book. A seminary bookplate is pasted on the inside front cover on which will be recorded the accession number, the catalog number, the source, and the date received, while a card pocket is pasted inside the back cover of those likely to be checked out. Then the book is ready for cataloging, which is the process of deciding into what category the book falls and where it should be placed on the shelves. This step is where the time is spent, for it often entails scanning the book to determine the exact subject matter and proper classification. Once the call number of the book and the author number have been determined these two numbers are stenciled with electric pencil onto the spine of the book and are fixed with shellac.

The book itself is now ready for the shelves, but the necessary cards must still be typed for the catalog. These include a shelf-list card for the inventory file in which each card is filed in the order in which the book appears on the shelves, as well as the author, title, and subject heading cards for the regular alphabetical catalog. All cards contain a record of all pertinent material that can help anyone looking for a certain edition etc. The book has now been properly and fully processed and the librarian can go on to another book and repeat the process. Of course, as a measure of efficiency a number of books are taken through each step at a time, but all books must eventually follow this entire process. More than 8,000 books have been processed and thus made available to the students, with at least 2,000 still on the shelves of the work section in various stages of cataloging.

The crowded quarters in our former location required that many books be packed away in boxes uncataloged. Considerable progress has been made in this backlog during the past year and we hope this coming year will bring us up to date, fill our present shelves to capacity and require our first steps of expansion.

The library has been enhanced this past year by the acquiring of a large portion of the library of Dr. L. S. Bauman. Because of their great value these books are being put into circulation just as rapidly as possible. We appreciate deeply this gift from his family.

We are also grateful to the many other friends who

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VISITING THE LAND OF ISRAEL

By John C. Whitcomb, Assistant Professor in Old Testament

(The following letter was written to the editor while Brother Whitcomb was in Rome. He has now returned to his teaching duties at the seminary.)

On the morning of August 17 we crossed No Man's Land from Arab-held Palestine into the new State of Israel. It didn't take us long to realize that we were in an entirely new world, separated from what we had already seen by an almost insurmountable barrier, as far as culture and progress is concerned. The strange thing is that these two peoples, both claiming Jerusalem as their own city, have been forced through conflict and compromise to accept a political boundary which cuts Jerusalem into two parts—a situation that is satisfactory to neither group. Truly in the Jerusalem of today may be found a foretaste of the fulfillment of that startling prophecy in Zechariah 12: "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about. . . . And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces. . . ."

Three orthodox Jewish schoolboys, with long curls hanging down in front of their ears, watched us curiously as we finished customs inspection on the Israel frontier and loaded into the waiting busses. A few minutes later we were eating lunch in the magnificent YMCA building in New Jerusalem, one of the largest in the entire world. From its lofty tower we had a clear view of the city, with the walls of Arab-held Old Jerusalem, including the temple area, just to the east. Before leaving the hotel I had the privilege of speaking to Miss Matilda Alexander, director of child evangelism work in Israel, and a former student of Dr. Paul Bauman at Biola. She spoke of the great discouragements involved in doing Christian work among the Jewish people in Israel, apart from mere Scripture distribution. Truly Israel is yet in unbelief, awaiting the hour of God's direct dealing with her again. This fact is evident on every hand as one travels through the land.

After a few hours' stay in New Jerusalem, including a visit to the Valley of Hinnom and the traditional Tomb of David, we began our trip across the country to Tel Aviv, Israel's greatest new city of 400,000 people, built from practically nothing within 50 years on the Mediterranean coast near Jaffa. This 3-hour trip proved to be an eye-opening experience for me. Everywhere along the roadside we saw newly planted forests, irrigation projects, and the beginning of industry and agriculture on a remarkably large scale. Columns of Israeli troops marched along the roads, preparing themselves for the defense of their new nation against possible attack.

In the busy, modern city of Tel Aviv it was difficult for us to realize that we were actually in Palestine, so near to the ancient oriental cities we had seen in the Arab section, with their narrow, crooked streets, camel caravans, and teeming bazaars. Tel Aviv is throbbing with life and progressive activity, and may well be considered the symbol of this new nation. We could sense an atmosphere of enthusiasm and hope which is not found in other parts of the Near East. Israel as a nation may not be fully aware of her true significance in the light of Bible prophecy, but she is definitely conscious of

the fact that she has accomplished a modern miracle in returning to her former homeland and building up its waste places in the face of unbelievable obstacles.

For the Christian who takes seriously the writings of the prophets, a trip through modern Israel can be nothing less than a thrilling, heart-stirring experience. The age is coming to its close, and once again God is gathering Israel into the land! Soon there shall sound forth the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, and both dead and living Christians shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. At that hour, and not before, Israel will be brought face to face with her Maker through a 7-year period of final testing which will close with the great tribulation, and the appearance of the Son of Man in heaven, coming in the clouds of glory. These things *must* come to pass, and the stage is being set for these events even now. What a privilege is ours to live in an age of approaching fulfillment, and what a responsibility is ours to carry to the ends of the earth the precious Gospel before it is forever too late for countless millions of souls for whom Christ died!

As we left Tel Aviv and traveled northward along the Plain of Sharon to Haifa and Mount Carmel, we passed scores of huge modern apartment houses, great pipelines transporting water to the thirsty new farmlands of the Negev (southern Palestine), and a number of immigrant camps, built to absorb new arrivals into the Jewish "Utopia." Unfortunately, we had only one night to spend in Haifa, which is the industrial and shipping center of Israel. The next morning, however, we enjoyed a beautiful panoramic view of the city from the top of Mount Carmel, just to the south. Here we stood on the very same mountain where Elijah was answered from heaven by fire and rain in his mighty contest of faith with the prophets of Baal 2,700 years ago. How rich in history and spiritual significance is every corner of this land, which God, in His infinite wisdom, has chosen to be the geographical center of His dealings with the human race!

With our hearts rejoicing at what we had already seen in Israel, we began our journey through Galilee, where our Saviour grew to manhood, and performed His mighty works before the eyes of men.

THE LIBRARY, INTELLECTUAL HUB . . .

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have contributed books to the library and we are hoping that we may continue to receive many worth-while books from the brotherhood. Likewise, we are grateful for the financial contributions which make possible the purchase of new books, and we take this opportunity of publicly commending the national WMC for their gift which will be used this fall in the purchasing of some badly needed volumes.

We praise the Lord for His blessings and for this beautiful building He has given us. We thank Him for our growing library and we covet your continued prayers and interest that this "intellectual hub" of the school may grow into a library of proportions sufficient to meet every need of every student.

The influence of Grace Seminary does not cease with the events of graduation. The summer months as well find faculty and students ministering and studying, busy in the service of the Lord.

FACULTY DOINGS—

Dr. and Mrs. Alva J. McClain returned early in August from their 7-months leave of absence. During the summer they journeyed to the Pacific Northwest to see Dr. McClain's sister, Mrs. Georgia Bennett, who was seriously ill, and who since has departed to be with the Lord. Dr. McClain visited his old home church at Sunnyside, Wash., and spoke there and at the Northwest Fellowship of Brethren Churches, which met at Harrah, Wash.

Dr. Herman Hoyt held conferences at Gull Lake Bible Conference in Michigan, and American Keswick in New Jersey. He also spoke at the farewell service for the Martin Garbers in the First Baptist Church at Goshen, Ind., at the dedication of the church addition at Middlebranch, Ohio, at the anniversary and ordination service in the Riverside (Johnstown), Pa., church, and at Osceola, Ind.

Dr. Paul Bauman was the commencement speaker at the Grace Bible Institute in Omaha, Nebr. He also spoke at the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles, Gull Lake Bible Conference, and North Mountain Bible Conference in Pennsylvania.

Dr. and Mrs. Homer A. Kent spent a month in California, visiting with his family and ministering in various churches. En route the Kents visited Yellowstone, Glacier Park, Coulee Dam, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Lassen, Zion, Bryce, and Rocky Mountain National Parks.

Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr., supplied various pulpits in Indiana and southern California.

Dr. James L. Boyer spoke 10 times at the Erieside Bible Conference, near Cleveland, Ohio, bringing a series of messages on the Gospel of John and the Person of Christ.

Prof. Ralph W. Gilbert spent the month of June in Washington, D. C., doing research work on Brethren history, and making use of library facilities in Washington.

Prof. John Whitcomb spent a month in the west, visiting the Brethren Spanish-American mission at Taos, N. Mex., and ministering in various churches in southern California. He then spent 5 weeks with the Flying Seminar of the Winona Lake School of Theology, traveling through Europe and the Bible lands.

Prof. Herbert Bess was in California during the summer, speaking at the district conference, and holding short conferences at Chico, Tracy, Bellflower, Beaumont, and Long Beach First.

Rev. and Mrs. Ben Hamilton traveled to California, along with Mrs. Conard Sandy, to visit relatives. Miss Florence Bickel accompanied them on the return trip through Zion, Bryce Canyon, and Rocky Mountain National Parks.

Miss Dorothy Magnuson, office secretary, visited friends in Montana. Mrs. Retta V. Bauman accompanied her and visited relatives in Washington State.

Rev. George Cone spent his vacation visiting his oldest son in Kansas and two brothers in South Dakota.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES—

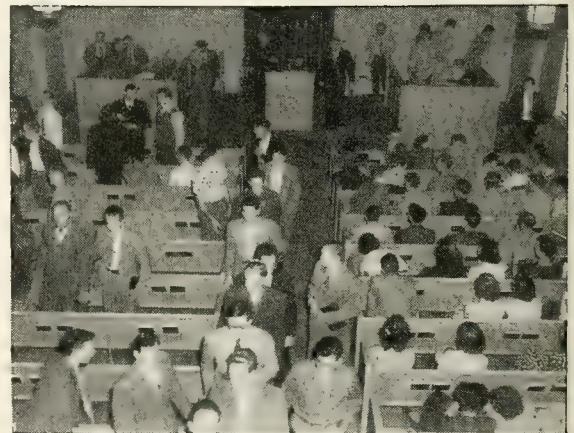
Don Ogden (Senior) accepted the position as director of music at the First Baptist Church of Goshen, Ind. Rev. Martin Garber ('52) formerly ministered there.

Bill Short (Senior) visited Europe and Palestine with the Flying Seminar.

New arrivals in the seminary family include a daughter, Marsha Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Belt (June 21); a daughter, Gail Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Bishop (June 27); a son, Mark Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tevebaugh (Aug. 8); and a son, Raymond Harold, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bunch.

Ivan French (Senior), president of the student body, was involved in an automobile accident in Oregon while returning to school. Although he and his infant daughter were not hurt, Mrs. French sustained a severe leg fracture. Latest reports reveal that she is now in a walking cast. Ivan plans to return to school shortly.

Wedding bells pealed for some seminary students during the summer. Those who took the big step are Paul



Students leaving chapel service at Grace Seminary.

Gingrich, John Hancock, Leonard Meznar, Roy Clark, and Russell Irwin.

Don Hocking (Junior) has reason to praise God for His protecting care. While traveling from Long Beach, Calif., to Winona Lake, he was involved in a head-on collision just 50 miles from his destination. He was only shaken up a bit, though the car was not so fortunate. No one was injured in the accident.

James Hammer (Senior) was ordained at the Fort Wayne First Brethren Church on September 7. Dr. Kent officiated and Dr. Hoyt preached the sermon.

Miss Dorothy Robinson (Senior) attended the Winona Lake School of Theology during the summer.

SCHOOL BEGINNINGS—

Sept. 5.—Seminary officially opened with registration and the Greek entrance exam. Once these ordeals are over, the school year seems almost easy. Such statements as, "Who's next in the line?" "Where do we get the textbooks?" and "Be sure to stop by the bursar's office," keep echoing through the halls. Another school year has begun!

Sept. 8.—The faculty reception was held in the lower

Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer went home to be with the Lord while in Seattle, Wash., on August 21, 1952. His call came during a teaching ministry there, for he was one of those servants of God who loved to be busy with the King's business. He had been a close personal friend of mine for many years, and his friendly interest in Grace Seminary extended throughout the years of its existence. It is a matter of deep satisfaction to all of us here that Dr. Chafer was able to deliver the graduation address for us last May, in spite of the fact that he suffered an attack of illness just before he spoke. This was probably the last message of its character that he gave, and, as we confidently expected, it was absolutely true to the Book and to the great Person of the Book. We are grateful to God for his rich ministry and loyal friendship; we shall miss him greatly; and we shall cherish his memory "until we meet again." The following resolution was passed by the members of our faculty as an expression of our esteem.—*Alva J. McClain.*



Dr. Chafer

RESOLUTION

Whereas God in His providence has seen fit to remove from the scenes of earth one of His choicest saints, be it resolved that we of Grace Theological Seminary recognize with grateful appreciation the sterling Christian character of Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, his uncompromising stand for "the faith once for all delivered unto the saints," his far-reaching contributions in the field of Christian education especially as a teacher and president of Dallas Theological Seminary, his outstanding writing ministry attested by numerous books and countless articles in which he held aloft the torch of divine truth in these days of spiritual declension, and, in short, his faithfulness as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ in the pulpit, classroom, and on the lecture platform, as well as in the administrative affairs of the church. We are profoundly grateful for his fellowship in the things of God and realize that we have been made richer in the realm of our Christian experience by reason of his distinctive leadership. His homegoing leaves us with a sense of great loss but we have been inspired by his victorious ministry through many years and thus are better able to contend for the faith in the days that remain to us until that great day when we shall meet in the glory.

auditorium, as the faculty members and their wives (with an exception here and there!) greeted the long line of incoming students. The program was directed by Master of Ceremonies John Whitcomb. Dr. McClain gave a word of welcome, followed by Richard DeArmey with the student response. Special music was furnished by Dean Fetterhoff, Russell Konves, and Roy Clark. Dr. Paul Bauman gave an illustrated talk. Refreshments were served by the faculty wives.

Sept. 9—The convocation chapel service was addressed by Rev. Bernard Schneider, of Mansfield, Ohio. The faculty entered in full academic regalia, and opening announcements were made. Following chapel, student-body pictures were taken.

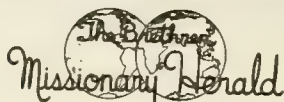
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| Akron, Ohio | \$15.00 |
| Alexandria, Va. | 108.00 |
| Allentown, Pa. | 10.00 |
| Altoona, Pa. (Grace) | 55.50 |
| Ankenytown, Ohio | 14.00 |
| Artesia, Calif. | 15.00 |
| Ashland, Ohio | 56.00 |
| Beaumont, Calif. | 45.00 |
| Beaver City, Nebr. | 25.00 |
| Bellflower, Calif. | 10.00 |
| Berne, Ind. | 100.00 |
| Camden, Ohio | 23.00 |
| Clay City, Ind. | 72.00 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 47.00 |
| Compton, Calif. | 28.25 |
| Dayton, Ohio (First) | 131.00 |
| Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) | 244.00 |
| Findlay, Ohio | 2.00 |
| Flora, Ind. | 250.00 |
| Fort Wayne, Ind. | 179.00 |
| Harrah, Wash. | 43.00 |
| Hollins, Va. | 331.27 |
| Homerville, Ohio | 75.00 |
| Jenners, Pa. | 5.00 |
| Johnstown, Pa. (First) | 70.00 |
| Kittanning, Pa. (First) | 18.75 |
| Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo) | 11.20 |
| La Verne, Calif. | 5.00 |
| Leamersville, Pa. | 6.00 |
| Leesburg, Ind. | 31.50 |
| Limestone, Tenn. (Vernon) | 15.00 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (First) | 107.00 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (Second) | 22.00 |
| Mansfield, Ohio | 5.00 |
| Middlebranch, Ohio | 10.00 |
| Modesto, Calif. (La Loma) | 5.00 |
| New Troy, Mich. | 140.50 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. (First) | 177.30 |
| Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) | 114.17 |
| Seattle, Wash. | 13.00 |
| South Bend, Ind. | 10.00 |
| South Pasadena, Calif. | 27.00 |
| Spokane, Wash. | 27.00 |
| Summit Mills, Pa. | 9.00 |
| Washington, D. C. | 37.00 |
| Waterloo, Iowa | 404.00 |
| Waynesboro, Pa. | 202.09 |
| Whittier, Calif. (First) | 50.00 |
| Winchester, Va. | 20.00 |
| Winona Lake, Ind. | 292.20 |
| Yakima, Wash. | 21.50 |
| York, Pa. | 30.00 |

Miscellaneous Gifts—

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| Central District WMC | 50.00 |
| Collegiate Class '51 | 8.00 |
| Isolated Brethren | 1,172.00 |
| Misc. Cash Offering, Nat. Conf. | 489.02 |
| Non-Brethren | 361.25 |
| N. Ohio Dist. Brethren Churches | 90.00 |
| S. E. Dist. Camp Grace | 12.86 |

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The Los Angeles, Calif., First church opened its day school on September 15. This church is host to one of the evening classes sponsored by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Mr. Al Kruis and Rev. Jack Dixon preached there August 31.

The Listie, Pa., church, pastored by Rev. Paul Mohler, has planned an evangelistic campaign for October 12-26, with Rev. Ralph Colburn, Brethren youth director, as the preacher. Simon Dodson, Wayne Snider, and James Hay preached at this church recently.

Rev. William Schaffer, in addition to his pastoral duties, is teaching a course in the Spokane School of the Bible.

At the San Bernardino, Calif., church during the vacation Bible school sessions 15 children made public confession of faith in Christ.

To Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Flick, San Bernardino, Calif., a daughter, Annette Ruth, was born on August 27.

At the Ashland, Ohio, church 2 people made public decisions on August 10, 1 on August 17, and 1 on August 24. The church received 5 members on August 17. Bro. Don Bishop, member of the church and a student in Grace Seminary, spoke there on August 31.

The Middlebranch, Ohio, church witnessed 2 public decisions on August 31.

Rev. Blaine Snyder, assistant business manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, preached at the Conemaugh, Pa., church on September 7. This was Brother Snyder's boyhood home church.

Rev. Stanley F. Hauser, pastor of the Grafton, W. Va., church, has accepted the pastorate of the Cone-

maugh, Pa., church, effective December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Myles Hammers, members of the Johnstown, Pa., First church, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on August 28. They are the parents of 2 Brethren pastors: Thomas, South Pasadena, Calif., and James, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dr. Kenneth M. Monroe, of Santa Barbara, preached at the Glendale, Calif., church on September 7.

Rev. Gordon Bracker is teaching in the Kittanning Bible Institute, in addition to his pastoral duties. This school began its fall session on September 18.

The Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church, of which Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum is pastor, has scheduled a campaign with God's Invasion Army, October 13-27. In cooperation with this campaign Evangelist R. Paul Miller will conduct evening services October 19-24. This church received 5 members on September 7 and 2 people were baptized on September 14.



Rev. Glen Welborn now lives at 825 Ermine St., Albany, Oreg. (change Annual, p. 71).

Rev. and Mrs. Martin Garber live at 3 Avenue d'Aligre, Chatou, Seine-et-Oise, France.

Rev. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy live at 10 Rue Bordeaux, Chelles, Seine et Marne, France.

Miss MaryAnn Habegger resides at Institut Biblique, 39 Grand Rue, Nogent-Sur-Marne, France.

Dr. Harold Mason and family live at 23 Rue du Coquart, Villennes-sur-Seine, Seine et Oise, France.

Rev. Ralph Colburn, youth director, held a week of meetings at Dryhill, Ky., September 14-21. He is conducting a campaign at the Clayhole, Ky., church September 21-October 5.

The Denver, Colo., church printed (not mimeographed) its first bulletin for the Sunday services on September 7. It announced the baptism of 2 people that day.

Mrs. Clara Call, member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, died on August 31.

The Wooster, Ohio, laymen are sponsoring an evangelistic campaign for October 5-19, with Rev. Bernard Schneider, of Mansfield, Ohio, as the speaker. Following each meeting he will show some of the pictures of his recent trip to Europe and the Holy Land. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ohman and Mr. Clayton Erb will be in charge of the music. On September 7 this church witnessed 4 public decisions, and 1 person was received into membership following baptism.

At the Fort Wayne, Ind., church 8 people were baptized and received into membership during August.

Rev. James D. Hammer, pastor of the Fort Wayne church, was ordained to the ministry on September 7. Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., presided, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt preached the sermon, and Rev. Caleb Zimmerman, of Dayton, Ohio, assisted. The service was held at the Fort Wayne church.

Rev. Ralph S. Burns, pastor of the Clay City, Ind., church, was ordained to the ministry on September 2. The service was held at the Philadelphia, Pa., Third church, Brother Burns' home church. Rev. Robert Cessna, of the host church, presided; Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, Uniontown, preached the sermon; Mr. Kenneth Kohler, Philadelphia, gave the authorization; Rev. John Landis, Philadelphia, read the Scriptures; Rev. William Gray, Allentown, gave the charge; and Rev. John J. Burns, Johnson City, Tenn., brother of Ralph, read the vows and led in the prayer of ordination.

The Clay City, Ind., church had an average attendance of 65 in the morning services, 35 in the evening services, 62 in Bible school, and 17 in the prayer meetings during the 3 summer months. Rev. Sam Horney and some Spanish-speaking Brethren from Taos, N. Mex., conducted a service there on August 25.

Latest word from the Marvin Goodman family is that little Anne needs an operation on her foot in order to straighten it and to relieve muscle tension in the leg. The Goodmans live at 1811 Baseline Rd., La Verne, Calif.

The Whittier, Calif., First church received 2 members upon baptism on August 31.

The New Troy, Mich., church will observe its rally day program on September 28, with Bro. Joseph Dombek, of Winona Lake, as the speaker.

The Practical Use of the Prophetic Word

By Rev. Lewis C. Hohenstein, Waterloo, Iowa

(This message was given by Mr. Hohenstein on August 20, at the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. It was well received by all who heard it.)

These are troublous times, but this hour of darkness, when the foreboding shadows of doom hover on the horizon of world affairs, is the hour of greatest opportunity for the church. It has become evident that we have advanced in scientific discovery far beyond our moral and spiritual capabilities to control these discoveries. The world of man is like a Frankenstein, with a huge, ungainly, uncontrollable monster of his own creation. The church of Jesus Christ alone has the answer to this problem, but it is quite evident that a large part of the visible church has already sold out to the subversive forces of the "evil one," and that the body of believers which still holds the doctrinal truths, seems to be torn with such internal strife and dissension that the believers have lost the clarion clearness of their testimony.

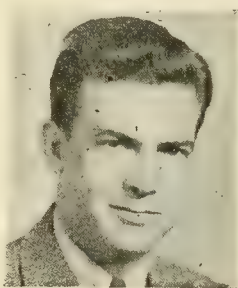
The evident purity of doctrine and practice in the Brethren Church is significant and encouraging, but I am overcome sometimes as I think of the great responsibility that the Lord has laid upon us as His people to hold forth the torch of liberty set aflame by the grace of God, to a world that has sunk to the depths of moral, social, political, economic, and spiritual chaos and despondency. For I know that the accomplishment of God's will and purpose in this age does not depend on us, contrary to the songs we sing and the messages which we often hear. My greatest fear is that we might become an unusable vessel, and in this hour of greatest opportunity God will bypass us and use another vessel, maybe one not so noble as to intent, or so pure as to doctrine, but a vessel that is willing to be broken and molded to meet the need of the hour.

Signs of the Times

My subject is "Prophecy," or "Signs of the Times." It implies that I am to interpret those things which

are today's history in the light of the unchanging eternal word of prophecy. That we are in the throes of despondency and fear is best seen in the reaction of thinking men all about us.

One of the foremost figures in the field of politics today—or should I say yesterday now that the nominating conventions are over—is General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. Listen to a paragraph taken from his message to the Congress of the United States on his recall from commanding the UN forces in the



Rev. L. C. Hohenstein

Far East. These words were also spoken at the surrender of the Japanese on the battleship *Missouri* in 1945.

"Military alliances, balances of power, league of nations, all in turn failed, leaving the only path to be by way of the crucible of war. The utter destructiveness of war now blocks out this alternative. We have had our last chance. If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, our Armageddon will be at our door. The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence, an improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advances in science, art, literature, and all material and cultural developments of the past 2,000 years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh."

The problems outlined by General MacArthur are recognized by the political leaders of every rank, but how to cope with these problems is evidently beyond them all.

In the field of science there is still a more pessimistic attitude taken.

In 1950 the cover page of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientist had the figure of a clock with the hands pointing to 3 minutes to 12; and the new book of the social science staff of the University of Chicago on the control of atomic energy is called "Minutes to Midnight." In the field of literature there is very little being written today of an esthetic or constructive nature; the review pages are filled with such soul-shaking titles as "Man and Society in Calamity," "Nearing the Abyss," "The Coming Crisis," "The Annihilation of Man," etc., and we are told that little satisfaction is found in the reading of the old classics today because their Utopian philosophy is a farce in the light of present-day reality.

No Hope for Unbelievers

In his most excellent book on the subject of prophecy, "World Crisis and the Prophetic Scriptures," Dr. Wilbur Smith points out that the use of apocalyptic language of the Bible is becoming popular among the present-day writers and reporters. Impending doom and worldwide cataclysmic calamity faces all and is very real to the thinking man of today. With hard-hearted calculating, communistic atheism ruling one-half of the world, and compromising pseudo Christian ideology ruling the other half, there is certainly nothing in the offing that would offer a vestige of hope to the unbelieving, unregenerate man.

This situation in the political, social, and economic realm has brought about a condition which has made men desire to know what is in the future more than ever before. This condition of uncertainty and fear has brought about a revival in the activity of the spiritists, the fortune tellers, the astrologers, and the publishers of horoscopes. Men have always had a desire to peer into the future to see what it holds for them, and now when there seems to be nothing but doom before them, the desire to pierce the barrier of time is stronger than ever. In a popular magazine of last month's issue, there appeared an article called "The Revival of Black Magic." It tells of a convention of

sorcerers and necromancers in England where the theme of the convention was "How Can We Help Mankind?"

This opaque backdrop of despair and hopelessness is real: the morally strong are striving after the faint glimmer of hope that they see in the modern philosophies of our humanistic materialists, the morally weak are plunging into the depths of sin and debauch; but, praise be unto God, there is a remnant of the faithful who are following the unerring beam of prophetic light, described by Peter as "a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

This word, "dark," Thayer says, means "destitute of light or color." The Greek word which is the root of this word is *auos*, and is translated "withered, trembling, or shaking like a dry leaf." How appropriate a description of this present world: dark, destitute of light, squalid, trembling, and shaking like a dry leaf. It is to such a world of men that the prophetic Scriptures will shine as a light if they will but believe. It is night, the darkest of night now, and it is in the night that we need a lamp—"the more sure word of prophecy." II Peter 1:19 and the following verses have been the battlefield of controversy for the critics, but whatever they have done to it the results always assure the believer that prophecy is the light for this dark place.

Purpose, Precautions, Position

I would like to deal with this general subject in a practical way. Let us notice (1) the *purpose* for studying and proclaiming the prophetic Scriptures; (2) some *precautions* which should be heeded; (3) the *position* we now occupy in the prophetic picture.

The Bible is the systematic, progressive unfolding or revelation of God's plan for the future, or for the ages, beginning with the creation and fall of man, centered in the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, and consummated in Christ putting all things under His feet, and delivering His kingdom up to the Father. The intimate details of this action, the chronological order of the program, and the respective characters who play their role in this panorama

are clearly described and the outcome delineated and set forth.

Every person that is on "the Lord's side" can be said to be those "of faith," and faith is taking God at His Word (Rom. 10:17). Therefore, we can say "Abel by faith," "Enoch was a man of faith, and God took him"; Noah, Abraham, Sarah, and on down the list, each of them believed God, and progressively each of them had more to believe, thus making faith more practical until John the Revelator wrote, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus," wiped the ink from his quill, and the Spirit sealed the Book and the complete canon of Scripture was delivered to the church.

Why Study Prophecy

We now have a positive, ever-glowing, never-failing lamp to guide us and it behooves us to purpose to study and proclaim these prophetic truths.

I see a fourfold purpose in the study and proclamation of the prophetic Word.

It gives a *positive purpose* and meaning to our ministry.

A few weeks ago I was called to sit in on a committee meeting in our city. Following the meeting, a doctor of theology who moderated the meeting (a man well-known), after expressing his appreciation for my cooperation in the meeting, confronted me with this question: "Brother Hohenstein, why can't we cooperate in more things as we labor for Christ's kingdom?" He then went on to express his deep regret over this lack of cooperation and ended by telling me that he was just as fundamental in his beliefs as I was, stating that he believed in the virgin birth, the authority of the Scriptures, and the necessity of the new birth.

I tried to be as gracious in answering him as he was in questioning me, and the sum of what I said was this: "The reason for our difference is not in the basic foundation of our faith, but in the progressive purpose of our ministry. Your life is dedicated to a social program of establishing Christ's kingdom and to do this you have sold yourself to the present ecumenical movements and you are trying, by a cooperative activity with forces which are in themselves evil, to make this world a fit place for men to dwell. On the other hand, I understand by the prophetic Word of Scripture that just such

movements of federated governments and an ecumenical church will appear and they will be the tools, not of Christ's kingdom, but of the Antichrist and his kingdom. Therefore, the purpose of my ministry as opposed to yours is not to save the world but to save men out of the world which is in the hand of the "evil one" and under the condemnation of God."

Through an understanding of the prophetic Word we will be led to constantly point our ministry toward the ultimate and complete glorification of a returning and ruling Lord.

Through Isaiah, Jehovah said: "I am God, there is none else; I am God, there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure . . . yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass, I have purposed it, I will also do it" (Isa. 46:9b-11b). "Truth is ever on the scaffold, wrong ever on the throne," but remember friends, "God stands within the shadows keeping watch upon His own." So accept Him at His word and move on toward the purposed goal of God for the church.

It is the only *source of comfort* for the saint. This is the second purpose in knowing and proclaiming the prophetic Word.

Comfort From Christ

In the upper room on the night of our Lord's betrayal the disciples were troubled over the immediate future, and then Christ uttered those words which have comforted millions at the time of heartache and sorrow: "Let not your heart be troubled." Then He leaped across the temporal problems and projected them into the prophetic future and said: "And if I go . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself." Later in the same discourse Christ tells the disciples that "in the world ye shall have tribulation," but the preceding discourse on the future was that "they might have peace" in Him. In Luke 24 we read of two who were on their way to Emmaus and "as they walked they were sad." A few hours later in time we find them rejoicing, saying that their "hearts burned within them." What made the difference? It was the revelation of the prophetic Scriptures as expounded by the Lord.

When the Apostle Paul, led of the

Spirit, had finished the great rapture chapter (I Thess. 4), which was written to give hope to those bereaved over the loss of loved ones, he ended the chapter by saying, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." Every pastor who has been called upon to conduct the last services for both saved and unsaved understands what the comforting power of the Scripture means to the saints that remain and the despair that is in the hearts of "those who have no hope."

When our boys are being called into the service, some never to return, when our girls are faced with the filth and moral degradation of a godless society, when the threat of atheistic communism hangs over us like the sword of Damocles from without and we are being consumed by apostasy and moral corruption from within, where can we turn if not to the comfort of the prophetic Word, which tells of and warns against these things? "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18).

Impelling Force

Thirdly, we see that the purpose for our knowing the prophetic Word is that it is the *impelling force of evangelism*.

When John the Baptist faced the ecclesiastics from Jerusalem he did not throw open his arms and say, "Come in." He asked: "Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Recently I was talking to a minister who told me that such an appeal, that is an appeal of fear, was not a very high or noble one. I agree, fear might not be the highest nor noblest appeal, but it is the appeal by which the larger share of the saved were brought to Christ. And I notice that those who are making high and noble appeals have their churches full on Easter and Christmas and their members are filled with churchianity, but it is those who are fully convinced of the future plan of God that still have the churches open on Sunday and Wednesday nights and are making an evangelistic appeal to unbelievers.

What evangelical appeal is there in the liberals' dogma of "the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man"? At best these things will only soothe the conscience of the

hearer, while what we need is something to wake us from our lethargic apathy. The impelling force to the ministry is best expressed by Paul thus: "Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" (II Cor. 5:11). In Hebrews we have this phrase: "For our God is a consuming fire" (12:29). Paul said these things and was driven on in his missionary endeavor because of his knowledge of the prophetic future. Not only are these truths of prophecy the force behind the minister of the Gospel, but they are also the basis of our appeal. Such terms as "Now is the accepted time," "watch," "stand fast," "wait upon the Lord," "redeeming the time," and many other such appeals imply a knowledge of the future.

Prophecy Flavors Messages

Messages from men who believe that men must be born again are rare that are not flavored with a prophetic appeal, and it is mixed constantly through our everyday conversation. God's Old Testament preachers never pointed out the fact of impending doom without also projecting the hearers into the prophetic future, giving them a glimpse of God's operative grace. We today as His ministers should do no less.

It is not only the impelling force that causes us to go out to evangelize and the basis of our appeal, but a knowledge of the prophetic Word is a *purifying power for the church*.

In Proverbs 29:18 we read these words: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." In Bagster's Analytical Hebrew Concordance it is stated that this noun, "vision," comes from the root word *chaza* which means to see, or a vision applied to prophecy or revelation. Paraphrasing the verse then, "Where there is no prophecy, or knowledge of the future plans of God for the people, the people are made naked" (margin).

Again this word is translated "vision" in I Samuel 3:1, where we are told that "the word of the Lord was precious [or literally, rare] in those days; there was no open vision," or as it is translated in the American Standard Version margin, "No widespread prophecy," or literally, "no broken open revelation or prophecy." I need not relate to you the spiritual condition of Israel at the ascendancy of Samuel. It was a time when "every man did that

which was right in his own eyes." Let man take his eyes off of what God has for him in the future, and temporal pleasure and possessions will consume his being.

Why did Israel fail in her mission? It was because she became a temporal power, with temporal ideas, expecting temporal blessings, and she forgot the glorious future which God had promised her in the prophetic Word. She then missed the Messiah when He came and is now subject to the setting aside of the Lord. And likewise the "church visible" is failing her mission because of a lust for temporal power and position and a seeking of temporal benefits. She has forgotten her glorious position "in the heavenlies," her glorious present, "the ministry of reconciliation," and her glorious future, "to rule and reign with Christ."

The only people I know who are happy today and fully enjoying their temporal benefits are those whose eyes are looking for and their hearts are expecting the coming Lord and King.

An expectant church is a *holy living church*.

An expectant church is a *giving church*.

An expectant church is a *missionary church*, for the power of the proclamation of the prophetic message will project itself into every ramification of the church.

(To Be Continued)

MOODY COLPORTEURS BUSY

Almost 5,000,000 pieces of free gospel literature were distributed by the colportage department of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago during the first 6 months of 1952. This literature was printed in 32 languages and was distributed in 59 countries.

Colportage libraries were given to 4,643 classrooms in our country and to 28 schools in Jamaica. Much of this literature also went to hospitals, jails, and men in the armed forces.

The distribution of gospel literature should be a major emphasis of every Christian. One writer has recently warned us: "The territory where the freedom of the Gospel exists is shrinking fast. Take time out to view a map of the world and see the vast territories already taken over by Communism or soon may be."

Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

By Conard Sandy

The Working of the Conscience

In writing the pastoral epistles (I and II Timothy and Titus) the Apostle Paul spoke of the conscience in 6 different places. He believed the conscience to be a very important part of the human personality. In one of the references he said: "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience" (I Tim. 1:5).

The law is effective when the conscience of the individual is "good." But if the conscience is "seared with a hot iron" (4:2) it is no longer able to guide the person in the way he ought to go.

In Pittsburgh, Pa., there is a man who had a guilty conscience over his behavior, but it is not yet seared to the point where it ignores and defies law.

Recently Sgt. Elmer Hardy, of the police force, reported that a man called on the phone and stated:

"Listen! I'm only going to tell you once. Go out to Highland Park Zoo and look in a trash can near the entrance."

The man hung up and the conversation was at an end.

The police officers investigated as directed and found a \$125 watch, \$107 camera, and a \$10 cigarette lighter in the trash can. They did not find the burglar, however, who stole these things in a July 4 robbery of a Pittsburgh home. Nor do they know who made the call to the police desk.

There is one thing that we know: the man still has a conscience that is responsive, in a degree at least, to what is right and wrong.

Soldiers Must Wear Armor

On September 8 the U. S. Far East Command quartermaster section said it expected to have all army combat soldiers in Korea equipped with carefully tested body armor by mid-October. It is believed this armor will aid in protecting the men when they get into heavy fighting.

Paul urged Timothy: "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the

affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" (II Tim. 2:3-4).

The soldiers in Korea will wear this new armor that will be given to them. They will have no choice in it—they must obey and please those who are over them in authority. They dare not lay it aside at will.

The Christian has an armor which he must wear if he would please his Lord (see Eph. 6:10-18).

Old Men Need the Gospel, Too

In Ionia, Mich., recently 2 men were brought before the court for disorderly conduct. As a result, Frank Brown was fined \$9.30 and costs on the charge of engaging in a fist fight with Joe Reed. These were not 2 young ruffians of the city. Mr. Brown is 81 years old and Mr. Reed is 78.

The Word of God has some good advice for the old men: "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: that the aged men be sober [vigilant], grave [aware of the seriousness of life], temperate [in all of conduct, not just in matters of beverages], sound in the faith [true followers of the Lord Jesus and His Gospel], in charity [love], in patience [not losing one's temper]" (Tit. 2:1-2).

This message is needed not only by the 2 men in Michigan, but also by all men everywhere.

Children Need Personal Attention

Educator A. C. Nelson has some strong opinions against modern mechanical devices and policies. In condemning television promoters for the poor quality of programs presented he said: "Mechanical gadgets and toys do not build a child's character and they can never give the child the inner feeling of security that personal attention from parents will give." Mr. Nelson also despises the modern policy of turning children over to baby-sitters, and for the same reason—lack of personal attention from the parents.

The Apostle Paul rejoiced in his fellowship with Timothy because of "the unfeigned faith that is in thee,

which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (II Tim. 1:5). Timothy had the personal attention of 2 generations within his own home. For this reason, among others, he was appointed as pastor of the very important church in Ephesus.

There Is No Place to Quit

The Apostle Paul urged Timothy, the young pastor at Ephesus, to "make full proof of thy ministry" (II Tim. 4:5). A literal version of this phrase might read thus: "Fill to the full the work to which you have been called." From the ministry of the Gospel one can never retire, that is, if he would be pleasing to the One who placed him in the office.

Thomas Campbell said: "I never heard of an apostle, prophet, or public benefactor resting from their labors; they died with harness on."

MODERN ARK SAILS FOR AFRICA

A modern "ark" intended to bring Christianity and modern farming methods to the Liberian jungle was dedicated at Vicksburg, Miss., by Evangelist Billy Graham and left immediately for Africa.

Industrialist R. G. LeTourneau, who planned the project, said that he believes "hungry natives" will listen to the Christian message of the ark's company "if we can show them a field of grain with a combine harvesting more in a day than they can eat in a year."

His son-in-law and daughter, Gustav and Louise Dick, are in charge of the expedition. They will supervise the development of 500,000 acres Mr. LeTourneau has leased from the Liberian government for 30 years with option to renew for another 50 years if the venture succeeds.

When the ark, a converted Navy LSM (landing craft) with a cruising speed of 10 knots, neared Baffu Bay on the Guinea coast, Mr. LeTourneau left the United States in his twin-engine bomber to join the expedition on African soil.—*United Evangelical Action*.

Atlanta, Ga.—Dr. Sam F. Lowe, director of the Baptist Hour, has announced the following results of a favorite hymn poll conducted in Baptist training unions of the Southern Baptist Convention territory:

1. "The Old Rugged Cross," by George Bennard.
2. "In the Garden," by C. Austin Miles.
3. "Amazing Grace," by John Newton.
4. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," by Joseph Scriven.
5. "Sweet Hour of Prayer," by W. W. Walford.
6. "Living for Jesus," by T. O. Chisholm.
7. "Heavenly Sunlight," by H. J. Zelle.
8. "Never Alone," anonymous.
9. "The Lily of the Valley," anonymous.
10. "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," by Adelaide Pollard.
11. "At the Cross," by Isaac Watts.
12. "Breathe on Me," by Edwin Hatch.
13. "Rock of Ages," by Augustus M. Toplady.

The hymns were sung, 1 each week in order of increasing favor, on a 13-week series of broadcasts over the 65-station network of the Southern Religious Radio Conference.—*Religious News Service.*

THE HEART'S DOOR

By Geneva Showerman

The door of my heart was tightly closed,
And the latch-string was drawn inside—
While Christ stood without the door and knocked
And I struggled my sin to hide.
He knocked and He waited patiently
Until I could no longer bear
To know that the very Son of God
Was so loving waiting there.

The door of my heart I opened wide,
And I cried to Him, "Lord, come in,
For I cannot hide myself from Thee,
It is Thou who must hide my sin!"

How lovingly, sweetly Jesus came!
I had peace never known before,
For He washed the sin-stains all away—
When I opened the bolted door.

IT PAYS BIG DIVIDENDS

By Rev. Kenneth Ashman, Wooster, Ohio

Today the emphasis is upon youth, and it pays big dividends. Here in Wooster we concentrate upon the use of young people's talents each Sunday evening. A youth choir presents the special music, and various ensembles from among the young people assist in the ministry of song. Both vocal and instrumental selections are presented. Even the beginners in music are encouraged to participate.

Three primary purposes are thus attained: (1) The young people are in the service of the Lord on Sunday evenings. They attract other young people to come. Their devotion to the Lord's service is noticeably increased. And the parents, interested in what their own children are doing, are more faithful in attendance.

(2) The future leadership of the church is being trained. These young people will be our official board, our choir members, our teachers of tomorrow. This participation in the public services is the best of training for those future possibilities.

(3) The Sunday evening service is thus brought into a place of importance. Our attendances for the evening have been rising steadily in direct proportion to the emphasis upon using the talents of the youth. The average for the third quarter was 138. Last Sunday night there was an attendance of 157. Visitors are frequently present. These become a prospective list for pastoral calling.

Now we would not leave the impression that the "youth emphasis" is the only factor to be considered. All the music, the testimonies, the messages are sound Biblical presentations. There is no effort to entertain. Inspirational services are the aim. Souls are being saved.

These Sunday evening services are streamlined. Special numbers are limited to two stanzas, very few announcements are included, the service moves along with a semblance of a radio program. This takes prior planning and practicing. Yes, we're putting special emphasis upon our youth on Sunday evenings, and it pays big dividends for the Lord.

MILITARY SERVICES COSTLY

President Truman signed an appropriation bill last week giving the military services \$46,610,938,912 for their operations during the next 12 months, which is 25 times greater than the total receipts of all denominations for all purposes in 1951. We are paying a thousand times as much money for war purposes as we are giving for missions, and at our present rate of giving, the annual interest alone on our national debt is equal to all the contributions we will make as Americans to foreign missions for 100 years.—*The Wesleyan Methodist.*

FLEECE SUCCEEDS McQUILKIN

G. Allen Fleece has been elected acting president of Columbia Bible College to succeed the late Dr. Robert C. McQuilkin. Dr. Fleece resigned the pastorate of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., last fall to join the faculty of CBC. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University and Columbia Theological Seminary.

CHURCH SHORTAGE IN AMERICA

Some folk think there are too many churches in America, but actually there is a church shortage. So the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches was told at its biennial meeting in California. Growth of population, and migration to newly settled communities, have actually created a shortage of churches in many places. During the next 10 years American Protestants will have to provide 6,600 new churches if the goal of 1 church for each 5,000 persons is to be reached.—*Exchange.*

DR. M. E. DODD DIES

M. E. Dodd, prominent Southern Baptist leader, died in Long Beach, Calif., August 6. As pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., he received over 13,000 members and established 15 new churches. He was past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a member of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

By Rev. Albert Flory
Long Beach, Calif.

Teachers and Sunday School Officers

The Brethren Church is following a through-the-Bible course of study. For the fourth quarter of 1952 we will be studying 5 short epistles written by the Apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. They are: I and II Thessalonians, I and II Timothy, and Titus.

1. THE QUARTERLIES produced by the Brethren Missionary Herald Company may be a few days late in arriving at the local churches. They will be shipped just as soon as possible.

2. THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS for the October-December quarter are: October 5—An Ideal Christian Church (I Thess. 1:1-10); October 12—An Ideal Christian Servant (I Thess. 2:1-3:13).

3. STUDY THESE LESSONS from your Bible. You will find here many things easy to learn and teach without the use of the quarterly, in case it does not arrive on time.

4. STUDY THE THREE QUARTERLIES. If each teacher would study each one of the 3 quarterlies printed by the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, he would have ample material in teaching his class. These quarterlies are—

THE BRETHREN TEACHER

THE BRETHREN QUARTERLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS

THE BRETHREN JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY

5. WE RECOMMEND THESE BOOKS to aid in study of the fourth quarter's lessons. Many teachers like material to study in addition to the quarterlies, and this is a fine thing. The more one studies and prays over the lesson the better he will be as a teacher. Among the books available and recommended are these:

R. C. H. Lenski: Interpretation of St. Paul's Epistles to the Colossians, to the Thessalonians, to Timothy, to Titus, and to Philemon (\$4.95). This book explains the words and phrases of the text. It will be very helpful to those who have some understanding of the Greek language, though others may read it also with much profit.

H. A. Ironside: Addresses on the First and Second Epistles of Thessalonians (\$1.50). Timothy, Titus, and Philemon (\$2.50). These 2 books by Dr. Ironside are written in his usual clear style, and will be very beneficial for all teachers during the fourth quarter of 1952.

Charles Erdman: The Epistles of Paul to the Thessalonians (\$1.50). The Pastoral Epistles of Paul (\$1.50). Dr. Erdman divides the books into paragraphs and then writes excellent comments on these paragraphs. These 2 books ought to be read and studied by every teacher during this fourth quarter.

BUY BRETHREN

"Money is a curse." These words were heard recently in a conversation and the speaker went on to elaborate. He cited an incident of a family which came into sudden wealth a good many years ago in the Santa Fe Springs area. He further pointed out that the boy in the family had never done a day's work in his life and now, a man of middle age, was of no value to society because of being constantly drunk.

The Man Was Wrong

The cause attributed to the downfall of this man was not as our friend had supposed. We could cite many instances of poor boys who turned out the same way. It is not money, or the lack of it, which makes one a success or failure.

It Comes From Within

Jesus said: "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" (Luke 6:45).

We learn from these words of our Lord that our condition is governed not by circumstances, but by the condition within. The term "heart" is used in Scripture to denote the working of the innermost part of our being. The Scripture also states: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked . . ." (Jer. 17:9).

A New Heart Is the Answer

Since there is nothing of value within the natural person, there must be a change. Jehovah said concerning the people of Israel: "I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh" (Ezek. 11:19).

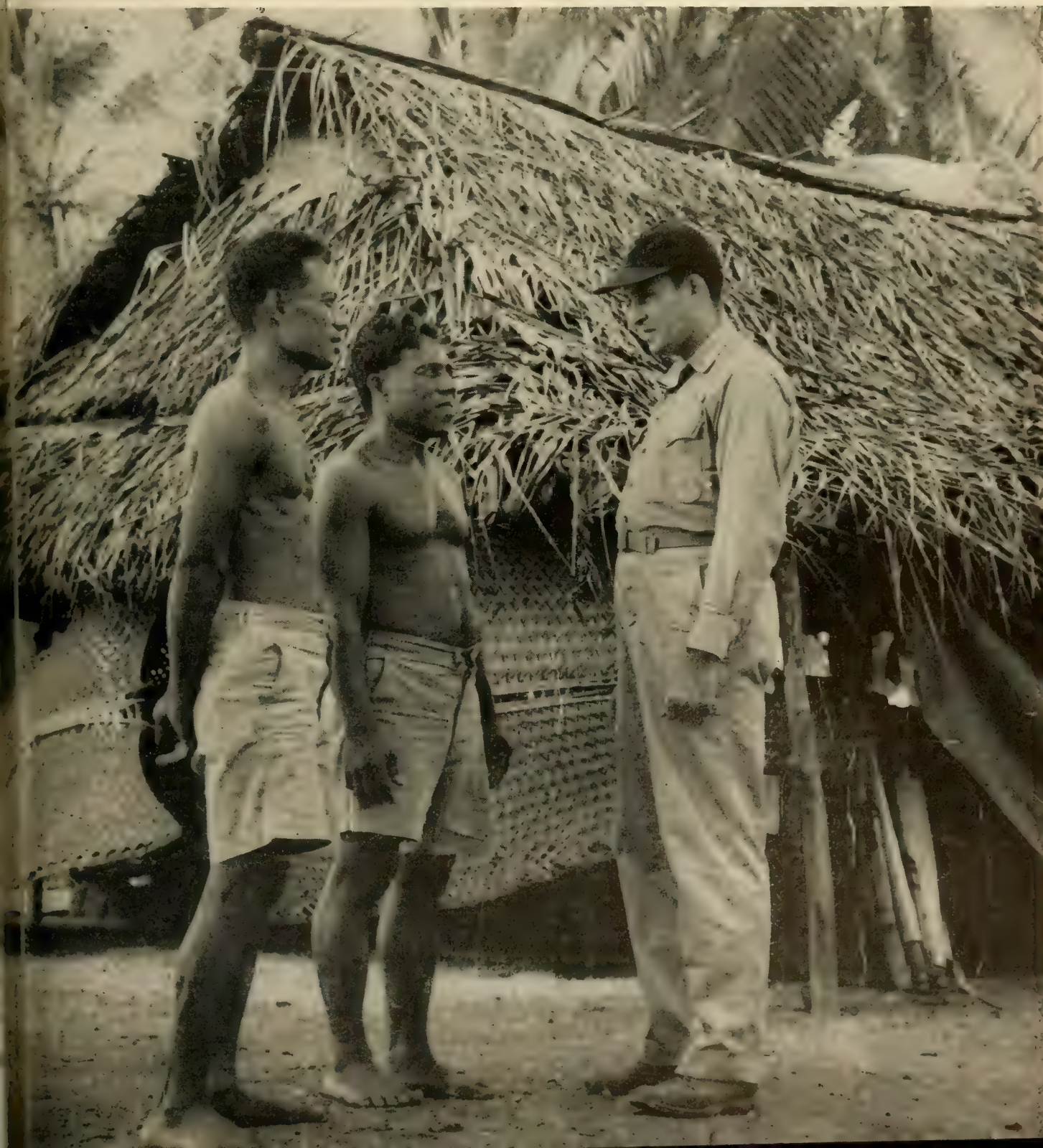
This is what happens when a person receives Christ as personal Saviour and becomes a new creature in Him. He immediately becomes "a partaker of the divine nature" and God implants within a new heart. This new life is able to overcome obstacles, whether it be money or the lack of it, and cause one to be led in victory over sin in this life.—*Editorial in Fifth and Cherry Light.*

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard
Editor, Foreign Mission Number

Sailing! Sailing!

Yes, "over the bounding main." As these editorials are being written Misses Edith Geske, Gail Jones, and Marian Thurston are in New York City arranging to sail for France on the *S. S. United States* on September 19. Then, on October 10, Rev. and Mrs. John Zielasko and family will sail on the *S. S. Mormacwren* for Belem, Brazil. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber and Mrs. Minnie Kennedy will sail for France on the *S. S. United States* on October 17. Those in this group going to France have Africa as their final destination—Mrs. Kennedy will spend only several days in France before returning to her field of service in Africa.

Seven More Baptized

A recent letter from the Altigs in Brazil reports 7 more having been baptized. Many new people are attending services in Icoraci and in Macapa. In Macapa Bro. Edward Miller has quite a group in prebaptism classes. We want them to know the meaning of the Christian life and of the rite of baptism before they receive it. We are continually amazed at the open door in Brazil.

Now In Buenos Aires

Bro. Solon Hoyt and his family are now located in Don Bosco, a small center only a few minutes' ride from downtown Buenos Aires. They are now engaged in house-to-house visitation work and hope soon to have the first assembly of those interested in hearing the Word of God. Buenos Aires has a population of over 2,500,000, being the largest city in the Southern Hemisphere.

Brethren In France

By November 1 we will have 20 Brethren missionaries in France, all, of course, there for training before going on to Africa, with the exception of the Fred Fogle family. Before this large group leaves for Africa a location for our permanent testimony in France will have been selected. Pray for wisdom in this most important undertaking.

Germany In Prospect

We don't know just when or how, but the prospect of a permanent Brethren testimony in Germany challenges us. Rev. Bernard Schneider and family visited

Germany this summer, and during the next few months Brother Schneider will present a series of articles in the foreign mission issue of the Herald. Every indication is that the field in Germany is ripe—*now!* If it is the Lord's will for us to enter, we are asking Him to supply leaders who are already trained and who know the German language. Other than the support of the missionary worker, the work in Germany should be self-supporting.

Honolulu Reports

In the 6 weeks since the organization of the work in Honolulu the attendance has grown from 35 to 62. To date the work has been purely self-supporting and self-propagating, and our hope is that it may continue that way. T/Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin J. Jones, who have pioneered the work, will probably be in Honolulu for sev-

OUR COVER PICTURE

We do not know the source of this picture, and therefore are unable to express personal thanks for its use. Although probably a south-sea-island scene, it brings to mind the many similar scenes when we have watched missionary and native Christian leaders in Africa confer. The scene could probably be duplicated many times in the remote river areas in the Amazon valley in Brazil. It is a blessed privilege which the missionary has to confer and work with those faithful native Christian leaders.

eral months yet, but we desire a missionary pastor to be on the field by the time the present leadership must move on—one who is well-trained and who has demonstrated his ability in the Lord's work in building churches. Honolulu is a city of about 250,000 people and it will be possible for a pastor to find employment and support himself, and at the same time furnish spiritual leadership and a teaching ministry for the believers. We are anxious to correspond with those who are interested.

It Can Be Done Other Places, Too!

If self-supporting workers can establish a Brethren testimony in Honolulu, they can do it other places—in any place in fact where a United States citizen can live and be permitted to earn a livelihood. At the present

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time our society cannot fully support a work in Honolulu, but we can help a worker until he has established himself for self-support, and we can assist in passage and transportation costs. We could do the same in other areas of the earth as well. We would be so happy to hear of Brethren in other parts of the world starting works indigenously. Let's all pray about it, shall we? It's worth praying about, isn't it?

The Field Is The World!

We never tire of speaking of Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Baja California, France, Germany, Honolulu—field after field comes into view. But when we have toured the world in our thinking, let's come back home and remember that **THANKSGIVING TIME IS HOME MISSION TIME IN THE BRETHERN CHURCH.** There is no better way, during the months ahead, to help in the business of planting churches in areas to the ends of the earth than to give large offerings for home missions.

The Great Southland Is On My Heart

For at least 15 or 20 years the Lord has been speaking to my heart about possibilities for Brethren testimonies in the great southland. Why should we not duplicate in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas the fine work that has been done in southern California? Please understand, I am not trying to direct home mission work, and I only mention this as one of the great untouched areas in the United States so far as the Brethren Church is concerned. Gifts, large gifts, to home missions this year will help send invasion armies into some of these untouched areas and into many of our opportune cities.

A Missionary In Your Church

We want you to have as many missionaries and missionary candidates in your church as you desire and as we are able to supply. Letters went to all pastors recently offering different missionaries to different districts during different months. For the year ahead we will have a very limited number of missionaries in the homeland and we want to use them to the best possible advantage. When a missionary comes to your church it may be the last time that missionary will get to your church during the period of 5 to 20 years. He is in a foreign field for at least four-fifths of the time. When the missionary comes to your church, won't you be a committee of one to help get a large attendance? Many pastors hesitate to have missionaries, especially on week nights, because they are embarrassed by the small attendance. Now the missionary is happy to come for just the few, but you need, and your church needs, the largest possible number to hear the missionary and catch his enthusiasm. You'll help, won't you?

NO THOUGHT OF GOD. Though there are Romanist churches in every town, and huge, beautiful cathedrals where one would not expect them, the people of France give little thought to God. Churches are closed for most of the week and open for a couple of masses on Sunday. The Lord's Day is a holiday, for the week end is the Parisian's chance to enjoy himself. He may not get as debauched as the American on the week end, but his thoughts are not even on religion, let alone on God.—*William J. Samarin.*

KEEP PRAYING FOR ANNE



This picture of Anne Goodman was taken in Africa sometime before she was stricken with polio. The Goodmans are now living in La Verne, Calif., and Anne is receiving treatment at a nearby children's hospital.

CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

Christ did not come to cramp anyone's manhood; He came to fulfill. A thoroughgoing Christian is a man with a stronger reason, kinder heart, firmer will, and a richer imagination than his fellows—one who has attained to his height in Christ. A Christian who is a bigot, a prig, or a weakling is a half-developed Christian, one not yet arrived at full age.

What ought a Christian to read? Every book that feeds the intellect. Where ought he to go? Every place where the moral atmosphere is pure and bracing. What ought he to do? Everything that will make character. Religion is not negative, a giving up this or that, but positive, a getting and a possessing. If a man will be content with nothing but the best thought, the best work, the best friends, the best environment, he need not trouble about avoiding the worst. The good drives out the bad. There are two ways of lighting a dark room—one is to attack the dark with candles; the other is to open the shutters and let in the light.—*John Watson.*

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR ARGENTINA—1951-52

Arranged From Reports From Rev. J. Paul Dowdy, Chairman of the Field Council for 1951-52, and Miss Johanna Nielsen, Treasurer

The field in Argentina reports a total of 343 baptized believers who are faithful to the work, in 15 different congregations in that many different towns and cities. During the year 25 were baptized and quite a number more are awaiting baptism. The average Sunday attendance is 449, and 566 are enrolled in the Sunday Bible school. The daily vacation Bible school showed an enrollment of 637. The Women's Missionary Council had an average attendance of 112, and the youth fellowship 99. There were 30 students in the day classes in the Bible Institute, with an additional 32 in the night classes. Communion services were attended by 184. Records indicate that 293 accepted Christ and give evidence of having been born again. A total of 61,300 tracts were distributed, and 539 Bibles or Bible portions were sold or given away.

Offerings for the year totaled 32,670 Argentine pesos, with an exchange rate of 13.85 pesos for the United States dollar. The Argentine National Brethren Church is moving very rapidly in the direction of a fully self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating church. For this we commend the national believers and praise our good God.

Our pastors in Argentina are doing what pastors and churches in the homeland have also undertaken—revision of membership lists. Brother Dowdy says, "Our church registers are being brought down to reality. Figures for this year, though small, represent real members. It is also gratifying to know that throughout our whole mission these members are receiving sound, clear and constant teaching in the Word of God and in Christian responsibility. We are expecting a harvest from this ministry."

SUMMARY OF AFRICAN FIELD REPORT—1951-52

Arranged From Annual Report Submitted by Rev. J. P. Kliever, Acting Field Superintendent

| District | Population | Villages | Communion Groups | Meeting Places | Native Workers | Church Members | Converts | Total Believers |
|------------------|------------|----------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Bozoum | 53,000 | 265 | 24 | 100 | 172 | 3,088 | 2,954 | 6,042 |
| Bellevue | 69,500 | 431 | 31 | 148 | 170 | 3,133 | 1,100 | 4,233 |
| Bossembele | 40,000 | 200 | 10 | 38 | 40 | 371 | 400 | 771 |
| Bekoro | 73,000 | 425 | 40 | 125 | 151 | 2,500 | 900 | 3,400 |
| Bouca | 53,500 | 306 | 20 | 71 | 79 | 3,125 | 2,827 | 5,952 |
| Nzoro | 56,000 | 280 | 17 | 100 | 130 | 711 | 1,306 | 2,017 |
| M'Baiki | 77,000 | 380 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 126 | 100 | 226 |
| | 422,000 | 2,287 | 145 | 592 | 752 | 13,054 | 9,587 | 22,641 |

Notes: There are 7 districts, but 3 of these have 2 or more centers: Bozoum includes Bassai and the Bible Institute, Bossembele includes Yalohe, and Bouca includes Batangafo.

Communion centers might be thought of as churches, and meeting places as the outpost places for prayer and devotion and class work.

There is real cause for rejoicing in the 22,641 believers, but this represents only 5.4 percent of the population, and 592 meeting places represent only 26 percent of the towns and villages. Each of the 7 missionary elders has under his care about 60,000 souls.

We still have wide-open doors. Enemies that have struck and hindered the work in many mission fields, even in neighboring fields in Africa, have not yet hindered our work. The time is short for a great unfinished task!

Brother Kliever incorporates reports from the district superintendents with his report. We quote some from every report submitted.

Brother Sheldon, superintendent of the Bellevue district, writes: "Even though the offerings are high (407,-202 francs), there is a coldness in many places and we need a real revival of the Holy Spirit to reveal Christ to them anew. We must have a real refreshing from the Lord. The number of workers has fallen off from last year also. Many places need workers that we are not able to supply."

Brother Sumey, superintendent of the Bozoum-Bassai district, writes: "The fields are showing more and more hope of development. The greatest encouragement of the year lies in the 10 new graduates from our Bible Institute and the 13 new ones entering, and in the 9 who will, the Lord willing, graduate this year. Our church is getting a new backbone. Three new men were ordained as deacons. Three bush schools (junior Bible schools) were held, each lasting 2 weeks. These were attended by a total of 186 workers and would-be workers, plus many of their wives."

Bro. Roy Snyder, superintendent of the Bouca-Batangafo district, writes: "In the Bouca-Batangafo district this past year there have been a number of places reporting conversions for the first time. In the southern part of the field the people have not been too receptive to the Gospel, but the Holy Spirit is working there. At the Batangafo church itself there have been nearly 500 first-time decisions during the year. The attendance this year has been averaging between 200 and 300 more each Sunday than last year. However, we feel the need of revival."

Brother Hill, superintendent of the Bossembele-Yalohe district, writes: "The work is really much brighter than the statistics show. It has been a policy of the native church of the district to demand a reading knowledge of the New Testament, a prayer life, and a public

witnessing before administering the rite of baptism. As a result, we can show only 27 baptisms for the year. At the same time there are over 400 who are in converts' classes and on the way to baptism. These churches with the higher standards are those that are growing.

"The district as a whole is composed of 190 villages, with 109 villages of Banou, 42 of Baya, 31 of Ali, and 8 of Bakamanja. At the present time the Bakamanja are located so far back in the bush that we are making no more than an occasional evangelistic endeavor among them. The Ali have long since been closed to our message as they have proved to be a stronghold for Catholicism. Thus our ministry is aimed more at the remaining 151 villages. Even this must be narrowed down, as half of these villages are located back in the bush where we do not have a resident worker.

"We are encouraged by several areas of blessing: (1) The zeal of the women's bands at Bossembele and Boali as they go out 2 by 2 to witness to the women of the neighboring villages. (2) The many converts coming regularly to the baptismal classes. We trust to reap from this in a year or two. (3) The number of young men who attended our junior Bible school this year. Of those present a great number showed interest in going into the Lord's work. This also will have its effect in a few years' time. (4) The great interest among the people in wanting to know how to read the New Testament."

Brother Kliever, superintendent of the Bekoro district, writes: "This district has been without a missionary elder for over 2 years now. The native leaders have been doing good work, but there are new and more enemies and so things are at as low an ebb as they have been for some time. There has been a falling-away of many workers, but none of the key workers. Many of those who have dropped off were of a questionable nature, but we were not able to pass judgment upon them or refuse them a place. Now the Lord has shown them up, and the workers who are left can be brought into a real work.

"As we reenter the work here, we will have a corps of 50 strong native leaders, most of them Bible Institute graduates. In other words, instead of the losses being a picture of defeat, they seemingly are going to be a means of a stronger and better church. With the added missionary staff of medical workers we have a larger station family. The regular dispensary has about 200 patients and the leper dispensary is treating close to 400 lepers, of which close to 150 are resident."

WHAT IS PRAYER FOR?

God knows our needs before we ask. Then what is prayer for? Not to inform Him, nor to move Him, unwilling, to have mercy, as if like some proud prince He required a certain amount of recognition of His greatness as the price of His favors. Prayer fits our own hearts by conscious need, true desire, and dependence to receive the gifts which He is ever willing to give, but which we are not always fit to receive. As St. Augustine has it, the empty vessel is by prayer carried to the full fountain.—Alexander McLaren.

WE HAVE ANSWERED!

(Editor's Note—We present 6 of the new missionaries who recently sailed from New York for France. They are now seriously engaged in the study of the French language in preparation for missionary service in French Equatorial Africa. Their addresses while in France are listed in the foreign missionary directory in this issue of the Herald. In subsequent issues of the Herald we shall present the other new missionaries.)

HOMEWARD BOUND

We are now on the eve of returning to the land of my nativity, and we can only give the Lord the praise and glory for He is the One who has brought us thus far. In a sense I feel like a little boy returning to the scenes of boyhood. There is real joy and anticipation as the last days have come before we shall leave these beloved shores and sail for our life's work in Africa via France. As we sail we can only say, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."



Lester Kennedy

Taking my initials, my testimony runs thus:

L stands for life—eternal life. Not only do I thank the Lord for

the Christian parentage that has been a weight of spiritual influence upon my pathway, but also for His unspeakable gift of Christ, my Saviour and King. I thank Him that this life can be the joy of those to whom we go. "For to me to live is Christ." It is great to know that the life we live is not ours, but it is Christ who lives and gives us this life to use for His service. May my life be wholly spent for Him who loved me and gave Himself for me.

W stands for work—service for my Lord. What a pleasure it is to be under the tutelage of such an employer. There is joy in my heart that the Saviour has chosen me to go forth to Africa and there expend my energy in His behalf. Of all the masterships Christ's is the most blessed and worth while. With this truth backing me I rejoice in His call to work and labor for Him in far-off Africa.

K stands for the keeping power of Christ through the Word of God. Though my path has wound through many a valley and rugged spot, in and out of many a classroom door, Christ has preserved my going in and coming out. Without His almighty power and strength this day would not be ushered in with such joy and rejoicing. How I rejoice that as I labor for Him it is His hold of me that carries me through the battle of life!

Now, as my face is turned toward Africa and the packing finished, my soul can only sing, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

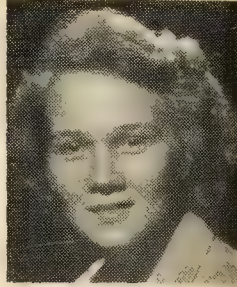
—Lester W. Kennedy.

HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

At last the day is almost here for us to leave the

States. For many days we have talked of sailing, but now that the day is here it seems just like a dream. Truly the Lord has been wonderful to us throughout the entire time that we have been preparing to serve Him. He has answered many prayers and been a comfort to us.

I am so thankful that I accepted Christ as my Saviour when a young person and then, following His leading, I gave my life to Him to be used wherever He might lead. I am thankful that the Lord does lead us if we are willing to trust Him. There is joy in our lives when we let the Lord have complete control.



Lois Kennedy

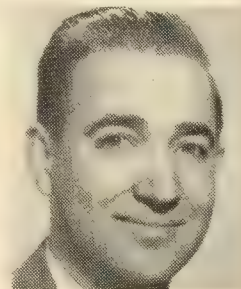
Although there are days which are disheartening, we can always trust Him, for His grace is sufficient. I know that He will be with us as we go to France and then down into Africa because He has promised to go with us and be with us even unto the end. We are going forward in the strength of the Lord.

People have approached me on several occasions and asked, "Aren't you scared to go to Africa? Aren't you afraid of those snakes and bugs?" Oh yes, but the Lord also knows these things and He can do one of several things. He can take away the fear, He can so work that I won't come in contact with these things, or He can give me the grace to endure them as He gave to the Apostle Paul. The Lord doesn't stay here and let us go on out into His field—He has promised to go with us! We do look forward to serving our Lord in Africa and telling those over there, who have never heard the Gospel, the blessed way of salvation.

—Lois Kennedy.

FILLED WITH JOY

The long-awaited time has arrived! Our outfit is packed and ready for shipment, passports have been received and visas obtained, and the body has been inoculated for the prevention of various diseases. We face the time of our departure with mixed emotions. Partings are generally sad—leaving home, friends, and loved ones behind—but our sadness is overpowered with joy. This is not from our own strength, but because of the constraining power of Christ.



Martin Garber

"For the love of Christ constraineth us." Christ died for all, and if He died for all He died for the African. The disciples were saddened as they beheld the Lord Jesus Christ ascend into glory after His resurrection, but their sadness was removed when the two men in white told them that this same Jesus would come again. In the meantime they were to wait and to be witnesses to the uttermost part of the earth.

Therefore we leave for France and later for Africa with real joy in our hearts for what God has done in leading our lives. God has called us to this work and

we know that He will continue to be with us as we endeavor to preach the Gospel of forgiveness of sins and eternal life to the lost in Africa. We have Christ's promise, "Lo, I am with you alway."

We know the way ahead will be full of hard places, and we ask for the prayers of God's people so that we will always be the right kind of witnesses to the saving grace of God. Pray that all will be done for the glory of God, bringing praise unto His name.

—Martin Garber.

GOD HAS CALLED

The Word of God declares that we are ambassadors for Christ. As we leave for the mission field we realize this truth anew, for God has called us to represent Him to the lost in Africa.

Soon we will be sailing on our way to France for a period of language study, and later on to Africa. As we bid our loved ones and friends good-bye and leave the land we love, I may shed a few tears. Then I think of the time when our Lord left His home in glory and came to live among sinful men that He might give His life for their salvation. There are many people over in Africa today who are dying in their sins. What more could I do but say, "Here am I, send me." As I go I pray that I may always give of my best to the Master and that He may be able to use me to win precious souls.



Beverley Garber

"We've a message to give to Africa, that the Lord who reigneth above Hath sent His Son to save them, and show that God is love."

God has called! We have answered! Brethren, pray!
—Beverley Garber.

ANOTHER STEP

For one who has never seen an ocean, been west of the Mississippi River, nor been in the air, a trip to France on the *Queen Elizabeth* and an airplane trip from Paris to Bangui are beyond my comprehension. But perhaps time will bring enlightenment. We are eagerly looking forward to the rapidly approaching day of sailing.

The purpose of our going, as all of you realize, is twofold. First, we are going as missionaries—individual members of the team presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the peoples of French Equatorial Africa. Second, we

are going to add another doctor to the staff of the expanding medical program. To meet the expanding medical and educational phases of the work a thorough training of missionaries is required, and so we must spend time in France in language study.

The preparation seems long in some respects, but we realize that the results are for all eternity. Pre-med and med school seemed long, but now, even though interne-

ship and a year of seminary are over, we still have more than a year's training ahead in France and then the African languages to learn. The Lord has supplied every need along the way, and has promised to continue to supply. Surely He can. We have seen His unfailing hand many times along the way. I marvel every time I think of how my machinist-toolmaker career was interrupted by the draft board, and then how the army started me in medical training. It seems that some of you have been praying for another doctor for Africa for a long time. The intervening years have been stormy, but faithful is He who has promised. The missionary challenge was recognized and the decision made during the time of pre-med training. It was only very recently, however, that the Lord revealed what part of the world our service was to be in and under which mission board. But each step of the way we can see that the Lord has directed.

The fulfillment of our desires is at hand. We are on the verge of leaving the States. We are about to become foreigners in France and then in Africa. As we do, we are reminded that we are foreigners in this world—strangers and pilgrims with our home on high.

"Brethren, pray for us" that our continued preparation might be of much value and that our labors for our blessed Saviour might be effective.

—Harold A. Mason.

"THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH"

Time for departure from those near and dear to us is only a week away from the time I write this. Already many good-bys have been said, but there are still more to go. I am so very thankful that we are not going in our own strength nor for our own glory, but only because the Lord has sent us. Isaiah 12:2 says: "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation."

It seems that the Lord has been extra good to us. He has led our lives to the mission field in such a way that there is no doubt in our minds that we are to go. We are privileged to have a wonderful church behind us and the prayers of faithful members, which mean so much to us.

We are looking forward to a very pleasant trip across the ocean with the rest of the group. We were quite excited when we found out that so many of us could sail at the same time. I am not looking forward quite as eagerly to the language study in France. I am sure there will be plenty of mistakes made and much butchering of the French language. I thank the Lord that He has promised us that He will be with us and never forsake us. "Parlez lentement, s'il vous plait" (speak slowly, please) will probably be my theme song.

We covet your continual prayers as we go forth. We know that we are much in need of them. Our prayer is that we may be drawn closer to Him and that our lives might be useful vessels in this service into which He has called us. We have yet much to learn, and a great responsibility in giving forth the Gospel to those who know not our blessed Lord. We feel this responsibility



Margaret Mason



Harold Mason

first to our Lord, and then to you folks who are upholding us before the throne of grace.

Thank you for making it possible for us to go to Africa, and we pray that you might make it possible for many more to go. The Word says, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

—Margaret Mason.

Gleanings From Report of Baja California, Mexico

By Rev. Walter E. Haag

Statistical Report

As we have no organized church, we have no statistical report of membership and such things. We do feel that 12 have found the Lord as Saviour or, as in the case of a few, He became meaningful to them as they dedicated their lives. We have not taught sufficiently as yet to have any baptismal service. Sunday school attendance averages 40 at present, and the Sunday preaching service about 30. The other weekly meetings and their average attendance are: prayer meeting, 25; women's Bible study, 8; Friday evening Bible class, 12; and the Saturday children's meeting, 30. The Bible class in Colonia Libertad averages 14. The daily vacation Bible school during the summer averaged 36. About 8,000 tracts and pamphlets were given out; 25 New Testaments were given to those interested in studying them; and 10 Bibles were placed in the homes of believers.

Trips and Investigations

Last fall and winter quite thorough investigation was made in the Tijuana and Ensenada areas concerning Christian work and the need existing for fundamental testimonies. Though both of these cities have fundamental testimonies, some areas or colonies have no testimony and for this reason we are working in Colonia Aleman with the mission and Colonia Libertad with a Bible class—both of these are a part of greater Tijuana.

During the latter part of May these areas were again looked over in addition to the areas of Tecate and Mexicali. Tecate has several new fundamental testimonies started now, but Mexicali with its 123,000, more or less, is very much an untouched field. Further thought and consideration should be given to that section as another possibility for our work.

July permitted further investigation to be done in Mexico, State of Sonora, and also in La Paz, Baja California. These are all challenging areas with great needs, but the wisdom of the Lord is needed in knowing exactly how to get workers into the field. We still rather feel that the school idea to train the Mexican national is the best approach to any large Brethren work in Mexico.

Looking Ahead

We are praying to the end that the Lord will give us the pastor we need for the work to be recognized by the Mexican government. We hope to continue the present program and to be able to do more visitation in the homes for initial contact work, and in encouraging the believers and strengthening them with Bible study in the home as the need for such may exist.

A BRIEF VISIT IN AFRICA

By Mrs. William Samarin, Bozoum, Africa

Why don't you visit the Africa Bible Institute today? We'll let you stop for a minute at Bozoum to greet the Jobsons, but then you must climb into a big red truck and come out 5 more miles to the institute grounds. Be careful of the goats. You will hit one for sure if you don't blow your horn!



Mrs. Samarin

As you turn into our circle of buildings, you must stop at the new "dormitory." The aluminum roof went up a few days ago, and now the walls are plastered, and fires are burning in each room to bake them hard. You might think the African sun would do the job, but this is the rainy season; it is cool and damp. The man peering down from the attic is Al Balzer. He's been here

since 7 this morning and will work here 10 hours, plus extra hours each day around the station.

The next house looks inviting. Miss Ruth Snyder is sitting at a table on the front porch. This week is her semester vacation at the Bible Institute, so she is resting by preparing lessons for next semester. We'd best not disturb her. Let's find out who's making all the noise. Oh, it's the Don Millers out on Ruth's back porch. Their outfit just arrived, and it's necessary to unpack quickly and get things in a dry spot before rust and mold can get at them. Besides, little Barbara has outgrown all her clothes and needs some things that are at the bottom of one of these barrels. I wonder where they could be.

The next house is something different. There's a blue grass roof, and under that roof is a blue-and-white trailer. That is where the Balzers live. Their trailer goes with them as they travel from station to station building much-needed houses. Let's peek in one of the trailer's windows. Yes, there is Elsie (Mrs. Balzer) typing out the last draft of some Sango Old Testament stories. As Al builds, she teaches women's classes, and children always learn to sing when she comes to a station. The other Sunday her young people sang "The Jericho Road" in church. The words were in Sango, a



One of the new residences at the Bible Institute built by Bro. Al Balzer.

the music came out a little African, but it was the best singing we've heard since we last sat in a Long Beach Sunday evening service. That little fellow grinning at you is Beke. He's Elsie's helper. Isn't that a beautiful purple shirt he has on! When Elsie threw out old carbon paper, Beke used it to dye his shirt. The result is quite striking, and he's the envy of the village.

On we go to the home of Wayne and Dorothy Beaver. You'd better go around the well, for it's muddy. You'll find Dorothy in the kitchen giving Joseph (her cook) instructions for dinner. She must hurry over to the dispensary for part of her morning work. She has just come from the women's reading class. Wayne is not home today. In fact, he'll be gone all week. The school has a vacation, so he's gone to Bassai to work with the language committee as it translates the Old Testament into Sango. Now we'll go out the front door and say hello to the children. I'll point them out. There are 3 little Beavers—Mary, Johnny, and Jimmy—and our little girl, Many—all with red hair. The other girl is Nancy Miller. She and Mary Beaver go away to school at Yalohe soon.

Now come along and see our house. As soon as the duplex is finished, we'll move over there. For now we eat with the Beavers and have 2 nice rooms in the office. We have a front room and bedroom. There are 2 other rooms in the building—the library and Wayne Beaver's office. The print shop had to move out so we could move in. I'm sorry Bill (Mr. Samarin) is not here. There's a funeral in a nearby village, and he left with notebook, pencil, and camera.

From our window you can see the dispensary. Beyond that is the Bible Institute building. Next week it will be filled with our fine students. On around the circle is the chapel. On week days Lois Miller and I teach a Sango reading class. (Confidentially, we learn from them!) The Millers and the Samarins have one big job now, and that is learning Sango. Behind the chapel is a cleared path to the students' village. Since students are married, and most of them have children, the village is always a busy place. Even during vacation a man sits out in front of his house making a chair or a new bamboo

HONOLULU, HAWAII



Grace Chapel—the meeting place of the believers in Honolulu.



Brother and Sister Edwin Jones and a group which has gathered for Sunday school.

bed. Some men have returned to their homes for a few days' visit. A walk of a hundred miles does not prevent a visit home.

It's almost lunch time, and you probably would like a shower first, so we'll head back around the circle. We'll have gozo (manioc), buffalo, and string beans. Best of all we'll have "star apples" and cookies. With that and a little rest, you'll be ready to head home. But come back again sometime!

DID YOU KNOW—

That if 1,000 missionaries were to land today in India, each one could have a parish all his own of 550 villages?

That apart from a few tiny points of light, an area of 4,000,000 square miles in the heart of Asia, with a population of 34,000,000 still lies in unrelieved spiritual darkness?

That Arabia, with a population of 7,000,000, has less than 50 openly confessed Christians?

That the latest Conference on Moslem Missions characterized the Moslem advance in Africa as perhaps the largest world missionary problem confronting the whole church?

That the heart of South America is "the greatest stretch of unevangelized territory in the world"?—*The Evangel*.

MISSIONARY OUTFIT CLUBS are now being formed in our local Brethren churches. The plan for these clubs was presented at the national meetings of the laymen and the ministers, and was enthusiastically approved. Briefly, the plan is this—to secure the cooperation of several thousand foreign mission enthusiasts who will plan to contribute \$1 or more toward the outfit needs of each missionary or missionary family appointed by the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church at a time when that missionary is arranging to go to the field for the first time.

Just now pastors, church boards, or churches are choosing local chairmen for the local congregations. The chairman in your church will soon be announced, and information will be forwarded to the congregation through this local chairman. In cooperation with the pastor, that chairman will be responsible for the gathering of the funds. The funds will be sent to our society through your church treasurer, always being designated as for the certain missionary. We urge your full cooperation in thus helping missionaries prepare for life on the mission field.

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The day school at the *Los Angeles, Calif.*, First church opened on September 15 with 57 pupils enrolled.

Rev. Edward Lewis, of Middlebranch, Ohio, has been elected president of the Canton Bible Institute, which begins its fall sessions on October 6 with meetings in the YWCA building in Canton.

Rev. W. Carl Miller, of Roanoke, Va., spoke at the Youth for Christ meeting in Covington, Va., on September 27.

At the *Compton, Calif.*, church August 24 to September 7 there were 5 public decisions, 3 baptisms, 5 received into membership of the church, and 4 babies dedicated. Bro. Jack Lockhart spoke there August 31 and Bro. Jack Brown on September 3.

The *Waynesboro, Pa.*, church will hold its rally day and homecoming on October 19, with Rev. Herman Koontz, of Winona Lake, Ind., as the speaker.

The *Whittier, Calif.*, First church received one member following baptism on September 7.

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt is scheduled to speak at the *Sidney, Ind.*, church on October 5, at the *Dayton, Ohio*, First church on October 19, at the Baptist church, *DuBois, Pa.*, October 26-November 2.

At the *Sharpsville, Ind.*, church 4 people were baptized and 6 were received into membership on September 21.

The *Martinsburg, W. Va.*, church witnessed 9 public decisions on September 7 and 14.

The name of *Nancy Jo Miller*, daughter of the Don Millers, was omitted by an oversight from the list of missionaries having October birth dates. Her birthday is October 24 and she lives at Bozoum in Africa

(see foreign missionary directory on page 628 of this issue of the Herald).

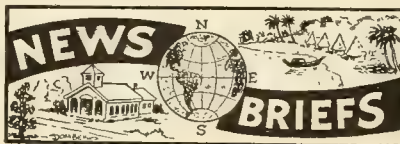
Rev. Victor Rogers has accepted the pastorate of the *Jenners, Pa.*, church effective October 1.

Rev. Russell Ogden, Grace Seminary student, has accepted the interim pastorate of the *South Bend, Ind.*, church effective September 1.

At the *Ashland, Ohio*, church 2 people accepted the Saviour and 2 babies were dedicated on August 31 and 4 people were baptized and received into membership on September 7. Pastor Miles Taber spoke over the local radio September 7-13.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Helm, of the *Ashland, Ohio*, church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 7.

The *Alexandria, Va.*, church received one member on August 31.



At the *Cheyenne, Wyo.*, church 4 babies were dedicated to the Lord on August 10.

Mr. Moses Cashman, member of the *Altoona, Pa.*, First church and father of Rev. Arthur Cashman, *Winona Lake, Ind.*, died September 8.

At the *Bellflower, Calif.*, church one baby was dedicated to the Lord on September 7.

Mr. Jesse Deloe, linotype operator of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, spent his vacation September 14-20 in Tennessee, taking Jesse, Jr., to Bryan University, and then visiting friends in Limestone. While there, he led the singing one night in meetings being held by Dr. Charles Ashman.

The *Dayton, Ohio*, First church heard Rev. George Kinzie and Rev. L. L. Grubb on September 14, Bro. Verne Runyon on September 17, and Rev. Wesley Haller on September 21.

The *Dayton, Ohio*, North Riverdale church received 3 members following baptism on August 31.

The *Dayton, Ohio*, Patterson Park church laid the cornerstone of its new building on September 14. Rev. L. L. Grubb was the speaker for the occasion.

Recent speakers at the *Fillmore, Calif.*, church were Rev. Dana Pan-

key, Mr. Phil Thatcher, Rev. Louis Rhoden, and Rev. Robert Hess.

The *Ankenytown, Ohio*, church has planned its homecoming for October 5 with an all-day program. In the afternoon the pastor, Bro. Wesley Haller, will be ordained to the ministry of the Gospel, with Dr. Russell Barnard as the speaker.

Some missionaries have changed their addresses recently, therefore be sure to read carefully the revised foreign missionary directory in this issue of the Herald.

The address of T/Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin J. Jones, leaders in the development of the new work in Honolulu, has been changed to Mar. Det. N. A. S. Navy 128, Box 1373, F. P. O., San Francisco, Calif.

At the *Cedar Rapids, Iowa*, church 50 people attended the communion service on September 7, the greatest attendance in the history of this congregation. Dr. Fred C. Schwarz spoke there on September 21 and Rev. Walter Pearce spoke on September 28.

The *Artesia, Calif.*, church, pastored by Rev. Adam Rager, plans to observe its homecoming and rally day on October 26.

The *Los Angeles, Calif.*, Second church will hold its annual rally and homecoming day on October 5.

The *Glendale, Calif.*, church purchased a new bus and brought in 55 children the first time it was used, September 14.

Bro. James Smithwick spoke at the *Harrah, Wash.*, church on August 24.

Rev. Gordon Bracker, Kittanning, Pa., spoke at the *Ford City, Pa.*, Youth for Christ on September 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sickel, of the *La Verne, Calif.*, church, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on September 13.

At the *Long Beach, Calif.*, Second church there were 693 people in Sunday school and 491 in the morning worship service on September 14; and during the day 7 babies were dedicated, 2 people made public decisions, and 7 were baptized and received into church membership. The congregation has called Mr. James Sweeton, a student in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, to assist with the calling and to direct the young people's work.

Rev. Thomas Hammers has resigned as pastor of the *South Pasadena, Calif.*, church to become the

first resident pastor of the Seattle, Wash., church.

At the *Denver, Colo.*, church 2 people were baptized on September 7 and 4 were received into membership on September 14.

Rev. Luther L. Grubb is scheduled to speak at the *Roanoke, Va.*, Ghent church in the morning and at the *Buena Vista, Va.*, church in the evening of October 5.

A 2-day prayer retreat is scheduled by the ministers of the *Central* and *Northern Ohio* districts to be held at *Berne, Ind.*, October 13-14.

Rev. William E. Howard's new address is Box 445, R. R. 7, *Roanoke, Va.*

Rev. Lester Smitley now lives at 803 Camden Ave., *Parkersburg, W. Va.*

Rev. George Richardson moved to 9302 E. Flower St., *Bellflower, Calif.*

Bro. Howard Vulgamore, assistant pastor of *Los Angeles First* church, lives at 1818 W. 91st St., *Los Angeles 47, Calif.*

The address of *Rev. Richard McIntosh* is 521 N. Market St., *Troy, Ohio*.

The *Meyersdale* and *Summit Mills, Pa.*, churches have designated the 4 Sundays in October thus: Family Sunday, Youth Sunday, Laymen Sunday, and Guest Sunday. Special emphasis will be made each week in accordance with these designations.

The *Conemaugh, Pa.*, church is in the process of remodeling its auditorium.

Bro. William Johnson, of the *Altoona First* church, spoke several times during the summer at his home church and on August 10 he gave 2 messages at the *Altoona Church of the Brethren*.

The officers of the executive committee of the *National Fellowship of Brethren Churches* are *Rev. Robert Crees*, chairman; *Rev. William Steffler*, vice chairman; and *Rev. Harold Etling*, executive secretary. All communications concerning the 1953 annual conference should be directed to *Brother Crees* or *Brother Etling*.

Safe in France! This was the content of a cable received from France in the office of the *Foreign Missionary Society* on September 24. This news concerned the Misses *Edith Geske*, *Gail Jones*, and *Marian Thurston*.

The *Winona Lake, Ind.*, church had 261 people in Sunday school, 241

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

| Church | Dates | Pastor | Speaker |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Clayhole, Ky..... | Sept. 21-Oct. 5.. | Sewell Landrum.. | Ralph Colburn. |
| Aleppo, Pa..... | Sept. 22-Oct. 5.. | Fred Walter..... | John Neely. |
| Fort Wayne, Ind.. | Sept. 22-Oct. 5.. | James Hammer... | Richard DeArmey. |
| Martinsb'g, W. Va. | Sept. 22-Oct. 5.. | Leon Myers..... | Arnold Kr'gbaum. |
| Whittier, Calif. (1) | Sept. 28-Oct. 5.. | Kenneth Drennon | Harry Lintz. |
| Ashland, Ohio.... | Sept. 28-Oct. 12. | Miles Taber..... | Robert Ashman. |
| Dayton, O., N.Riv. | Sept. 28-Oct. 5.. | Clyde Balyo..... | Vance Havner. |
| Garwin, Iowa.... | Sept. 28-Oct. 12. | Edward Bowman. | William Smith. |
| Everett, Pa..... | Sept. 29-Oct. 12. | H. Lingenfelter... | G. Lingenfelter. |
| Lk. Odessa, Mich. | Sept. 29-Oct. 12. | Lee Jenkins..... | Mark Malles. |
| Radford, Va..... | Sept. 29-Oct. 19. | K. Richardson.... | Chas. Ashman, Sr. |
| Winona Lake, Ind. | Oct. 5-12..... | Herman Koontz.. | Harold Etling. |
| Wooster, Ohio.... | Oct. 5-19..... | Kenneth Ashman. | Bern'd Schneider. |
| Covington, Va.... | Oct. 6-19..... | Lee Crist..... | Luther Grubb. |
| Uniontown, Pa... | Oct. 6-19..... | Clyde Landrum... | Clyde Landrum. |
| Winchester, Va... | Oct. 6-19..... | Paul Dick..... | William Steffler. |
| Leesburg, Ind.... | Oct. 12-19..... | Nathan Meyer.... | Nathan Meyer. |
| Listie, Pa..... | Oct. 12-26..... | Paul Mohler..... | Ralph Colburn. |
| Cedar Rapids, Ia.. | Oct. 13-26..... | Arnold Kriegbaum | R. P. Miller, et al. |
| Middlebranch, O. | Oct. 13-26..... | Edward Lewis.... | Robert Ashman. |
| Cuy'hoga Falls, O. | Oct. 19-26..... | Richard Burch... | William Smith. |
| Warsaw, Ind..... | Oct. 19-26..... | Charles Horne... | Conard Sandy. |
| Harrisburg, Pa... | Oct. 20-Nov. 2... | Russell Weber.... | Michael Walsh. |
| Hollins, Va..... | Oct. 20-Nov. 2... | John Patterson... | Chas. Ashman, Sr. |
| Peru, Ind..... | Oct. 21-Nov. 2... | Ronald Robinson. | John Neely. |
| Los Angeles (1).. | Oct. 27-Nov. 2... | Glenn O'Neal.... | Vincent Bennett. |

in morning worship, and 233 in evening service on September 21. On September 18 there were 104 people in the prayer meeting.

The *Canton, Ohio*, church will hold its annual Sunday school harvest dinner on October 19.

Mrs. Charles (Eva) Martin, of the *Cleveland, Ohio*, church, died on September 16.

Born to *Rev. and Mrs. James Dixon, Jr.*, *Washington, D. C.*, a son, *Peter Bernard*, on September 18.

At the *Radford, Va.*, church 2 people confessed faith in the Saviour and 3 were baptized September 21.

Rev. R. I. Humberd, of *Flora, Ind.*, spoke at the *Akron Chapel*, held a 2-day Bible conference at the *Mansfield Gospel Center*, a 6-day conference at the *Sandusky Gospel Tabernacle*, and a 1-day meeting at the *Ashland Baptist Temple*. These cities are all in *Ohio*.

Rev. Paul Eiselstein, member of the *Fillmore, Calif.*, church and local missionary for the *American Sunday School Union* for *Colorado*, supervised 67 daily vacation Bible schools in *Colorado* during the summer that had a total enrollment of 2,385 pupils.

Mrs. Genevieve Corrigan Dixon, member of the *Long Beach First* church since 1920 and sister of *Clarence Corrigan*, died on September 6. *Dr. Charles Mayes* conducted the funeral services.

The *Central District WMC* will hold its fall rally at the *Fort Wayne, Ind.*, church October 9.

The *Clay City, Ind.*, church had a special program on September 14 with *Bro. Joseph Dombek* speaking and using his chalk artistry and *Bro. Dean Risser* conducting the singing and furnishing special music. Both of these men are of *Winona Lake*.

Think of the *Brethren Missionary Herald Company* when you do your Christmas shopping. Your company handles many things that would be ideal gifts to present at this season of the year. Purchases through your company will aid the work the Lord has committed to the *Brethren Church*. Remember to send your orders early so that you will have your gifts in time for a joyous Christmas season.

Material for the *Brethren Annual* should be sent to the *Herald* office at once. Please, pastors and secretaries, take care of this matter now.

The Practical Use of the Prophetic Word

Pastor Sets Forth Precautions To Be Heeded in Study of Prophecy and Our Place Now in the Prophetic Picture

By Rev. Lewis C. Hohenstein, Waterloo, Iowa

(This is the second and concluding installment of Brother Hohenstein's message which he presented to the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches on August 20. The first installment appeared in the September 27 issue of the Herald and dealt with the purposes of prophecy and why Christians should study it.)

Having reviewed briefly some of the foremost purposes for the study and proclamation of the prophetic Word, I feel, since this is a practical discussion of the subject, that there should be some *precautions* noted. If the study and proclamation of the prophetic Word is to accomplish these things, as set forth under the purposes, then we must heed these warnings.

Our study of prophecy should never be an idle intellectual curiosity. Every study of the Scripture should produce a more intimate fellowship with the Lord and a corresponding holiness of life. There are many today who are bypassing the kernel and chewing on the husks, because they have become obsessed with the desire to discover the secrets of time and purpose which God reserved to Himself. There are some things which, for our good, God has locked from us and He will in His time reveal them to us in His Son from heaven.

Not for Speculative Purposes

This leads me to the second warning which I feel we should sound, and that is concerning the speculation about dates, persons, and geographic territories and boundaries that are not specifically named and described in the Scriptures. Every false cult that calls itself Christian, so far as I can determine, has been founded on such speculative interpretation, which really is not interpretation at all but eisegesis, that is, reading into the Word what you want it to say.

We rejoice that the crop of date setters and name callers is not so

prominent today, but every now and then a new one comes to the fore and it begins all over again. Last month a reader of *Our Hope* sent to the editor a question in which it was asked if Christ were coming in 1952. She said a "doctor" at a recent Bible conference had declared that He would. The latest in name calling that I have heard is a pamphlet which names Eisenhower as the Antichrist. Will we ever learn that these things don't edify the believer and they only bring disrepute to the church from the unbeliever.

Forbidden to Set Dates

Let us leave the dates where Christ left them. In the synoptic Gospels it is recorded of Him saying, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." After His resurrection and prior to His ascension He added unto this declaration by saying, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power" (Acts 1:7). Paul reiterates this when he says, "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you" (I Thess. 5:1).

Three years ago the man who is considered second among evangelical leaders in America talked to the ministers in a certain city, appealing to them for the cause he represented. He ended that appeal with tears coursing down his cheeks and with these words spoken in a strained emotional voice that was not affected: "Men, we have just 5 years left to get this work done." Needless to say, my heart beat slower for a minute. Here I was expecting Christ that very day. I've been expecting Him daily for 13 years—since I accepted Christ—and if I live to be 100 I'll expect Him every day that remains, and if I had lived with Paul and John I would have expected Him then, and men are foolish enough to say we have 5 years, or 1 hour." Remember, tomorrow may be too late.

The third precaution I will mention is that we should not spiritualize these great prophetic truths. Our amillennial brethren, having accepted what I consider an undefendable eschatological position, are forced to spiritualize many of these precious prophetic promises.

The fourth precaution which we should note is that we are not to take for granted the popular prophetic interpretation of those in whose fellowship we find ourselves. The refreshing that comes to the student of the Word as he pores over its pages in devotional meditation can be produced by nothing else.

I have sounded these warnings because many scholars of the Word have failed and are failing to see the philosophic purpose of the revelation of God's plan for the future. It is not to satisfy idle intellectual curiosity about the future, nor to give inside information concerning the persons involved, nor the time chronologically, nor to furnish us with material to spiritualize for illustrations for our sermons, nor to give set forms for theological patterns. The prophetic Scriptures are to be the basis for our exhortations, our warnings, our evangelical activity, our teaching and our preaching to the world, and they ought to produce a holy expectancy in the church.

Position in Prophetic Picture

Let us note, therefore, the position we now occupy in the prophetic picture. Notice that I said the position *we* occupy. By this pronoun I mean the church of which we are by faith a part.

There is one thing that I can say without fear of contradiction, and that is, "It is the last time," or "the last hour." John said it 19 centuries ago and we know that we are 1,900 years nearer the Lord's return than was John. This belief was held currently by all the writers of the New Testament. Peter, quoting Joel, the prophet, said in his sermon on Pentecost: "And it shall come to pass in the last days," and he then relates

that which was transpiring to those "last days" (Acts 2:17). In I Peter 1:20 he again relates the manifestation of Christ as being in "these last times." Paul, as he wrote to the Hebrew Christians, said: "God . . . hath in these last days." James in the 5th chapter of his epistle and the 3d verse condemned those that "heaped treasure together for the last days," and then affirms in the 8th verse that "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

Jude in verse 18 shows how that "there should be mockers in the last time," and 2 verses later says, "But ye, beloved," showing that the mockers and the beloved were both in existence at the time of the writing. I wish to challenge your thinking one step further by stating that the Scripture portions which are given us in the epistles relating to moral and spiritual conditions in the "last days" or the "last times" were written to instruct the first readers of conditions which they would undoubtedly face, or were at that time facing.

Paul in writing to the Thessalonians says: "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way" (II Thess. 2:7). Without considering the critical controversy over this verse we can say that at the time of its writing the "mystery of iniquity" was held back from corrupting the entire world of men only by Him "who now letteth."

Conference Theme

The theme chosen for this year's national conference, "Tomorrow May Be Too Late," would have been an appropriate theme for the first missionary conference held in Jerusalem about 50 A. D., and likewise an appropriate theme for every conclave that has met since.

I do not wish to infer that the international geographic and political picture is not significant in the light of prophetic Scriptures, for it is. The Zionist movement, the division of world power, the ecumenical church movement, the tendency toward international federated power could be taken as a stage set for apocalyptic action. The moral decadence, the political corruption, the violation of human rights, the ever-increasing humanistic, materialistic beliefs indicate a world fast becoming ripe for judgment. The thoughtful, alert student of the Word will

not fail to recognize the significance of these conditions; but Christ's return is not contingent upon these things as seen from our vantage point. If there were known historic events, or designated personages, or even approximated dates, then the practical, moral, and spiritual value of Christ's return would have been lost.

A Parenthetic Period

What then is our position in this present day in the prophetic picture? We are in a parenthetic period of time of darkness and night between the ascension of the "Son of righteousness" and the return of the "Son of righteousness." It is a period where evil men "wax worse and worse," where the "prince of the power of the air" and his "angels of light" are recruiting and agonizing their forces against God, His Son, the church, and God's people, Israel. But it is also a time when God is searching out and calling apart from this world just described a people for His name—His church, the body of Christ, the pearl of great price, the bride. When He is finished He will call us home "with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God." This will take place "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." And then again God will "bare his arm" and move for a believing Israel against the "host of wickedness."

The revelation of the prophetic future of the church is given in Revelation 2 and 3 more fully than anywhere else in the Word of God, and it is culminated with the "upgoing" of John in chapter 4, verse 1, who is evidently symbolical of the church.

In these chapters we have the future, consecutive history of the church revealed, but if we stop there we have fallen short of all that is in these chapters. This is also a *continuous* history of the church. All the described blessings and failures and the conditions were in existence in 90 A. D. when these epistles were written.

Ripening Fruits of Iniquity

What we see is a progressive ripening of the fruits of iniquity which hang on the tree of unbelief. There has never been a generation in which all the described conditions did not exist. At regular intervals there has been an ascendancy of some and a

declension of others. And in all these successive periods, God has always had His remnant "who loved his appearing." Today, in a world of rebellious unbelievers in which the developed demon-inspired philosophies of men have lent themselves as instruments for the fullest expression of depravity ever yet seen, we see this fruit of iniquity hanging heavy on the tree of unbelief. This fruit as named in these epistles of the Book of the Revelation is the following:

A List of the Fruits

1. "Left thy first love"—a lack of love for Christ, for the believers, and for the world of lost men is manifest on every hand in the church.
2. "Say they are Jews, and are not"—this is legalism, which we are seeing developed and propagated so fully today.
3. "Doctrine of Baalam"—intermingling of God's people and the world.
4. Nicolaitanism—which I believe refers to the earliest form of clergy preeminence.
5. Jezebelism—spiritual fornication and idolatry.
6. "Defiled . . . garments"—unchaste spiritual prostitutes, who are orthodox in doctrine and unorthodox in conduct.
7. Lukewarmness—saying they are rich when they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked; and we see an unconcerned church with Christ on the outside knocking for entrance.

Our position is to point out to lost men the evidence of the ripeness of this world for judgment and that Jesus is the only hope; and to remind the church of the imminency of our Lord's return, or as Paul said to the saints at Thessalonica, "to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven." "Tomorrow may be too late."

UNION MEETINGS IN SESSION

Evangelist Hyman Appelman is holding union meetings at Long Beach, Calif., September 29-October 19; Evangelist Billy Graham began union meetings at Pittsburgh, Pa., on September 7; and Evangelist T. W. Wilson is scheduled for a campaign at Johnstown, Pa., October 12-November 5. Brethren churches in the Long Beach and Johnstown areas are helping in their local campaigns.

Christ Is Needed in Israel and Greece

By Prof. John Whitcomb, Winona Lake, Ind.

(This is another letter written by Brother Whitcomb, in which he describes his trip with the Flying Seminar of the Winona Lake School of Theology to the Mediterranean Sea area in August.)

Galilee, so rich in memories to the Bible student, is once again in the possession of the Jews. But the city of Nazareth and its surrounding villages is one area in Israel where the Arabs (150,000 of them) chose to remain under Jewish rule rather than flee to the east. As we reached this famous city, therefore, we found ourselves once again in a distinctly oriental atmosphere, complete with crooked, narrow streets, veiled Moslem women, and crowded bazaars. The traditional sites were shown to us, such as the boyhood home of Jesus and the synagogue where He preached (Luke 4). Times have not changed much in these towns. Neither has the spiritual blindness that continues to reject Christ Jesus as the Holy One of God, while venerating the so-called "holy places."

Soon the glistening blue of the Sea of Galilee met our eyes as we rounded a mountain curve and entered the immigrant-filled town of Tiberias. A 1-hour trip by motor launch across the beautiful sea which once heard the "peace, be still" of an omnipotent Saviour, brought us to the ruins of ancient Capernaum. Truly this once-thriving town has withered forever under the blast of Christ's condemning words: "And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell . . . it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee" (Matt. 11:23-24). All that now remains are some third-century pillars which were built on the site of the original synagogue. How complete and permanent are the judgments of a holy God!

We drove down the western shore of the Sea of Galilee to the place where the Jordan begins its rapid fall to the Dead Sea. Near here we

spent 2 hours visiting a Jewish communal immigrant settlement called a "kibbutz camp." Young Jewish guides proudly showed us their buildings and a factory where plywood is made. This camp, with its 1,300 inhabitants, is one of 370 immigrant camps in Israel operated on a strictly collectivistic basis similar to primitive communism. At first we thought that we were being subtly introduced to a form of Russian Communism, but were quickly assured that there is no relationship whatsoever between the two, and that membership in these camps is purely voluntary. One of the main purposes of these camps, the Jews claim, is to transform Jewish lawyers and merchants into productive farmers for the struggling new nation. In this tremendous task they seem to be making good progress.

But what about the spiritual condition of these camps, and of Israel as a whole? In answer to this question, our young guide stated with apparent satisfaction that religion is dying out in the land and that few attended the synagogues any more. Here is the tragic undertone in all this symphony of progress and hope. The living God is left out of the picture! The land of Israel today is still a valley of dry bones, awaiting the life-giving breath of God's Holy Spirit.

As we left the communal camp and continued our long journey past Bethshan and Megiddo to Tel Aviv, I had a marvelous opportunity to speak to one of our main-tour guides, a young Egyptian Jew named David Cabili. He freely expressed his concern over the emptiness of life in Israel without a faith in God, and told me how deeply he had been stirred by the gospel hymns we had sung together while traveling in the bus the previous night. For 3 hours

I answered David's eager questions concerning Christ, salvation, eternal life, resurrection, and the Bible, as we sat together in the back seat of our crowded bus. May the Holy Spirit of God bring conviction and eternal salvation to this hungry soul for whom Christ died.

Thus ended our brief but intensely interesting visit in Israel, the nation of prophecy. The next day our "magic carpet" (a TWA Constellation) brought us to an entirely different world of life and activity: Athens, Greece. Our first impression of the city was its humid heat—the worst of our entire trip. The second impression was the noise. Ancient streetcars crashed past our hotel from dawn until midnight at the astonishing rate of 1 every 20 seconds! With a population of over 1,500,000, swollen to twice its normal size by the influx of people from the Communist-endangered northern provinces, Athens faces a terrific housing problem. But its spiritual problems are even greater, having improved very little during the 19 centuries that have elapsed since the Apostle Paul stood on Mars Hill to address the philosophers gathered there.

Our hearts were heavy with such thoughts as we too stood on Mars Hill at the foot of the temple-covered Acropolis in the center of modern Athens. Dr. Carl Henry, our professor of Christian philosophy during the trip, read Acts 17 and addressed us briefly as we assembled on this famous spot. Today the Stoics and Epicureans are gone, but a dead Greek orthodoxy (called by some "the Byzantine Mummy"—a sort of Roman Catholicism minus the Pope) has replaced them; and Athens still needs to be challenged with Paul's startling announcement that God "hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).



Decisions and Plans Made by Young People at Winona Lake



BOYS CLUBS PLAN DRIVE

The new officers of the Brethren Boys Clubs, in sessions at conference time and since, plan a concerted drive to clear up old indebtedness on the national organization amounting to \$600. Of this, \$500 is still owed on the missionary project—the station wagon in use at Albuquerque, N. Mex.—and the remaining \$100 is part of a loan obtained to equip the clubs with emblems, supplies, etc.

These debts totaled \$1,200 a year ago and were cut in half this year. Each club is being asked to raise \$10 or more for this special drive within the next month in order to clear the slate of all debts.

New officers of the club are Arthur Martinez, of Taos, N. Mex., president; Robert Miller, Jr., of Roanoke, Va., vice president; Lynwood Catron, of Roanoke, Va., secretary;



and Paul Hall, of Canton, Ohio, treasurer. All gifts for this drive should be sent to the youth director's office at Winona Lake.

YOUTH DIRECTOR TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETINGS

As you read this Youth Director Ralph Colburn will be closing a 2-week campaign at Clayhole, Ky., on October 5. After a few days at Winona Lake, he'll travel to Listie, Pa., for a 2-week meeting there with Pastor Paul Mohler, October 12-26. Pray for him in these special campaigns, won't you?

BETHANY CAMP CONSIDERED REAL SUCCESS



There were 148 campers and 18 staff members present at national Camp Bethany this year, and a wonderful time was enjoyed. Weather was quite ideal, except for a few cold evenings (brrrr), so that swimming, boating, and athletics had many enthusiasts. Campers were present from every district except the Northwest, and one of our counselors hailed from there.

Largest group of campers from any 1 church was the group (pictured above) of 14 from Martinsburg, Pa. There were 15 registered, but 1 couldn't come at the last minute. Akron, Ohio, and Wooster, Ohio, ran fairly close seconds, with 12 and 10 campers, respectively.

At a camp-echo meeting in Martinsburg, Pa., Pastor Gerald Teeter followed the music and testimonies with a challenging message, at the close of which 13 young people stepped out in dedication of life for Christian service. Many of these were the Bethany campers who were following their camp decisions with public declarations in their home church.

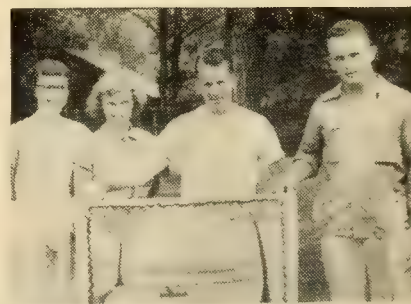
There were many real decisions and forward steps at the camp fag-got service, which was held Saturday night in Victory Circle, after a very wonderful "Youth Night" at the Auditorium. Many of these decisions represented real spiritual battles, and radically changed the courses of some lives. Praise the Lord for such victories!

Financially, camp was a success,

too. All the bills are paid, the deposit on next year's camp is paid, and there was a little left over to strengthen the treasury for other work. We praise the Lord for this, too!

Our only regret is that more of our young people, representing more churches, could not have shared the fun and fellowship and inspiration with us.

IOWA BEST CAMPERS RECEIVE PICTURES



Campers who were selected "best campers" by their fellow Iowans in popular vote, each received one of Bro. S. H. Shenton's beautiful chalk drawings which he made each evening at vespers. Winners of these coveted awards were Normajean Cochran, from Waterloo; Shirley Imhoff, from Des Moines; Denny Bretz, from Leon; and "Slim" Thurston, from Garwin (not in the picture). Pastor Shenton is holding one of the drawings which he made.

PRAY FOR THESE DURING OCTOBER

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL—

1. Pray for definite leading for the Artesia, Calif., church concerning their building program and especially their location. (They have received an offer to purchase the present property.)

2. Praise God for the temporary meeting place made available for the York Brethren. Pray for continued guidance in selecting a permanent location; also that the Minute-Man gifts will be sufficient to claim this excellent opportunity.

3. Pray for Brother and Sister Landrum as they serve without the help of an additional missionary in the Clayhole, Ky., field.

4. Praise God for the progress on the new Patterson Park Brethren Church, and pray that it might continue to an early completion for the glory of our wonderful Lord.

5. Remember the Brethren Navaho Mission staff in prayer as they carry on the work of the school for the next term. The staff is now composed of Rev. and Mrs. Evan Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Antone, Miss Angie Garber, and Mrs. Mary Baer.

6. Pray that the Thanksgiving home mission offering this year will exceed the proposed budget set up at the annual board meeting and make possible the starting of many new Brethren churches.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—

Pray for:

1. Rev. and Mrs. John W. Zieslasko, who expect to sail from New York on October 10 for Brazil.

2. Mrs. Minnie Kennedy and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber, who plan to sail for France on October 17. Mrs. Kennedy will then leave by plane from Paris for Africa to begin another term of missionary service.

3. Misses Edith Geske, Gail Jones, and Marian Thurston, who have joined the group in France for lan-

guage study. The Charles Tabers will join this group upon arrival.

4. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder, who are temporarily caring for the work of the Nzoro station, Africa, during the absence of the Goodmans. Pray also for the Bouca field, where the Snyders have been stationed.

5. The Solon Hoyt family, now located in Don Bosco, a suburb of Buenos Aires, as they begin house-to-house visitation and seek to establish a Brethren testimony.

6. A native-born Mexican pastor with the proper qualifications and education to cooperate in the work in Baja California.



7. The Haags and the Howards as the second year of work will soon begin in the Baja California area. The Howards have rejoined the Haags after a 3-months period of language study in Los Angeles.

8. Anne Goodman, that she will continue to receive the proper treatment and be fully restored to health. Pray also for the physical well-being of all our missionary family.

9. All the missionaries on furlough as they engage in an intensive deputation-visitation program.

10. The Fogles in France and the foreign board as they soon will choose the place for our first permanent testimony in France.

11. The Lord's leading as we seek to give further help to the new Brethren testimony in Honolulu, Hawaii.

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—

1. Pray that students and teachers may be freshly endued with the

power of the Holy Spirit for this new school year, and that the Lord may be uplifted.

2. Pray for special strength for Dr. McClain and the other members of the faculty for this coming term.

3. Pray that the heavy burden of financing the seminary may be lifted by the concerted generous giving of the whole brotherhood.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL—

1. Pray that a greater prayer life will be manifest among our women in the coming year.

2. Pray that more councils will observe our day of prayer, the 15th of each month.

3. Pray for all our missionary mothers that they may be given strength for the many duties they are called upon to do.

4. Praise the Lord for the wonderful year just past, and pray for the national, district, and local officers that they may be given wisdom and divine guidance for this new year.

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA—

1. Pray for the newly organized Sisterhoods at Cedar Rapids and North English, Iowa; Huntington, Ind.; and Massillon, Ohio.

2. Pray that SMM girls will seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness first!

3. Pray for wisdom for SMM leaders in their many decisions.

BRETHREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Praise the Lord for supplying every financial need so that all bills are paid.

2. Praise the Lord for a great Bethany Camp, successful spiritually and sufficient financially for every need.

3. Pray for Brethren young people starting school again this fall, some of them away from home and church for the first time. Also remember their financial needs.

4. Pray for the youth director as he holds meetings in Kentucky and Pennsylvania this fall.

5. Pray for our boys clubs as many of them get started again this fall.



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At the *Johnstown, Pa.*, First church 1 person was baptized and received into membership on September 14.

Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr., pastor of the New Troy, Mich., church, was elected secretary of the Southwest Michigan Fellowship of Fundamental Churches on September 15.

The *Lake Odessa, Mich.*, church observed its annual homecoming on September 28. The speakers for the day were Rev. Blaine Snyder, of Winona Lake, Ind., and Rev. Arthur Carey, of Troy, Ohio. Both of these men formerly served as pastors of this church.

At the *Leesburg, Ind.*, church there was 1 public decision September 28.

On September 28 Mrs. Idella Walters celebrated her 90th birthday and Mr. Edward C. Moser celebrated his 81st anniversary. Both are members of the Uniontown, Pa., church.

The *Yakima, Wash.*, church will celebrate the fifth anniversary of its founding and the fourth anniversary of the dedication of its building on October 26.

Rev. Ivan Sisk, Dayton Youth for Christ director, spoke at the *Dayton, Ohio*, First church on September 28.

The *Whittier, Calif.*, church has called Rev. and Mrs. Carl E. Sisson to be its youth leaders beginning October 1. This church received 2 into membership following baptism on September 21.

The *Temple City, Calif.*, church has moved its building and the San Gabriel Valley Academy, which it sponsors, to 9550 Wedgewood St., Temple City. There are 110 pupils enrolled in the academy. This church

received 12 members—5 by baptism and 7 by letter—during August and September.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McClellan, of Beaumont, Calif., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on September 21.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Walter Haag, missionaries to Baja California, a daughter, Sandra Rebecca, on September 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Raula Snider, of Modesto, Calif., celebrated the 49th anniversary of their wedding on September 20.

The *Tracy, Calif.*, church received 1 member by letter on August 31.

At the *Covington, Va.*, church Mr. Charles Martin preached on September 21.

The *Spokane, Wash.*, church received 1 member by letter on September 14.



The *Portland, Oreg.*, church will observe its anniversary on October 12 with Rev. William Schaffer, of Spokane, Wash., as the speaker for the day.

The members of the *Roanoke, Va.*, Clearbrook church surprised their pastor, Rev. William Howard, and his family with a shower of gifts for their new home on September 19.

At the *San Bernardino, Calif.*, church 2 persons accepted the Saviour, 3 were baptized, and 1 united with the church on September 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Balzer arrived at New York City on September 30. They traveled by airplane by way of Europe. This is their furlough.

At the *Johnstown, Pa.*, Riverside church there were 90 people present in the morning services on September 21 and 101 present on September 28. This is a record for this 2-year-old church.

The *Clayton, Ohio*, church had 108 people in Sunday school (a record) and 107 in morning worship on September 21.

Rev. Sam Horney, missionary to the Spanish Americans in New Mexico, reports that on September 21 there were 2 confessions of faith at Taos, 2 at Arroyo Hondo, and 1 at Cordillera.

The *East Fellowship* will hold a youth rally November 7-8 at the Waynesboro, Pa., church. Rev. Gerald Teeter is director of rallies and Rev. Robert Crees is director of camps.

Rev. Ulysses L. Gingrich has resigned as pastor of the Kittanning, Pa., North Buffalo church. Bro. Ed Bowser, chairman of the pulpit committee of this church, requests prayer that God will send His man to follow Brother Gingrich at North Buffalo.

At the *Roanoke, Va.*, Ghent church 3 people were baptized and received into membership on September 7 and 3 more on September 28. This congregation has voted to proceed with plans for an \$85,000 building expansion program. During the summer this church held meetings at nearby Fincastle which resulted in 139 confessions of faith in the Saviour.

Rev. Norman Nelson, who served the Compton, Calif., church as its interim pastor during July and August, was given a call to become the full-time pastor of that congregation as of September 1.

Rev. Robert Hill, from his mission in Africa, wrote: "All is well here. We are having a peculiar type of blessing from the Lord in the form of a good growth in attendance in our Sunday Services at Bossembele. We are now up to 700. The people are building a larger church. Really they are just enlarging it to the form of a "T." This will house up to 1,000."

Prayer Warrior Pledge Cards for WMC members are now available upon request from your literature secretary, Mrs. Conard Sandy, Winona Lake, Ind. Please specify number wanted.

Catalogs of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, listing Bibles, books, supplies, and gifts have been sent to all subscribers to the Herald living within continental United States. If for some reason you have not received your copy please request one. Keep your copy for reference throughout the year.

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GOD HAS HIS WITNESSES IN ATHENS

By Prof. John Whitcomb, Winona Lake, Ind.

(This is the 6th and last report from Brother Whitcomb, who was a member of the Flying Seminar of the Winona Lake School of Theology during the month of August. This group of men, traveling in 2 airplanes, visited the countries in the Mediterranean Sea area, as well as Switzerland and England. The experiences recorded in this article took place in the last few days of August.—Editor.)

During our 4 days in Athens we learned something of God's present work in that land, through contacts with missionaries and leading Greek evangelicals. All of them emphasized the fact that there is no real religious liberty in the country, dominated as it is by the Greek Orthodox Church. But there is a true testimony for Christ, consisting mainly of 2 small evangelical groups called the Free Church and the Presbyterian Church (no connection with denominations in the U. S. A.), numbering about 25 congregations each.

Group Hears Greek Evangelist

One evening a young Greek evangelist named Phanos Karponis spoke to our group, and our hearts were stirred by the humble and fervent testimony of this one who has been mightily used of God in personal soul-winning and in organizing local groups of believers throughout the land. He is in charge of 2 large young people's camps during the summer, not knowing from week to week where the funds will come from to feed these children. The same God who sent manna from heaven in Moses' day has also proved faithful in providing for the needs of these children who look to Him for their daily bread. As our young friend closed the meeting by praying in Greek we could easily imagine ourselves as being with Paul in Athens 1,900 years ago. How little times have changed in these Bible lands!

One day we took a bus trip from Athens to Corinth, following the footsteps of the great apostle. Nothing remains of that famous city now except some excavated ruins at the

foot of a steep hill called Acro Corinth. At the summit of this 1,500-foot hill was the temple of Aphrodite, notorious even in ancient times as the center of Corinth's immoral religion. In the center of the market place below we saw an elevated platform which was the bema or "judgment-seat" of the city, before which the Apostle Paul probably stood (Acts 18:12-17). The city was finally abandoned in 1858, after a terrible earthquake, and a new Corinth was built nearby to the northeast. This likewise was destroyed by an earthquake in 1928, as if to show that the curse of God still lingers over this



Prof. Whitcomb

region, once famous, like Sodom, for its sin and wickedness.

The day before our departure from Greece we had the opportunity of seeing at firsthand the kind of missionary work being done in this land. A young missionary of the European Evangelistic Crusade took us by boat from the Athenian harbor city of Piraeus to the beautiful island of Aegina, where he pastors a small congregation in his own home. The congregation must meet in a home because it is illegal in Greece for Protestants to build churches. Even in this remote part of the world God has His own people who are faithfully holding forth the Word of Life.

Contrast Seen in Switzerland

Switzerland was a refreshing contrast to the poverty and heat of Athens, and we regretted that our schedule allowed for only brief visits in Zurich and Geneva. One cannot help but realize, in the midst of such

a delightful atmosphere of neatness, efficiency, and social progress, that had not the Gospel of Jesus Christ finally reached as far as the mountains of central Europe from distant Palestine, then Switzerland, too, would still be in the death-grip of superstition and paganism.

It was during the Reformation that the Gospel light shone most brightly here, and even after 400 years the influence of godly men such as Calvin, Zwingli, Beza, and Farel can still be felt. In spite of the coldness of the Reformed Church, and the recent spread of the Neo-Orthodoxy heresy through the writings of Emil Brunner and Karl Barth, the pure Gospel is being taught at the Emmaus Bible School at Lausanne and the Bible Institute at Beatenberg, as well as in some of the churches. In Zurich we attended a Youth for Christ meeting which resulted in 8 clear decisions for Christ. If God in His grace brings revival to Europe again, it may well begin in Switzerland. It is never too late to pray!

Four Days in England

The last 4 days of our Flying Seminar tour were spent in England. It was good to be back in a land where English is the national language, because 5 weeks of trying to express ourselves through sign language, baby talk, and interpreters proved to be a wearisome experience for most of us! For the Bible student, the first place to go in London is the British Museum. Some of the most important things to see there are the Sinaiticus and Alexandrinus manuscripts, the Wycliffe Bible, the Rosetta Stone, the Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III, the Lachish letters, the Tell el-Amarna tablets, the Babylonian Creation and Flood tablets, and the Oxyrhynchus Papyri. An example of the value placed by this museum's directors on such things is seen in their payment of \$500,000 to the Soviet Government in 1933 for the Sinaiticus manuscript.

The climax of our visit in England was an all-day trip to Oxford (where we saw the rooms and preaching

chapel of John Wesley), Stratford upon Avon (where Shakespeare's home may still be seen), and the beautiful medieval castle of Warwick, located near the border of Wales. We were privileged to have with us on the trip Dr. Goodwin-Hudson, a prominent evangelical of the Church of England, who explained to us during the long trip back to London the spiritual situation in the British Isles, and the type of Christian work being done there.

He told us that England suffers greatly for lack of gospel broadcasts, for the radio stations are under the complete control of the British Government. Another staggering problem for British evangelicals is the lack of sufficient funds to support their own churches, much less to send money to foreign mission fields. Increasingly the responsibility for world evangelism rests upon Christians in the United States of America. Let us not fail our Lord in this hour

of the world's desperate spiritual need!

As we look back over our trip of 22,000 miles through places made familiar to us through the study of God's Book, we are profoundly thankful to our heavenly Father for the things He has taught us, and for His watch care over us as we traveled. May our lives and our ministries be more fruitful for the glory of Christ as a result of this trip to Europe and the Bible lands.

GOD HATH SPOKEN . . . WHAT?—PART I

By Dr. James L. Boyer, Winona Lake, Ind.

(On September 30 the Revised Standard Version of the Bible was released to the public. Many claims have been made for this translation, some of which we do not accept. In light of this propaganda this article from a professor of Greek and New Testament in Grace Seminary is very refreshing and encouraging for students of the Word of God.—Editor.)

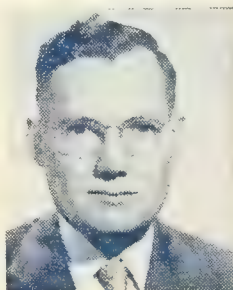
"God hath spoken . . ." With this dramatic proclamation the Book of Hebrews begins. The writer goes on to identify this revelation. God spoke "at sundry times and in divers manners . . . in time past unto the fathers by the prophets"—that is the Old Testament. He "hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son," and turning to chapter 2, verses 3 and 4, we discover that this revelation "began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him"—that is our New Testament. This New Testament was witnessed to by God Himself during the period of its formation by miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Thus we have the claim that God has revealed Himself in an inspired book, the Bible.

Attacks Upon the Bible

Against this foundation truth of historic and evangelical Christianity two lines of attack have been hurled. One seeks to discredit the Bible by denying or misrepresenting the fact of inspiration. The other, just as deadly in effect even if less formidable in appearance, simply claims that the Bible has become so corrupted by errors in the process of transmission that it is no longer reliable. There are so many variations

and versions of the Bible, it is claimed, that it is impossible to know what the Bible actually said. Thus they very neatly get rid of the Bible without saying a thing against inspiration!

It is the purpose of this article to examine this latter problem. We accept the fact that the Bible was given by supernatural inspiration of God. We want to deal with the



Dr. Boyer

question of the reliability of the Scriptures as we now have them.

Perhaps the problem has never occurred to you. If so, be assured at the very start that you are fully justified by the facts to keep on accepting your Bible, that Bible you hold in your hand, as essentially the inspired Word of God. We will show that no investigation of the facts has weakened that conviction, but rather has served to strengthen it.

Facing the Problem

If you have heard these charges and have wondered about them, this is an attempt to give you some information with which to meet them.

We must begin by recognizing that there are differences in various

copies of the Bible. This is no new and startling discovery; it has been common knowledge down through the entire history of the Christian church. It involves no denial of the inspiration and authority of the Bible. In the introduction to the famous Scofield Reference Bible, paragraph XI reads, "After mature reflection it was determined to use the Authorized Version. . . . The discovery of the Sinaitic MS. and the labours in the field of textual criticism of such scholars as Griesbach, Lachmann, Tischendorf, Tregelles, Winer, Alford, and Westcott and Hort, have cleared the Greek *textus receptus* of minor inaccuracies, while confirming in a remarkable degree the general accuracy of the Authorized Version of that text. Such emendations of the text as scholarship demands have been placed in the margins of this edition . . ."

The subtitle of the familiar King James Version reminds us that it is "translated out of the original tongues and with the former translations diligently compared and revised." The very existence of other versions, especially the Revised Version, is evidence that the problem with which we are dealing is not a new and strange attack on the veracity of the Bible. Inspiration deals with the source and authority of the Bible as originally written. Our problem deals with the purity of the text as we now have it, and we must begin by recognizing that there are differences.

Reasons for Differences

It is not strange that such should be the case. When we remember that for many centuries before the

God Moves His Servants on Schedule

By Rev. Russell Williams, Yakima, Wash.

Our wonderful Lord has a time-piece which is more accurate than any earthly clock, and it is never out of order.

Little did my wife and I realize why it seemed so imperative to her for us to leave national conference a day earlier than we had planned. Nor did we have the least inkling of what awaited us at home as we traveled across the country.

On Tuesday, August 27, Phyllis, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ingalsbe, was run over by an orchard trailer and fatally injured. The family, who are members of the church, made every effort to reach us on our journey across the country. When they were unable to do so, they set the memorial service for 3 p.m. Thursday, August 29, and asked our dear friend and fellow pastor, Rev. Harry Sturz, to have charge.

We pulled into our home at 2:25 p.m. Thursday, just 35 minutes before the service. Brother Sturz had asked my father-in-law to notify him immediately if we should come, which he did. Brother Sturz then asked that I join him and it was a real blessing to work out the service together. There was no time for me to prepare a message, therefore I had to simply be an empty vessel through which the Holy Spirit could speak, and He did.

One of little Phyllis' favorite songs was "Only Trust Him," and even at her early age she gave evidence of a personal trust in Christ as her Saviour and Lord. Among other things, she always enjoyed standing before the radio on Sunday afternoons and joining the singing of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour. On Monday evening, with her parents, she had attended a city-wide revival, standing on a seat because of her interest as the audience united with the Old Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet in singing "Heavenly Sunshine." On Thursday the quartet was present and their songs added much to the service.

In I Thessalonians 4:13 we read, "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." What a blessing it has been to all of us to see her parents claim this and other promises as a sure anchor, knowing that while she is absent from the body she is at home with the Lord, that the Lord has claimed this precious treasure for the present, nevertheless they will one day be united before the throne and so shall they ever be with the Lord. Their assurance in Christ has been a benediction to every Christian and a testimony to those who do not know Christ.

NEW THEME FOR BIBLE READING

NEW YORK—"The Word of Life" is the theme that has been chosen by the American Bible Society for its ninth annual observance of the Worldwide Bible Reading program. The program will start on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, and end on Christmas. The 29 suggested daily readings were found to be the favorite selections on this theme of 1,096 ministers.—U. E. A.

THANKFUL FOR THE REMINDERS

"Thanks for the several reminders or else I would have left my subscription expire and I don't want to do that, as I enjoy having it come into the home. (Signed) Grant McDonald, Romona, Calif."

BLESSING FOR HERALD READERS

"Please find enclosed with this letter our check for \$2 for a year's subscription to the Brethren Missionary Herald. We used to receive it regularly until our subscription ran out some months ago. We have missed it ever since and ask that you please start sending them with the next scheduled issue.

"A real blessing is in store for all who receive the Missionary Herald, and may the Lord bless those who have a part in its publication and distribution. (Signed) John M. Brown."

"I would like to notify you of a change of address. I love the Brethren Missionary Herald to read. (Signed) Mrs. Ted Smetzer, Orrville, Ohio."





Troy, Ohio

Sunday, September 7, is a day that will long be remembered by the Brethren at Troy, Ohio. In the morning we had Brother and Sister Charles Taber, who brought us the message. We were happy to have them. They challenged us with their messages and gave us new interest in the work of foreign missions.

In the afternoon we had a cornerstone laying service, with Rev. Arthur Carey as the speaker. The trustees took part in the cornerstone laying, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Richard McIntosh, and Rev. Clair Brickel, from the Clayton church. In the evening we held our communion service. The attendance was not as good as we would like, but we enjoyed great blessing in this service.

We had beautiful weather for all these services, which was a great help. We urgently need to get the walls finished and the roof on, since the old roof leaks so badly it is almost impossible to have services when it rains.

We have been meeting in the basement unit for 3 years and feel that the time has come when we must go on up. We greatly lack finances and men to work on the building. We covet your prayers that these things will be supplied and that we might get it under roof before winter.

We had a workday Labor Day when the men of the church, together with some from the Covington and Clayton churches, came and laid bricks all day. The women of the church cooked and served dinner at noon. We certainly appreciated the help that day.

We have chosen the name "Grace Brethren" for the church. That is the name on the cornerstone, so we will henceforth be known as Grace Brethren instead of First Brethren.

—Miss Blanche Garber, secretary.

Accident, Maryland

We of the First Brethren Church of Accident are praising the Lord for the ministry of Rev. William Smith,

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

| Church | Dates | Pastor | Speaker |
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| J'nson City, Tenn. | Sept. 25-Oct. 12. | John Burns..... | Ding Teuling. |
| Ashland, Ohio.... | Sept. 28-Oct. 12. | Miles Taber..... | Robert Ashman. |
| Garwin, Iowa.... | Sept. 28-Oct. 12. | Edward Bowman. | William Smith. |
| Everett, Pa..... | Sept. 29-Oct. 12. | H. Lingenfelter... | G. Lingenfelter. |
| Lk. Odessa, Mich. | Sept. 29-Oct. 12. | Lee Jenkins..... | Mark Malles. |
| Radford, Va..... | Sept. 29-Oct. 19. | K. Richardson.... | Chas. Ashman, Sr. |
| Tracy, Calif..... | Oct. 5-12..... | William Clough... | Vincent Bennett. |
| Winona Lake, Ind. | Oct. 5-12..... | Herman Koontz... | Harold Etling. |
| Wooster, Ohio.... | Oct. 5-19..... | Kenneth Ashman. | Bern'rd Schneider. |
| Covington, Va.... | Oct. 6-19..... | Lee Crist..... | Luther Grubb. |
| Uniontown, Pa... | Oct. 6-19..... | Clyde Landrum... | Clyde Landrum. |
| Winchester, Va... | Oct. 6-19..... | Paul Dick..... | William Steffler. |
| Leesburg, Ind.... | Oct. 12-19..... | Nathan Meyer.... | Nathan Meyer. |
| Garden City, Va.. | Oct. 12-26..... | ..... | Mason Cooper. |
| Listie, Pa..... | Oct. 12-26..... | Paul Mohler..... | Ralph Colburn. |
| Cedar Rapids, Ia.. | Oct. 13-26..... | Arnold Kriegbaum | R. P. Miller, et al. |
| Middlebranch, O.. | Oct. 13-26..... | Edward Lewis.... | Robert Ashman. |
| Hopewell, Pa.... | Oct. 14-26..... | Sheldon Snyder... | Craig Massey. |
| Cuy'hoga Falls, O. | Oct. 19-26..... | Richard Burch... | William Smith. |
| S. B'm'dino, Calif. | Oct. 19-26..... | Lyle Marvin..... | John Lienhard. |
| Warsaw, Ind..... | Oct. 19-26..... | Charles Horne.... | Conard Sandy. |
| Harrisburg, Pa... | Oct. 20-Nov. 2... | Russell Weber.... | Chas. Ashman, Sr. |
| Hollins, Va..... | Oct. 20-Nov. 2... | John Patterson... | Michael Walsh. |
| Peru, Ind..... | Oct. 21-Nov. 2... | Ronald Robinson. | John Neely. |
| Los Angeles (1).. | Oct. 27-Nov. 2... | Glenn O'Neal.... | Vincent Bennett. |
| New Troy, Mich.. | Oct. 27-Nov. 9... | Richard Jackson.. | Lee Jenkins. |

of Washington, D. C., who was our evangelist September 7-21. We praise the Lord also for the 2 souls that were saved and the 7 who rededicated their lives to the Lord.

Please pray for the ones who come to our services on the bus which we recently purchased and put into operation on September 14. The first time we used this 21-passenger bus there were 20 children who came to Sunday school and church on it. Pray that these boys and girls will learn to know the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all the pastors and congregations throughout the nation for the one who has been preaching here since June 1. There had been no pastor here for several years. We have been filling the place of a pastor since that time and need your prayers.—*John W. Ritchey, pastor.*

Pond Bank, Pennsylvania

Greetings in Jesus' precious name! The Grace Brethren Church of Pond Bank has opened the doors of the completed basement of its newly erected building.

Our building is 30 by 50 feet. The basement is finished with painted

walls, celotex ceiling, and a splendid lighting system, which enhances the interior appearance. We are in need of \$850 for a heating system. Pray that we may see this supplied in the near future.

The meetings we have held thus far in the new building have doubled in attendance in comparison to the meetings held in the other building—a garage belonging to a member of the group.

On Sunday, September 7, our opening meetings were times of blessing. The attendance was fine and the Lord blessed in a real way. Our building-fund offering for the day was in excess of \$100. Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, of Philadelphia, along with Mrs. Clark, Miss Dorothy Bumbaugh, and Miss Janet Cordell, of the local group, presented the special music for the day. In the morning the pastor spoke on "The Touch of Faith," and in the evening the subject was "The Church Built Upon the Rock."

On September 3 we baptized 3 in the baptistry of the Waynesboro church, and others are awaiting baptism. One soul has been saved since we moved into the new building, for which we rejoice.—*Edward Clark, pastor.*

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Editor, Jesse B. Deloe

NEW OFFICERS HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO LAYMEN

From Our President—



Mason Cooper

Indeed it was a real pleasure for me to be at the conference this year. It was a new experience for me in which I received many blessings. I enjoyed meeting every Brethren layman that was there and I pray that our acquaintance might be the means of strengthening us together as we go forward in God's work this coming year. I cherish the position of being a layman, for in this we are enabled not only to expand the Brethren ministry but also to reach souls for Christ that would never be reached otherwise.

May we together as Brethren laymen go forward this year with a desire of accomplishing much for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I covet your prayers in this new office of service. Yours in Christ.—
Mason Cooper.

From Our Vice President—



Earle Cole

National conference adopted the recommendation of the Board of Evangelism, Saturday morning, August 23. Every man should read that report; every man who knows Christ our Saviour and Lord should shout

about it and sing praises unto God. The laymen in their 69th session did.

The National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen have gone out on faith and set a 1952-53 goal. This goal can be met. There are only 10 months left in this fiscal year. If the men in each of our churches only send as a group \$2 per month—yes, two dollars per month—the \$2,500 goal can be met. Pray and give!

Our recommendation is that you make your check payable to William Fisher, secretary-treasurer, and send it to National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, 335 Fugate Ave., N.W., Roanoke, Va. Be sure to mark in the lower left-hand corner of the check, "For BUEC." However, if you have a way that you or your group care to handle your gifts toward the support of this committee or the parent, the Board of Evangelism, give *your way* and let the Lord be praised.—*Earle Cole.*

From Our Boys' Advisor—



O. E. Hacker

The week of conference was a real blessing to me. I have been to the last 10 or more and I have not seen such a Christian spirit manifest as was shown at this last one. Unity of thought and a fine display of helpfulness was shown by all.

As the retiring president of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen I wish to express my thanks to all who have made my work easier by their cooperation. I covet your prayers that I will be able to do the work expected of me in the boys work of the Brethren Church.—*O. E. Hacker.*

From Our Secretary-Treasurer—



William C. Fisher

My verse for the year is Galatians 6:14: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." And the first word of Galatians 6:1, plus verse 2: "Brethren . . . bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." As Brethren laymen, we should bear one another's burdens. We should all pitch in and do our part; if we don't, someone else will have to carry our burdens. So let us all have a burden for lost souls. As Brethren laymen let us pray that we shall be "a band of men whose hearts God had touched" for lost souls. May each of us sincerely dedicate our lives to win souls for our Lord Jesus Christ *today*—for tomorrow may be too late!—*William C. Fisher.*

From the Laymen's Editor—



Jesse B. Deloe

For lack of space I'll just say that we want this page from now on to be full of news of laymen's activities and special events. Will you help?



Love's Old, Sweet Story

By Rev. John Burns, Johnson City, Tenn.

"The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair bowed down with care
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

"O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure,
The saints' and angels' song."

I thrill every time I listen to this song, for it sets before me "love's old, sweet story." God's love for man did not begin at the cross, but rather the cross was the culmination of His love. The love of God for man is as a strand of gold running throughout the Word of God, beginning at Genesis and continuing on through the Book of Revelation. The Love of God is not bestowed only on the lovely, but it is placed also upon unworthy, unthankful men.

Before we trace that golden strand of God's love through the Scripture, let me remind you that all real love proceeds from God, for as John says, "God is love" (I John 4:8). "The love of God is that part of His nature . . . which leads Him to express Himself in terms of endearment toward His creatures, and actively to manifest that interest and affection in acts of loving care and self-sacrifice in behalf of the objects of His love" (I. S. B. E.). It is God's nature to love, and therefore from the coming of man into the world and on throughout eternity, God's love has been and shall be bestowed upon mankind.

The first evidence of God's love to mankind, I believe, is found in Genesis 1:26-27 as the decision of God gives man the place of preeminence "over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth." I say God's love was demonstrated because there was no other reason under the sun why we should not have been placed on the same level as the animals. But God in His great love saw fit to create "man in his own image," that mankind might be a source of fellowship to God.

God's love was further demonstrated in the second chapter of Genesis as God senses the loneliness of man

without a helpmeet. Therefore, because of love, God created woman to be man's companion. How thankful we men should be for the thoughtfulness of God in providing for man such a helpmeet.

The first real test of God's love is seen in the third chapter of Genesis as the first man and woman disobey God's command and partake of the forbidden tree. Had it not been for the love and mercy of God, mankind would have been destroyed there and then. As we hear God pronounce judgment upon the woman, and upon the man, we also see the golden strand shining much brighter as the first pronouncement of the coming of the Saviour is made in Genesis 3:15, "And I will put enmity between thee [Satan] and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed [Christ]; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." This is the first promise of the Redeemer and from here on we watch the love of God grow until it climaxes in the cross of Christ.

God's love is seen as He provides Seth to take the place of murdered Abel. And when the world became so grossly sinful that it was necessary for God to destroy human flesh, yet was His love seen when Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. As man failed under the Adamic and Noahic covenants, it behooved God in love to call out for Himself a nation in Abraham through whom He might deal in love and mercy. Through all the failures of Abraham and Isaac, and the connivings of Jacob, the love of God is seen.

God's love is exhibited time and time again to the Israelites as they trudge through the wilderness for 40 long years. Protection, food, water were lovingly supplied by the heavenly Father. As Moses passes off the scene, God's love is once again revealed as He provides a wise and intelligent leader in the person of Joshua to lead the people into the promised land. God's love is witnessed as victory after victory was given to the Israelites.

Despite the unworthiness and unthankfulness of man, God's love was showered upon the people during the era of the judges. When the judges failed and things seemed as black as night, God provided Samuel to guide the people.

Throughout the kingdom period God was good to Israel and His love rested upon them. But in it all Israel was disobedient, so much so that God allowed His

people to be taken captive by the Assyrians and the Babylonians. However, even in the captivity God's love was not stayed, for we hear the prophets coming and telling the people of His love, as does Isaiah: "All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these things? The Lord hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans" (Isa. 48:14). God's love was manifest as the remnant returned to Jerusalem under Ezra and Nehemiah. God's love was demonstrated as He brought Israel back into the holy city in preparation for the coming of the Saviour into the world.

As we come to the New Testament we see God's love revealed in an even greater measure than ever before as the very Son of God takes upon Himself humanity, in order that He might give His life on the cross for lost and dying mankind. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:10). While this is the pinnacle of the love of God, yet His love for you and me does not end here. It goes on throughout the endless ages of eternity. Paul reminds us in Ephesians, chapter 2, that the "great love wherewith he loved us" will compel our God in the ages to come to "shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." The marriage of the Lamb (Christ) to the bride (the church) in Revelation 19 is the consummation of the great love of God, as the redeemed are gathered to the Redeemer. Truly to this marriage we may without doubt attach the proverbial ending—"and they lived happily ever after." Oh, how I thrill at the love of God for me!

Someone has said the following words were found inscribed on the wall in an insane asylum, but I am sure that while the writer may have been mentally lacking, he was behind not one whit spiritually.

"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
And ev'ry man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Tho' stretched from sky to sky.

"O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure,
The saints' and angels' song.

Love's old, sweet story—what a joy to know God loves me and that from this love springs forth our entire salvation (Eph. 2:4), and that nothing can separate me from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:35ff.). Oh, I trust this love is a reality in your life.

FAMILY ALTAR CORNER: Are you busy right now urging and working for a family altar in every one of your church homes? Now is the time. We'd like to use this corner each month to give you ideas and helps along this line. Will you send any of your ideas and workable plans which you may have put into successful operation to the WMC editor? Share your plans and questions with the other councils. Let's help one another. Share and help NOW!



By Althea S. Miller

A good foundation is of utmost importance in any type of building. The Lord Jesus Christ very graphically taught this at the conclusion of His sermon on the mount. Look at the story in Matthew 7:24-27. The house built on the rock stood the test of the storm. The Word abounds in admonitions regarding the building of a life. As with a building, no matter how fine the appointments and general good appearance, if the foundation isn't solidly built, there will be nothing to which to hold in time of storm.

For better than a decade the Brethren Church has been working to build a strong home base. Proceeding on the logic that the more churches we have at home the stronger and larger the foreign testimony will be, we have, under God, built a chain of Brethren churches across this country. Many have become self-supporting and others will follow as the months pass. There seem to be opportunities unlimited for further testimony such as the Brethren Church offers. Now is the time for us to "go in and possess the land." Satan never rests. He carries on a relentless campaign to keep the souls of men ensnared in his dirty clutches. We can help to free them by much prayer, faithful witness, and sacrificial giving.

Each year WMC sets aside a period of 3 months in the fall of the year—September, October, November—for giving specifically to the home missions program of our church. This year we have designated the offering for the work in Portland, Oreg., and Baltimore, Md. The goal for this national WMC offering is \$2,200. We will not fail our Lord and the fellow believers at these places. They need encouragement NOW! As we give of our substance God will give the increase as far as souls are concerned. In this we are collaborators with Him. Let us be found faithful.

"So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase" (I Cor. 3:7).

Miss anything as this year opens in WMC? You didn't get any monthly program booklet this year. Know why? We wanted to know how many councils over the country will miss them. For this year make your own. Work out some of your own good ideas and bring them for display at national conference next year, the Lord willing. We'd all like to know what you did to keep a record of your monthly leaders and meeting places. Then let us know, at least by next year's national statistics time, whether or not you missed the booklets this year. To have a sufficient number of these booklets printed costs over \$200. The national expense offering last year was not enough to cover this large item. If you like and want these booklets, let us know and pray for a more generous national expense offering come next June, July, August.—*Editor.*



The combined Junior and Senior councils of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., held their annual mother-daughter banquet in the basement of the church on Tuesday, May 13. Approximately 110 ladies and girls enjoyed a superb spiritual and physical feast. The young men of the church, under the direction of E. V. Parsell, served a real banquet which the Junior WMC ladies helped Mr. Parsell plan and prepare.

Local talent participated in the program which had been well planned by the Junior WMC. Mrs. Carroll Renner, a Bible teacher of note in the community, brought a most challenging message from the Word of God which the Holy Spirit used to fit the need of all present.

In times of stress and strain it is a blessing from the Lord to be able to draw aside and fellowship as mothers and daughters around the Word and to gain sweet refreshment thereby. "Sweet is the hope that is thrilling my soul, I know I'll see Jesus some day. . . . What a joy that will be, when His face I shall see; I know I'll see Jesus some day."—*Althea S. Miller.*

Dear Mrs. Miller,

Greetings to you in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus.

On May 1 the WMC's of the First Brethren Church of Covington, Va., served the Sisterhood girls with their annual mother-and-daughter banquet. The Senior Sisterhood girls had charge of the program and rendered special music.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Robert E. A. Miller, of Roanoke, Va. Both the meal and the program were enjoyed by each one present.—*Mrs. Paul Buckland, president, Junior WMC.*

Dear WMC friends,

This has been a year of testing for some of us at Grace Brethren Church in Modesto, Calif., but through it all we have seen the working of the Holy Spirit and we have grown in grace and knowledge of our Lord.

We have 24 members on the roll, 4 of whom have been added in second and third quarters. We have kept to date all our major offerings and district project offerings.

We have had 4 workdays—sent 160 pounds of mended clothing to Taos, N. Mex.; 96 pounds to Albuquerque, N. Mex., along with dried fruit and candy for Christmas; 75 pounds of mended clothing to the Navaho mission. For Christmas we sent gifts to the Marys in Africa. Two correspondence secretaries sent birthday cards and air-mail letters to our missionaries at home and abroad.

Our prayer chairman has tracts for distribution each month with a prayer meeting in her home on the 15th, praying for WMC and national work.

We have had a special monthly offering for a number of years toward support of the Wagner family in South America.

A handkerchief shower was given to one of our members who left for Japan to join her husband.

At our April meeting we had the privilege of having Mrs. Minnie Kennedy to speak to us. The Tracy WMC was invited. On February 22 a party was given our SMM girls, using as theme—"Loyalty and Service." Colors of red, white and blue were used. We are "Occupying Till He Comes."—*Pearl J. Dickie, president.*

Dear Editor,

Greetings from WMC of First Brethren Church at Camden, Ohio.

Recently the WMC ladies of our church joined with the other churches of the Miami Valley for a spring rally at Troy, Ohio.

The Troy church has experienced for the first time the fears and joys of being hostess. They were very gracious and we enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship.

Mrs. Arthur Carey presented an inspiring and challenging message on cleansing, which brings to the mind of the Christian the precious gift of God's Son and shedding of His blood for our cleansing.

We have a missionary hope chest and each of the ladies on her birthday is to give a gift for the chest. The visiting missionary takes from the chest anything she can use.

We are finishing up the patch apron and the money goes into the missionary offering.

Our project for April was to take all missionary fund money and give it to the Easter foreign mission offering.

Our May project was to bring dish towels and yardage material to send to our missionaries in Baja California.

We praise the Lord for His blessings in our WMC. In His name.—*Mrs. Warren Craig.*

Dear Mrs. Miller,

Greetings from East District WMC. We thought you might be interested in a bird's-eye view of our combined work for the past months.

We've had 2 rallies. Each lady brought her own lunch and the host church served coffee. This gave smaller churches the opportunity to have the rally, which was a blessing to them. This also provided more time for the program.

At our rallies we received approximately \$700 in project money and love offerings for our missionary speakers. Mrs. Robert Williams spoke at our fall rally and Mrs. O. D. Jobson at the spring rally.

Some of our projects were: \$100 to help purchase a refrigerator for Miss Tyson; \$100 for Mrs. Floyd Taber; an offering sent to the work in Brazil; a district mission project.

Each council was to choose a work project and report it at the spring rally. It was good to hear these reports and learn the different ways in which the councils were "occupying until He comes."

We now have a new council at Everett, with 15 ladies attending the meetings. We pray for His blessing on WMC over the brotherhood as we enter this new year. In His joy.—*Mrs. Clair Gartland, East District secretary.*

Dear Mrs. Miller:

The following account gives some idea of what the Winona Lake WMC has been doing.

If you were a member of a needy family in Taos, N. Mex., or in Clayhole, Ky., you would have experienced a

deep feeling of gratitude for the many boxes of clothing sent there by the Winona Lake WMC. Twenty-eight large boxes have been sent to these fields of Brethren labor.

If you were in spiritual need and came across a tract that met that need, then you would be thankful for the tracts distributed by the tract committee. About 2,000 tracts have been distributed.

If you were subject to fainting spells, had an accident, or had need of first-aid treatment while at church or at the seminary, then you would realize that first-aid supplies and equipment have been provided by the WMC.

If you were at Camp Indisinewa last summer and after a day of activity decided it was time to "hit the hay" only to discover it was already occupied—by jiggers—then you'd be especially "itching" to thank the WMC ladies for providing 13 strawticks for camp.

If you were a foreign or a home missionary you would be thankful for the regular WMC prayer meeting held for the purpose of praying for them. Prayer cards are used during the month to increase daily prayer in their behalf. The pictures of the missionaries are on the cards—1 or 2 missionaries to each card—and they are distributed at each meeting.

If you were a member of the Winona Lake WMC you would have enjoyed missionary messages by Mrs. Solon Hoyt, Mrs. Rose Foster, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Carson Rottler, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, Mrs. Lester Kennedy, Mrs. Floyd Taber, Mrs. Orville Jobson, and Mrs. Lynn Schrock.

If you were a member of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha you would have appreciated the pennants supplied by the WMC.

If you were in the Jewish work you would be happy to hear of the fine offerings received for that work. In His name.—Mrs. Robert Neff, president.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

The ladies of the Senior WMC of the West 10th Street Brethren Church at Ashland, Ohio, send greetings to you and the other members of the WMC's all over the nation. We have had an enjoyable and profitable year, meeting together once a month to listen to a good Bible study and learn more about our missionaries and to unite in prayer for them. We gained 11 new members this year and had an average attendance of 29.

We had as our first project in the fall helping Mrs. Solon Hoyt with her outfit. For this we gave money to purchase 11 sheets and later a shower of linens and money. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas we packed boxes of homemade cookies to send to 25 servicemen or students from the church. At Christmas we sent money to 5 families at Grace Seminary to be used to buy gifts for their children.

In January we sent a box of medical supplies to the Navaho school. We next packed and sent 29 boxes of homemade candy to students away at school and servicemen. As we have 5 families at seminary who either belong to our church or to whom we feel very close, we decided to bring canned goods and other groceries to



Africa—

Miss Mary Cripe.....December 5
Rev. Harold Dunning.....December 27
Elizabeth Ann Hill.....December 8, 1947
Mrs. Donald Miller.....December 27

Argentina—

Carson Lee Rottler.....December 28, 1949
Miss Johanna Nielsen.....December 3
Norman Edward Schrock.....December 2, 1946
Rebecca Ann Schrock.....December 2, 1946

France—

Rev. P. Fredrick Fogle.....December 27

Baja California—

Rev. Walter Haag.....December 4

In United States—

Miss Mary Emmert.....December 4

CONTENT

A happy home blest from above,
Small children three, a husband's love.
Strength for each task, some work, some play;
A time for worship in every day.
So much of joy we cannot measure,
A happy home is one to treasure.

—Ida Baker, Martinsburg, Pa.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE SECRETARY—1951-52

Literature mailed during year to local councils: program booklets, 447; constitutions, 61; covenant cards, 1,023; cards and letters, 22; packets, 28.

Disbursements: postage, \$5.92.

Received from Mrs. Ruth Brubaker \$1 in payment for lesson packets. Respectfully, Fern Sandy.

the church each week for them. As a box gets full we send it to Winona Lake at our first opportunity.

Before Easter we started on our largest project: purchasing the material for and making 25 choir robes. This meant quite a sum of money and we'll have to continue with this until the end of 1952. But our choir hadn't had robes for many years, and we thought this would be an added incentive in building up a better choir.

We have sent boxes of clothing to the 3 mission points. We gave an enjoyable and well-attended birthday party to the Sisterhood girls and their mothers in May. The attendance at our mother-daughter banquet was 175 and Mrs. Rose Foster was the speaker.

We praise the Lord for what He has done and continues to do for us and pray that we may be more faithful to the tasks He has given us to do. In His name.—Marabelle Shull, president.

NOVEMBER BIBLE AND MISSION STUDY

Bible Study—"The Personal Answer."

Mission Study—"The Jew."

EDITOR'S REPORT

Given at Winona Lake, August 1952

Reports so often make for dry reading or listening. Especially editor's reports. If I were writing an editor's report it would go something like this:

Produced 12 issues of the WMC Herald in the year 1951-52. 'Twas like pulling teeth to get some articles on time for publication. Had to use extra money for postage and telegrams to pry some articles loose from the typewriters of some contributors. The WMC copy was late a day or two several times. But a day late is as tragic as a week late. Be it a day or a week, if it is late, a penalty is attached. This penalty is no discount in the printing cost of the WMC Herald. Some of the delay was due to family illness just at deadline time. Some to late contributors.

There were 2 months when we didn't have sufficient copy to use our 5 pages. Sisterhood made use of the extra page, but we could have used the space had the councils been a bit more faithful in sending news. Now for 2 months we've had so much news from the various councils and districts that we've been unable to get it all printed soon enough for the news to be fresh. But fresh or not, we'll finally get it printed. Why, oh why, can't we spread all this news out over the 12 months of the year?

Unnumbered hours were spent in typing and preparing copy for the WMC Herald. With earnestness of purpose we worked for a woman's magazine which would be both eye-catching and heart-searching. None of the thinking, planning, and producing of the paper was without constant prayer for wisdom that not only the WMC Herald but the entire WMC family should honor the Lord Jesus Christ.

Laying aside the editor's pen and writing now as a reader only of the WMC Herald, it might be wise to mention a few items for our prayerful consideration. It is good to examine one's work both objectively and critically as one goes along. There is room for improvement in the WMC Herald. You can and should have a part in these improvements. First, your editor needs and covets the prayers of her sisters in Christ over the country. She needs wisdom so that nothing unworthy shall ever be permitted in the content of the WMC Herald. She needs an insight into the living of her sisters and their families so that the Herald messages will meet their needs. She must have constructive, not destructive, criticism so as to ever enlarge the sights and aims of WMC.

Then may we say that YOU must read the WMC Herald personally and thoroughly. A passive disinterest on the part of her fellow workers has a deadening, disheartening effect on any editor. One day the editor asked a certain lady for her copy of a recent WMC Herald in order to get a second copy of a particular article. So as to be specific she said, "The copy I want is such-and-such an issue—you know, it's the blue-and-white cover. No doubt you have read the article I want."

"Oh yes," the kind lady responded, "I remember that blue-and-white cover. I thought it looked so nice for a change."

Your editor must confess to a wave of despair as the lady spoke. Surely EVERY Brethren woman knows that the WMC Herald is *always* blue and white. This is the woman's magazine of our own denomination with the

home appeal. What a blessing our women miss when they do not read the Herald which is designed for their reading pleasure and profit. May we plead with you in passing that you pray for an awakening of interest among Brethren women in matters pertaining to WMC? Brethren men and women have contributed to the WMC Herald articles of lasting worth. But these produce no results at all in the lives and hearts of folk if they are not read. Let us pledge ourselves anew to the faithful reading of ALL the WMC Herald content. Pass on to your sisters in the church some reading enthusiasm for your Herald. If we are "sold" on the WMC Herald ourselves we are bound to heighten the flame of interest in it as well as in the work of WMC.

We urge a renewed and prayerful interest on behalf of SMM. Brethren girls need our enthusiastic understanding and cooperation. Today's SMM is tomorrow's WMC. Let each district and local council remember this. As mothers of Sisterhood girls let us cooperate and teach as well as insist that our daughters put first things first. Any mother who allows her daughter to let school activities take precedence over a Sisterhood meeting, unless there is a sudden emergency, is missing the boat and doing irreparable harm to her daughter's attitude toward spiritual things. God gave children mothers and daddies because He knew they need to be taught and led. Immaturity does not always judge wisely. Many a mother's heart, broken over a wayward, disinterested daughter fails to realize she is reaping what she sowed. If the mother allows matters less important to crowd out the work of the Lord in WMC and other church matters, how can she expect her daughter to do the right thing and make the right choice? Mother sets the pace.

It seems to be time to be seated. We've kept the editor's report short, but the laywoman's comments have rather gotten out of hand. Your kind indulgence is appreciated. We rejoice with you in the victories of WMC in the past. We pray that Christ's question, "Lovest thou me?" will challenge your hearts to an honest appraisal of your love and a completely honest answer this new year.

"Simon . . . lovest thou me?"

"Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee" (John 21:15).

DO YOU KNOW?

That WMC has a new national president? She is Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, of Wooster, Ohio. We are sure God has given her to us to lead us on in missionary endeavor through WMC. You'll hear more from Mrs. Ashman as the months pass.

We are sorry to have had to say good-bye to Mrs. Edward Bowman as our national president. For some 10 years, first as WMC editor and then as president, Mrs. Bowman has faithfully served her Lord and WMC. She felt constrained to yield the reins of leadership this year "to be promoted," as she so aptly stated, "to the specific place of prayer for the work of WMC." We are deeply indebted to Mrs. Bowman for her devoted and spiritual leadership in matters pertaining to WMC. We wish her God's richest blessing as she stands by the side of her husband in their pastorate. We'll miss you, Mrs. Bowman, in the national circle of work, but will be feeling your prayers as we accomplish for Christ. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Phil. 1:3).

"Ambassadors for Christ"

Sisterhood of MARY and MARTHA

II COR 5:20



MARY'S MISUNDERSTANDING

By Miss Mabel Donaldson

"Come, children," said Miss Jones. "This morning our lesson is about God, our heavenly Father."

John spoke up boldly, asking, "Why do we call Him Father? He isn't even here. He can't do things for you like your regular father."

Before Miss Jones had time to answer him, Bill said, "If He is like my father, I don't want anything to do with Him. My father treats us mean, and drinks, and beats my mother. If God is like that, I don't want to hear about Him. Let's talk about Peter, James, and John."

"Oh, no, Bill," said Mary. "God is kind. He is like Santa Claus. He does nice things for you."

"Now, now," said Miss Jones. "Mary is the most nearly right in her idea of God. Go on, Mary, tell us what you see when you pray to God. Maybe it will help Bill and John to understand."

So Mary began to tell how she saw God as a kind old man, fat and jolly, with long white hair and a long white beard. He is always happy when children speak to Him. He is always giving out things people ask Him for.

Miss Jones let the children finish their discussion. Then she opened the Bible. "You know, children, you are just like so many grownups. They go about telling what they think and giving their own ideas instead of looking in the Bible and seeing what God says. Now we can find many things which tell us that God knows everything; He controls everything; He is everywhere. Let's read some of these passages so we'll know just what God says about Himself. John, read I John 3:20."

John read that God "knoweth all things." Then he said, "Does He know what we have just been saying about Him?"

"I'm afraid so," said Miss Jones. "He even knows our hearts and minds when we don't even let anyone else know what we are thinking. We don't have to say it aloud for God to know what we are thinking. Mary, read Proverbs 15:3. This will show how we cannot hide from Him."

Mary read, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Then she said, "Why, no one can get away from God. He sees and knows everything."

"Yes, Mary, and in Psalms 147:4 it tells us that 'he telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.' You see, everything, not just people, is known to God—things that are happening now, things that happened long ago, and things that are going to happen in the future. This shows God's great plan and purpose and will. Things must happen just as He wants them to. He carries out His great plan. We are a part of it. But He is so kind that no matter how small our problem is, He wants to have us talk to Him about it because He has seen it, He knows all about it, and He knows how it will come out."

"We have a great God. He is interested in us and shows great love toward us. Even today He provides our food, clothing, shelter. If He should stop the rain, and tell the sun to stop shining, we would soon be without food. The animals and vegetable matter from which we get our clothing would suffer and we'd be in a terrible fix. But God, who knows everything and who is everywhere, is very busy keeping things going so that the people who love Him will have what they need. He doesn't promise to provide for everyone who lives on the earth, but He promises to care for those who love His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. But as the rain falls on the Christian farmer's fields some also falls on the next farm even though the owner might not love Jesus. That is the mercy and kindness of God."

"Oh, Miss Jones," said Mary, "now I understand. God is not the old man I thought He was. He is very active and knows all things about His children."

"Yes, Mary. But God is also just. He must judge people for what they have done with His Son and His plan. He is righteous and He is holy. God cannot give out gifts to everyone, like you thought your old man did. You see, God cannot look on sin. If a person has sinned, he can't even ask God for things, for he cannot get to Him. He must first let the blood of Jesus cover his sins and let God forgive him. Then the righteous God will listen to him and invite him into His presence to make his needs known. And if one of God's own children gets

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER

SINGSPIRATION.

INTERCESSION—Circle prayer.

SCRIPTURE—Psalms 119:33-48.

TRAINING FOR AMBASSADORS—

Juniors—"Mary's Misunderstanding."

Middlers—"Called! Chosen!"

Seniors—"Theosophy."

SPECIAL NUMBER.

REPORT ON AMBASSADORS—

Juniors—"Adoniram Judson—Hero of Burma."

Middlers—"Adoniram Judson—Hero of Burma."

Seniors—"Called! Chosen!"

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into trouble he must come to God for forgiveness before God will take care of any more of his needs. I John 1:9 says, 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.' We must remember that John 3:16 tells about God's love for everyone, but everyone doesn't love God. Isn't that too bad? God wants to be their kind loving Father but they turn away from Jesus and won't let God put them into His family. But we should be thankful for verses like John 16:27—'For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God,' and Romans 5:8—'God commendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.' Now, children, let us think of God as being everywhere, knowing everything, and doing everything lovingly and kindly for His children. Mary, is He like Santa Claus?"

"Of course not, Miss Jones. Santa couldn't be that smart. Besides he has to depend on God, too. No one is like God. He is so wonderful that you can't find anyone like Him."

"You are almost right, Mary. But remember we saw God when we look at Jesus. He was like God, because He is God."

AM I TRUE?

1. God has a body like ours.
2. He knows everything.
3. He calls the stars by their names.
4. He loves sin.
5. He wants sinners to come to Him for gifts.
6. He wants to forgive sins and make people happy children.
7. Christ is God.

ADONIRAM JUDSON—HERO OF BURMA

By Miss Mary Emmert

When brilliant young Judson finished his college work at Providence, Mass., he bragged of being a skeptic. He was a minister's son, but had been misled by a college friend whom he greatly admired.

But one night the Lord led Judson to stop at an inn where the only room was next to that of a dying man. His sleep was much disturbed, and he was completely upset the next morning upon learning that the man who died during the night had been his skeptic friend, whom he knew was eternally lost.

This led to Judson's conversion and desire to become a minister. Then one day the words, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," rang in his mind as a direct command from God, so he gave his life entirely to God.

In 1811 he met with some others to organize the first foreign missionary society in America. (There had been one to the Indians before this time.) A year later he married Ann Hasseltine, a beautiful young girl whom he had met at this meeting.

They sailed for India 2 weeks after their wedding. But because of the War of 1812, which had recently broken out, the East India Company would not allow them to enter India. So they went to Rangoon, Burma, instead.

Not one Burmese had accepted Jesus Christ up to this time. They worshiped Buddha, and did not know how to be saved from sin, or how to live good lives. Mrs. Judson wrote that they were "without God, prayer, pardon, or heaven."

Mr. Judson soon began to translate the Bible into the Burmese language, a great task at which he spent 17 years of his life, before he had it as perfect as possible.

In the meantime, both of the Judsons were teaching and witnessing. Work among these heathen people was very slow, however, and it was 6 years before they baptized the first convert. A man of less faith would have given up the work as impossible.

These courageous missionaries had many trials. Their first child died. The climate was very unhealthful, and they were often very sick. Finally Mrs. Judson had to go back to America for 2 years to regain her health.

After her return they moved to Ava, the capital of

Burma. The king did not like foreigners, and due to war he was fighting with England, he finally threw Mr. Judson and Dr. Price into a very filthy prison with hundreds of other prisoners. They were kept tied to poles and suffered many other tortures for 17 months in near death conditions. Brave Ann Judson brought food to them daily as long as she was able. They were sentenced to be killed, but were finally released.

Nearly everything they owned had been stolen, but they succeeded in saving the Bible translation by sewing it in a pillow which Ann took to the prison for her husband to use. When it, too, was stolen, the thief found it so hard he threw away all but the cover. A faithful convert of Judson's saved the inside of the pillow, and God preserved the first Burmese Bible.

Ann Judson died not long after this from the many hardships she had suffered. Their new little baby also died soon afterward.

After 8 lonesome years Mr. Judson was again happily married to a missionary widow, who had lost her husband in Burma. Later this second wife died also, and he was again married.

Mr. Judson died in 1850 at the age of 62, but not before he had seen great results from his faithful labors. At the time of his death there were 7,000 converts in Burma, 63 churches, 163 missionaries and native pastors, also schools and a publishing house. How sad it would have been if he had let sickness and trouble stop the work!

SMM AMBASSADOR'S BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER 3

Remember Mary Beth Munn's birthday by having your SMM meeting in the form of a birthday party. For her "gift" take up a special offering for our national project in a gift-wrapped box with a slot in it. Birthday cards would be appreciated even if a little late. Send them to Mary Beth Munn, Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bozoum, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.



Mary Beth

The cult we study now is that of Theosophy. This cult is quite different from the previous two which we have studied, but appeals to a "select" group of people. It exalts knowledge, therefore it does not lay emphasis upon numbers or statistics. Thus it is difficult to find out how many adherents the cult has.

I. *Names and Definition.* The cult under consideration is commonly known by the name Theosophy; however, it is sometimes known by such titles as "Wisdom of God," "Divine Wisdom," or "Secret Science." It is incorporated in this country under the name Theosophical Society, having its headquarters at Wheaton, Ill. In its world-wide outlook it is established under the title, "The Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society."

The movement may be defined in their own terms as "an all-inclusive synthesis of truths, as it deals with God, the Universe, and man and their relations to each other." It claims to present the wisdom which lies behind all religions alike. It is thus nonsectarian. No articles have to be subscribed to by an adherent, the only condition of membership being assent to its first object: "To form a nucleus of the universal brotherhood of humanity, without distinction of race, creed, caste, or color."

II. *Origin.* Charles Ferguson, in his "Confusion of Tongues," is doubtless right in saying that Theosophy "is as old as sin." It is an ancient system of thought coming from the East, covering various schools of thought all uniting in the conception of man as a spiritual being and one in essence with the universal spirit (Pantheism). Modern Theosophy, however, had its birth under a strange woman by the name of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, who was born in Russia. For 10 years she was a spiritistic medium, traveling extensively. In 1848-57 she went to Tibet and learned the secret of the Mahatmas or "Great Souls" (see later).

The establishment of the Theosophical Society took place in New York in 1875, in Madras, India, in 1879, and in London in 1887. It adopted a threefold objective: (1) See last sentence under I; (2) to encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy, and science; (3) to investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in man.

III. *History of the Movement.* Following the organization of the Theosophical Society in New York, Helena Blavatsky and Col. H. S. Olcott, cofounder of the cult, visited India and added to the system certain Hindu and Buddhist elements. "H. P. B.," as Mrs. Blavatsky was called by her followers, was the dominating influence in the movement in its earliest days. She was its Messiah, the Word of the Great White Brotherhood of Teachers made flesh. Charles Ferguson says concerning her: "Until her death Madame Blavatsky kept her piercing eye on the affairs of the society. She was a woman of vigor, though in appearance she greatly resembled a hogshead [barrel]. The uncanny penetration of her eye is evident in every photograph of her and is even noticeable in the statue erected to her memory. . . . She smoked incessantly, rolling innumerable cigarettes with 'exquisitely moulded fingers'" (ibid. p. 138).

Following the latter's death in 1891, Annie Besant took

over the leadership. She claimed that her adopted son, Krishnamurti, was the new Messiah or the reincarnation of the World Teacher. She discovered this in 1925. But Krishnamurti fizzled out as a Messiah. The movement has not appealed to the masses, only to the elite in certain quarters.

IV. *Doctrinal Viewpoint.* First, is there aught of truth in the system? Very little that compares to the Christian revelation. It does believe in something beyond this life, but what it is is so indefinite as to be altogether unsatisfactory. It also believes in retribution. The form of it, however, has no place for the saving Gospel.

Second, what is there of error in the system? (1) It believes in reincarnation. This is a Hindu belief, the difference being that a person is never reembodyed in an animal. This belief is related to their belief in evolution. Each individual is a potential Christ. How long it will take him to arrive depends upon how he lives in his various embodiments. (2) *Karma* or the law of retribution. This is clearly a Buddhist idea. It is the inflexible, fatalistic idea that whatsoever a man sows, he will also reap. There is no place for the Gospel here. (3) *Mahatmas*, literally "Great Souls," an occult hierarchy, called also "masters," "adepts," "initiates," the "Great White Lodge," the "Brotherhood of Teachers." They are the finished products of human evolution, "divine men made perfect." Above all these teachers is the Supreme Teacher who becomes incarnated occasionally as was Christ. (4) Self-salvation, that is, every man works out his own salvation through effort and knowledge. Its followers are the "intellectual elite." (5) Pantheism. They speak of God, the Unknowable, as "It." God is impersonal. (6) Universal brotherhood of man.

V. *Belief Concerning Christ.* Above the Mahatmas or great teachers referred to above is the Supreme Teacher. When he becomes incarnated we have a Christ among us. He has already been among us 5 times in the persons of Buddha, Hermes, Zoroaster, Orpheus, and Christ. It follows that Theosophists can and do speak of Christ as the greatest revelation of God the world has thus far witnessed; and that the next Christ will be greater than the Christ who inhabited Jesus' body. Krishnamurti was to have been the next manifestation of the Supreme Teacher but somehow he did not fill the bill.

In Theosophy the Lord Jesus Christ loses His unique redemptive character. It is a bloodless system.

VI. *Refutation.* 1. In general, by a positive presentation of Biblical truth seeking the Spirit's guidance. Theosophy is an anti-Biblical system denying every fundamental teaching of the Scriptures and built upon the wisdom of men. Remember Hebrews 4:14.

2. In particular, by showing the error of the various beliefs of the system. For instance, against their doctrine of reincarnation, use Hebrews 9:27 and I Thessalonians 4:17, which repudiate any idea of future states in different bodies. Man dies "once." At Christ's coming he rises to be "ever" with the Lord. Against their doctrine of the universal brotherhood of man, use such passages as John 8:44, Matthew 12:50, John 1:12-13 and 3:1-5. Against their doctrine of self-salvation use such passages as Ephesians 2:8-10 and Titus 3:5.

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PATTERSON PARK BRETHREN CHURCH CORNERSTONE LAYING

Mr. Roy H. Kinsey, building committee chairman, and Rev. L. L. Grubb, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, were assisted by Mr. Thomas Bailey, building superintendent, and Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, pastor (in the background), as the cornerstone of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, was laid on Sunday, September 14, 1952.



CORNERSTONE LAID AT PATTERSON PARK CHURCH

Another step forward was taken in Brethren home missions when the cornerstone was laid at the Patterson Park, Dayton, Ohio, church recently.

Members of various Dayton churches attended this impressive ceremony. Testimonies were given by Bro. Roy Kinsey, member of the church and of the Brethren Home Missions Council, and by Bro. Edison Yoder, also a member of the council.

As all of our Brethren churches are, this church also is founded on the Rock, Christ Jesus, and as the brick walls rapidly rise we are seeing another monument to the grace of God.

Bro. Caleb Zimmerman, the pastor, gave praise to the Lord for His abundant blessings in the Patterson Park work from its beginning.

God has made this accomplishment possible through the prayers and gifts of Brethren home mission friends.



As the Editor Sees It



By L. L. GRUBB

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

There always has been a tendency on the part of the American public, including well-informed Christians, to close their eyes to the sins of our nation and to minimize their consequences. This attitude is sometimes assumed deliberately in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary. Others sort of assume on a traditional basis that what Americans do is all right regardless of its immoral flavor.

This sin-minimizing and eye-shutting practice on the part of the church and the American public in general is extremely dangerous. By using it Satan lulls us into a smug complacency. We see not our actual condition and thus do nothing or very little about it.

What are the facts? Read this account of sin in and near just one American urban community.

EL PASO—GATEWAY TO HELL

El Paso is just like any other American city with a wide-awake chamber of commerce. It blows its own horn about "copper, cotton, cattle, and climate." Carlsbad Caverns, Elephant Butte Dam, and the Rio Grande all add to the attractiveness of its city site and environs.

It all sounds very good as far as it goes. But there is one thing El Paso does not advertise—that it is the gateway to one of the largest concentrations of gin mills, clip joints, cabarets, gambling dives, and assignation houses south of the Arctic Circle.

Just across the Rio Grande, in El Paso's backyard, is the Mexican city of Ciudad Juarez, metropolis of the Mexican State of Chihuahua, and the most populous of Mexico's border cities. This city is one of the worst pest-holes for vice and degeneracy on the entire North American continent. And it is just across the Santa Fe bridge from El Paso, a short 10-minute walk.

Americans, tourists, soldiers, thousands of El Pasoans,

make up a good 90 percent of the patronage of these places. Certainly El Paso can brag about its beautiful city, but it does not say anything about the three "D's"—"dope," "dames," and "delinquency," in its own backyard. Thus the vile passions and lusts of Americans find expression in this segment of hell just across the border.

What can El Paso do about it? If a homeowner is responsible for his own backyard, then this Texas town had better begin worrying and doing something about the segregated sin across its border. Rules, regulations, more careful inspection of the border, would help keep some of this Sodom and Gomorrah out of El Paso family life.

In 1947 the city fathers became alarmed about the gangs of teen-age kids who roamed the cities all hours of the day and night. They enacted a 9 p.m. curfew law and called in the National Probation Association for help.

The next year for violations of curfew, sex offenses, marijuana smoking, running away from home, etc., there were 1,557 arrests among teen-agers in one year. The National Probation Association made its survey and issued a blast against the town for its lack of recreational facilities, shabby housing, and its treatment for the rehabilitation of teen-age offenders.

Frequently as many as 8 or 10 boys and girls would be thrown into the same cell or "tank" together, even though guilty of different things such as sodomy, burglary, rape, etc. They may be left there for 1 day or many days at the whim of some judge. This was an abysmal failure.

It should be said in favor of this city that under the aggressive leadership of its Mayor Dan Duke it is endeavoring to do a little cleaning up. At best this is a substitute for the real thing. El Paso, like thousands of other American cities, needs the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

There are few fundamental testimonies in this needy

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city and there is no Brethren church. There are some Brethren people and others in the area who would look with real favor on the establishment of such a work.

Remember, El Paso is just one example of what is taking place in thousands of American cities. Such illustrations should serve to remind us once more that America is one of the world's neediest mission fields.

Let your Thanksgiving offering and your prayers meet this challenge.

WHY DOESN'T GOD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

Often this question is asked. God knows about the sins, wars, confusion, and strife among men. He sees the threatened chaos into which the world will be plunged tomorrow. Why doesn't He do something about it?

God has done something about it! He sent His only Son to be the Saviour of the world. The Son of God died for lost sinners and rose again. Then God sent His Holy Spirit to give power to the church in carrying the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. Yes, God has done something, in fact everything He could do, about the spiritual condition of the world.

The real, burning, vital question is this—what have we done about it? Those who are saved and know the Word and plan of God—what have we done about it?

All too frequently the answer is—we have been playing at church and especially at the business of missions. We have not completed the Great Commission, nor realized that this is the only way to solve the world's besetting problems.

We do not play at war. We go all out and spend billions on armaments and ammunition designed to take human life and wreak havoc and destruction. But there are only pennies available for war against sin and Satan. The emphasis has been entirely misplaced.

The NFBC has not reached the saturation point in any type of Christian giving. Still there are many who have never seen the vision of the tithe and many who tithe who have never seen beyond to true Christian giving—the offering of willing sacrifice to make the message of Christ known.

God's sovereign plan is to work through men! Saved sinners have become the repositories of the Word of God.

We might well ask—why don't God's people do more about it?

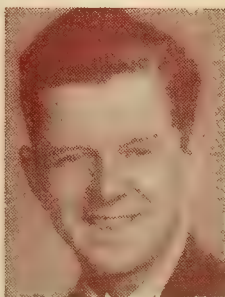
NEW PASTOR FOR SEATTLE CHURCH

Recently a new Brethren church has been born in the great city of Seattle, Wash.

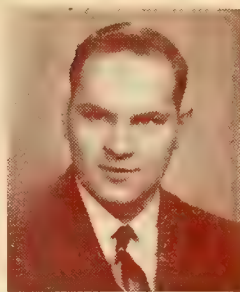
After much prayer and seeking the will of the Lord, this congregation has extended a call to Bro. Thomas Hammers to pastor this new church, which call has been accepted.

Brother Hammers moves to Seattle from a very successful pastorate in South Pasadena, Calif., where through his ministry a young church has developed into a strong testimony for Christ.

Pray that our Lord will bless each of these churches and the pastor as the change is made.



Rev. Thomas Hammers



Rev. Victor Rogers

NEW PASTOR AT JENNERS, PENNSYLVANIA

Bro. Victor Rogers has accepted a call from the district and national home mission church at Jenners, Pa., and will begin his ministry there very soon.

Under the leadership of Bro. Wayne Baker the church building has been constructed and many spiritual victories have been won.

Let the church of Christ awake and carry out His command to finish the Great Commission!

Brethren have this challenge in home missions during the Thanksgiving season. The need is great and the opportunities many.

INVEST FOR ETERNITY

One of the most pressing needs in the Brethren home mission work is for investment funds to be used in the construction of new Brethren church buildings. Fully \$200,000 in this kind of money could be used immediately.

Any child of God might ask, "Why should I invest in Brethren home missions?"

There are several conclusive answers!

First, because you will be using the material things God has given you to bring glory to His name. Investing in Christian work is a further development of the grace of Christian giving. This means blessing from the Lord.

Second, you earn a double dividend. A fair rate of interest is paid on all investments, usually up to 5 percent, although some loans carry even a higher rate of interest. In addition to this you gain a divine rate of interest as you share in the preaching of the Word and the salvation of precious souls in home mission churches. There is double gain!

Third, your money is absolutely safe—backed up by real estate, the best collateral in the world.

Fourth, convenient terms can be arranged to suit practically every situation including length of loan period, interest payments, etc.

What greater opportunity could the child of God desire?

Why allow the power of God's dollars to be wasted in savings accounts, lockboxes, low-interest-bearing loans and investments, and in sundry places of storage when these dollars can be mightily blessed by the Lord?

Annuities bearing interest for life are always welcome and desired in our home mission work. Several of our Brethren people have already helped us greatly in church building by giving annuities.

We need church buildings in Denver, Colo.; Temple City, Calif.; York, Pa.; Findlay, Ohio; Parkersburg, W. Va.; Washington Heights, Va.; Artesia, Calif.; Baltimore, Md.; Seattle, Wash.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; etc. Where money for this church construction will come from we do not know. We are fully trusting the Lord to meet the need through His people.

Write the office of the Brethren Home Missions Council today for information!

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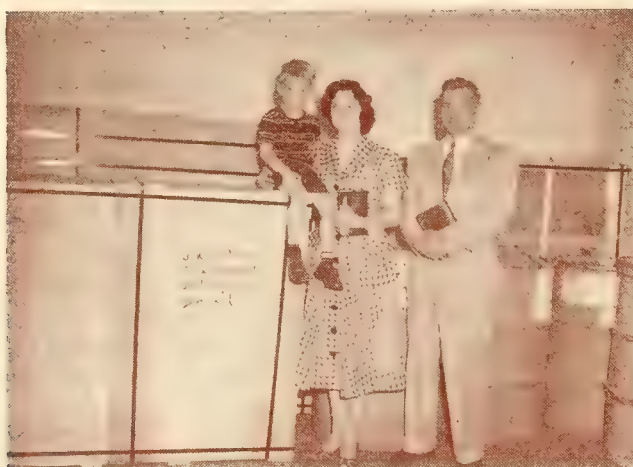
BY THE SECRETARY

HOME MISSION PASTOR GOES TO SOUTH AMERICA

With a short but successful pastorate behind them, Brother and Sister John Zielasko are now on their way to our new mission field in Brazil.

Our South Bend home mission church has been greatly blessed by the ministry of these folks and the congregation has graciously manifested its affection for them by bestowing special gifts and holding a farewell service in their honor.

In the picture you see the Zielaskos beside their outfit, all ready and packed for Brazil.



We are sorry to lose them but happy to give them up for the evangelization of the lost in Brazil.

POSSIBLE NEW CHURCH IN WHEATON, ILL.

Recently the *Grace Ambassador* took us to Wheaton, where we met with an interested group of 10 folks who are planning the organization of a Brethren church. A Bible class is meeting weekly in the homes with Dr. Robert Culver as teacher.

It has always been our desire to enter the Chicago area with a Brethren church. It looks as if this is God's time. We earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people for the development of this new work.

FELLOWSHIP IN FORT WAYNE

Preaching in this Indiana former home mission church is always a blessed experience. A fine congregation was gathered for the service.

The home mission emphasis seemed to some extent unnecessary when the home mission vision and giving of this church are known. Aside from an annually increased home mission offering, Fort Wayne fully supports Miss Isobel Fraser as one of our missionaries to the Jews. Only for this reason were we able to place her on our staff.

Under the leadership of Bro. James Hammers the church is continuing its growth and as this is written is entering into an intensive evangelistic program.

FAITHFUL BRETHREN AT BERNE

No less is the Berne, Ind., church a stronghold for home missions. Some of the highest per-capita offerings on record in our fellowship have come from this church.

While here showing home mission pictures we noted the same enthusiasm for home missions. Bro. Ord Gehman, the pastor, is planning for a substantial increase in this year's offering.

From this church we have received a fine young man as a home mission pastor. He is Bro. Lester Smitley, who pastors the new church in Parkersburg, W. Va., and is working for his own support.

NEW BIBLE CLASS IN TOLEDO, OHIO

Toledo is another of those great American cities which has been without a Brethren church. However, we hope to change this situation in the near future.

A survey of Toledo from the air showed great new housing divisions under construction west of the city. In this new area there is at least one interested family. Pray for a new Brethren church in Toledo!

NORTH RIVERDALE CHURCH GROWING

What a thrill it is to go back to a former home mission church and see the blessing of the Lord so fully in evidence! This is certainly true of our Dayton North Riverdale church.

A large congregation welcomed us in the morning service and responded graciously to the challenge.

An extensive new building program is being planned to provide more facilities for the growing Sunday school.

Formerly a recipient of home mission funds, this church now stands near the top among all our churches in missionary gifts. The vision of Bro. Clyde Balyo, the pastor, is largely responsible for these advances.

PICTURES AT FIRST CHURCH IN DAYTON

During the absence of Bro. William Steffler, the pastor, we were invited to show pictures in our Dayton First church. We were greeted by a fine Sunday evening assembly.

The Spirit of God is working clearly in blessing here. Plans are being made for moving into a new area where lots have been purchased and a new building will be constructed.

We praise God for the fine, large, generous offerings and prayerful support we have received from this church and its faithful pastor.

DIGEST OF WESTERN TRIP

Three of our directors, Bro. Charles Croker, Bro. Edison Yoder, and the secretary, recently made an investigation and administration trip among several mission points.

Brother Yoder's airplane was used on this trip, which airplane is almost identical with our *Grace Ambassador*. Monday found us in Albuquerque, N. Mex., meeting

with our people after flying from Dayton, Ohio, the same day in 8 hours and 30 minutes.

We looked over our fine little mission and fellowshipped with our people in plans for the future. Brother and Sister Clarence Gutierrez need our prayers for this difficult work in the face of Catholic persecution. Brother Gutierrez will be supporting himself this year.

Tuesday morning in a couple of hours we were met at the airport in Phoenix, Ariz., by Brother and Sister J. C. McKillen. The balance of the day was spent in looking over this vast and populous area with a new Brethren church in mind. What a thrill and challenge it was to see the extensive new housing sections with plenty of room for a Brethren church.

In the evening we met with 15 interested friends in McKillen's home. Plans were laid for future expansion. Recently offerings have been running as high as \$27 a week. Attendance has totaled 96 for the Lord's Day.



Group of the Phoenix people.

There are some splendid Brethren people in this group and quite a few others interested in such a testimony.

Pray for this proposed new Brethren church in Phoenix.

Wednesday morning we were back through Albuquerque and on the Indian mission compound at Counselor. What a blessing to see the 24 fine children in our mission school. Even some whites are attending the school this year.

Brother and Sister Evan Adams have taken hold of their new challenge on this mission field in a fine way. In addition our fine school teacher, Angie Garber, is back on the job, with Brother and Sister Antone, and Sister Baer as able assistants in the work.

We know that Brethren people will appreciate the information that help in the amount of \$10 a month for each student is needed. You may support a particular one by writing our office.

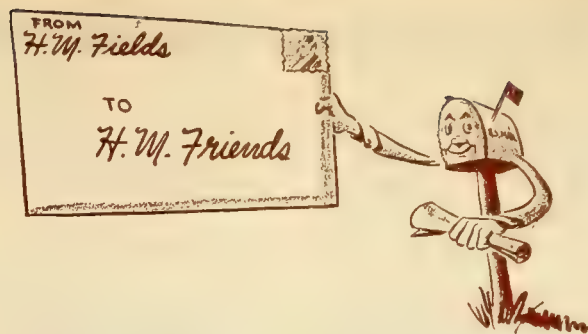
Special prayer is requested for the health of Miss Angie Garber.

Thursday and Friday were mostly spent in Taos and among our various Spanish-American works in the area. A meeting of all our workers, including Brother and Sister Horney, Celina Mares, Tony Luna, and David Tolardo, revealed that God's blessing is being realized in each mission station.

Plans are complete for continuing the Bible school which has already trained these fine young people for missionary service among their own folks.

Opportunities for self-supporting missions such as Cordillera are without limit. Hundreds of small com-

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FINDLAY, OHIO (Forest Lance)—

We praise the Lord for His blessings on us in Findlay, Ohio. We had 64 present in Sunday school last Sunday and 60 for the worship service. Pray for the erection of a church in the near future so we can become permanently located on our new location.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. (Gene Farrell)—

Uppermost in our minds is the victory achieved this summer when 2 of our young men went back to Bob Jones Academy, another young person went to Biola, and a couple are enrolling at the Prairie Bible Institute. These decisions have crystallized the thinking of several other juniors and seniors in the local high school along the same lines and they are planning definitely now on Christian training. Figures in our Bible school and services are climbing upward. We seek to reach every home in this area during a 6-week campaign of witnessing and to top our goal of 200 for our Bible school.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. (Leo Polman)—

We have been busy getting ready for the day school after moving our buildings to the new location. We made it on schedule but had to work 14 to 17 hours per day to do it. It looks like the best year yet for the school. Our Sunday school attendance is hovering around the 100 mark. Last Sunday it was 95 with 81 in the worship service. Fifty-two were present in the evening and 24 for the midweek prayer service.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN. (John J. Burns)—

Our Sunday school attendance has been increasing since the usual summer slump. We are about to enter the Christian Life Sunday School Contest on the 5th of October, and the enthusiasm is running high. I believe we will see great results. I am now in the midst of publicizing our evangelistic service with Ding Teuling. Pray that these efforts will bring new people to join us in our testimony here in Johnson City.

CLEVELAND, OHIO (Russell M. Ward).

You will be glad to know of the upswing in the work here. The month of August was the best one we have ever had in the church with an average attendance of 64, which was double the figure for the previous year. The month of September has started well, too, giving us the second highest attendance in a regular service on September 14. More and more new families have been coming and this has resulted in increased offerings. We want to get one of the best and most beautiful outside church signs available with the funds sent us by the Northern Ohio District SMM and that given by our own people for that purpose.

The Brethren Navaho Mission Starts an Intensive Fall Program

The beginning of the second school year at the Brethren Navaho Mission marked the beginning of the largest program ever undertaken there. The ultimate purpose is to make a greater Gospel impact upon the Navaho Indian.

A LARGER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Already the dormitories are filled to capacity. Only 24 boys and girls can be accommodated in this way. Other Navaho boys and girls living near the mission are enrolled in the school and will be walking to and from the school. In addition to the Navahos enrolled, there are 3 white children attending from a nearby oil-workers' camp. There are still requests coming almost every day for additional enrollments, but they have to be turned down because 24 is the limit placed by the State on our present facilities for the boarding school. Miss Angie Garber is the teacher for the school and she is doing a real missionary work among the children.

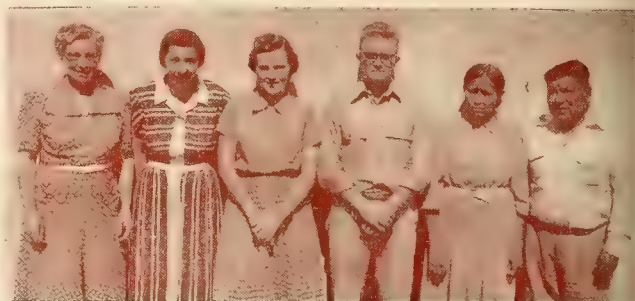
A LARGER SPIRITUAL PROGRAM

The first official Sunday school was held on September 28, 1952. The total attendance was 39, which included 9

ning of each week. In the last prayer meeting some of the Navahos who accepted Christ in the previous services joined in offering prayers entirely voluntarily. This is certainly an answer to prayer.

A LARGER MISSIONARY STAFF

The Lord has supplied the additional help needed to carry out the intensified program. Mrs. Mary Baer, of



The missionary staff (left to right): Mrs. Mary Baer, Miss Angie Garber, Mrs. Evan Adams, Mr. Evan Adams, Mrs. Luke Antone, and Mr. Luke Antone.



The Lee Trujillo family lives in a hogan on the mission compound.

in the English-speaking adult class, 5 in the English-speaking children's class, and 25 in the Navaho-speaking class. Three in the Navaho class were visiting adults. Three white women and 3 children were present from the trailer camp nearby. Bro. Evan Adams teaches the adult English class, Mrs. Evan Adams the English children's class, and Mrs. Della Antone the Navaho class.

Every Sunday afternoon a service is held for the Navahos in which Brother Adams preaches in English and the messages are interpreted into Navaho by Mrs. Antone. On Sunday, September 28, in the afternoon service 4 accepted Christ as their Saviour—2 of these were schoolgirls and 2 were young women visiting the meetings. On this particular day another service was held in the evening for the Navahos camping nearby.

Regular prayer meetings are held on Wednesday eve-

the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio, offered her services as cook for the mission, and she is proving to be a real help. She has had considerable experience in this line and resigned as head of a cafeteria for one of the Mansfield schools to give her services as a missionary cook for the glory of the Lord.

While Mrs. Antone is doing the work of interpreting, Mr. Antone is helping with the maintenance of the mission property and thus giving Brother Adams more time for the spiritual aspect of the work.

A LARGER NUMBER OF PRAYERS NEEDED

You will readily understand after learning of the program in progress at the Navaho mission that it will require a greater amount of praying by every one of us



The Navaho school students.

who have a burden on our hearts for the lost of our nation. The Navaho Indian is a part of our nation. Every member of the staff has a difficult task to perform and needs the help of God's prayer warriors to faithfully perform each of their duties. *You will remember them, won't you?*

D. V. B. S. Beams Forth the Gospel Light in a Dark Valley

The Taos Valley, which has had a dark shadow hovering over it from the beginning of history because of its idol worship and superstitious religions, received a great flood of the Gospel light during the past summer. Daily vacation Bible schools were held in 9 different villages of the valley for 2 weeks each, beginning in early June and lasting into August. Rev. Sam Horney directed the schools and had 8 capable workers as helpers. Those who helped were Miss Evelyn Schumacher, Osceola, Ind.; Miss Faythe Ann Conner, Roanoke, Va.; Miss Carol Flora, Sampleville, Ohio; Miss Evelyn Vnasdale, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Rev. and Mrs. Lee Burris, Calif.; and Mr. Tony Luna and Miss Celina Mares, of Taos.

Three of the schools were conducted at the established mission points of Taos, Arroyo Hondo, and Cordillera. In the other places such as Talpa, El Prado, Ranchitos, and Llando Quemado are some fine opportunities for starting other new missions.

The opposition was strong in many of the places because the leaders of the dominating religion were not in sympathy with Protestants coming into their so-called territory. In fact, the children were warned not to at-

tend one D. V. B. S. and in some cases this threat caused some children to stay away.

We believe through the testimony of the workers and the schools conducted that many received the true light of the Gospel for the first time. Pray for the light of the Gospel to increase in intensity in this valley.



Llando Quemado D. V. B. S.



Ranchitos D. V. B. S.



Arroyo Hondo D. V. B. S.



Talpa D. V. B. S.



Cordillera D. V. B. S.



El Prado D. V. B. S.



Taos D. V. B. S.

ISRAEL CALLS!

A BACKWARD LOOK

By Isobel Fraser

Happy New Year! No, this is not a mistake, nor are you reading an old article. At this writing the Jewish people have just finished celebrating Rosh Hashana, their religious new year (Lev. 23:24; Num. 29:1). Therefore, to you, Happy 5713! Pray that in this "coming year" many of our Jewish contacts will come to know as Saviour the One who has made this the year 1952.

Looking back over this past summer, there are several incidents that I would like to share with you. One day, having a desire to spend some time reading the Word and meditating, I sat down on a bench in a little park off one of the side streets. I had just begun to read my Bible when 2 elderly ladies sat down on the bench next to mine to rest. We exchanged a few words of greeting, and then noticing my Bible, one of them asked if I were a student. Replying that I was not, I explained a little about my work. She then asked me if I believed in spiritism. That opened the door to a wonderful conversation. I praised the Lord, too, for an article that I had just studied on Spiritism by Dr. Homer Kent for the Sisterhood.

She agreed with me when the Old Testament Scriptures were shown to her that refuted and condemned this belief. I was having a precious time speaking about and showing her Scriptures regarding the Messiah and why He had to come twice, when the other lady reminded her of a phone call she was expecting. From several of her remarks it appears that she had had some contact with Christianity. Although she said she was not particularly interested, she did give me her name and address. Her first name and mine are practically the same and that helped in the contact. Remember "Bella" as she is contacted in her home.

A letter came the last of July from Madeline Smith, a Brethren girl working in the Chicago Hebrew Mission, asking that I contact 2 Jewish ladies that had just recently come to Los Angeles from Chicago; one is a believer, the other is not. Imagine my surprise when the day before I planned to call, a letter was received from the unsaved Jewess asking that she be called on. Since my work that morning did not materialize as I had expected, I did. She was most cordial, but early in the conversation gave me to understand that she was not a Christian and had no intention of becoming one. However, she spoke very freely of the Chicago Hebrew Mission and very highly and fondly of their workers, mentioning many of the things that they had told her. During our conversation I turned in the Bible to Isaiah 53 and Zechariah 12, but she passed them off as interpretations. Before I left she permitted me to pray for some needs that she and her family had. However, she asked me to pray in the name of God. I did, and closed in the name of the Messiah of Israel.

Since returning from conference, this Jewess and I have gone apartment hunting. Several opportunities were given to say a word for the Lord. Just before com-

ing home, we stopped in another park to rest. It wasn't long before a conversation was started with a gentile lady over rents and landlords. Presently a Jewish lady sitting nearby came over and entered into the conversation. This last Jewess took me to be Jewish, but my friend was very quick to correct this. She told the others that I was her friend, a Christian and a missionary; not the least hesitation nor shame. The other Jewess left very shortly but I did have the opportunity to give her a tract. The gentile lady said that she was a Christian. Pray that the Lord will bless the faithful testimony that has been given in the past, and our present contacts with this Jewess to the saving of her soul.

My heart was really thrilled when I met the Hebrew Christian from Chicago. Mrs. I. and I have had several wonderful times of fellowship. One afternoon we called together and I rejoiced in her testimony. We had big plans for that afternoon, but the Lord limited us to 2 calls on believers. But in the home of the Jewess that Bro. Bruce Button had the joy of leading to the Lord several months ago, a testimony was given to the mother, who is in Christian Science. In the other home the Jewess was really challenged by the testimony and knowledge of the Word that Mrs. I. had. When we left, she kissed Mrs. I. and said, "You don't know how good it is to find one of your own who believes this way."

While I was at conference Mrs. I.'s husband also came to Los Angeles. He is not a believer, but their 2 sons are. Upon returning from the east, I called in the home and met the husband. The Lord opened the door and an opportunity was given to present Scriptures from the Old Testament that show that Jesus is the Messiah. He said that he wanted to consider it longer, for he was not yet convinced, but he did permit me to pray for him that God would show him whether or not Jesus is the Messiah. Pray that God will open his eyes.

Your prayers are also requested for a Jewish couple that I had the privilege of speaking to in Fort Wayne. They attended the services of the Fort Wayne church when they read the article in the local paper of the showing of the film, "Your Neighbor Worshipers." This is the film put out by the Jewish Anti-Defamation League that Brother Button has been showing this summer in many of our churches. They were much impressed by the message of the evening by Bro. John Aeby, and appreciated the remarks regarding anti-Semitism when I introduced the film. Knowing that I was a missionary they gave me permission to call in their home. They have told their friends not only about the film, but also of the kindness and friendliness of the people of the church. This goes a long way in reaching Jews for the Saviour. The Lord gave me a wonderful opportunity to present the claims of Christ and they accepted a New Testament, also inviting me to call again when I am in Fort Wayne. I plan to keep in touch with them by correspondence; so do remember them, too, at the throne of Grace.

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munities have no Protestant testimony whatever, and in some cases not even a visit from a Catholic priest.

Saturday morning found us several hundred miles north in our challenging new mission field at Denver, Colo. After carefully looking over the field again we enjoyed a time of blessed fellowship with the Denver group on the Lord's Day morning. Plans were completed for a ground-breaking service and the beginning of new church construction.

The group is now meeting in a lodge hall far removed from our well-located lots. The building is sorely needed to assist in the ministry of our pastor, Bro. Lowell Hoyt, and in the ministry of the church in general. We can do very little without it.

Investment funds are needed for this construction immediately.

Sunday evening was spent in Cheyenne, Wyo., with Brother and Sister Wayne Croker and our brethren there.

We are earnestly praying that the Lord will enable us

HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to do some manual missionary work, Miss Evelyn Fuqua would like to see you at Dryhill, Ky. Some Brethren from Dayton, Ohio, have the foundation finished for the Dryhill chapel, but additional workers are needed to complete the superstructure. The summer is far spent, so if you can donate a day or more for this home mission project, plan to do it now. Write Miss Fuqua so she can be prepared for you. Why not make up a party from your church and really make the trip worth while?

to construct the first unit of a new building on our splendid location in Cheyenne.

As we returned home after traveling over 4,000 air miles in a week, in addition to making all the administrative contacts, we began to realize how very good our Lord has been in blessing the Brethren home mission work which, of course, is His work.

The challenges go far beyond anything we have ever anticipated. May God help us to meet them!

Praise and Prayer for Thanksgiving Offering

PRAISE GOD—

- 1. For the increase in the gifts given by individuals to the Thanksgiving home mission offering the past year.
- 2. For the increase in the number of donors giving to the Thanksgiving home mission offering the past year.
- 3. For the increase in the number of new life members added to the Brethren Home Missions Council for their gifts of \$100 or more in the past year.
- 4. For the increase of 8 new churches giving to the Thanksgiving home mission offering for the first time in the year.
- 5. For the increase in the number of districts showing an increase in the Thanksgiving home mission offering this past year.
- 6. For the increase in the number of people making personal loans to help finance new church buildings this past year.

PRAY—

- 1. That every member and friend of the Brethren Church will get a vision of the mission field here in the U. S. A.
- 2. That every Brethren church might meet the challenge of the home mission field by giving an increased offering to home missions this year.
- 3. That every opportunity for a new Brethren church in 1953 can be redeemed because this year's home mission offering was sufficient.
- 4. That every financial need of the many new church-building programs will be met by God's plan of financing.
- 5. That every Brethren home missionary will be filled with the Holy Spirit this coming year and accomplish the task whereunto God has called them.
- 6. That every special meeting sponsored by the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade will bring many new souls to Christ in our home mission churches this coming year.

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Rev. J. C. Brumfield, director of Radio Kids Bible Club, spoke at the Los Angeles, Calif., First church on October 2.

Rev. George Richardson, pastor at Bellflower, Calif., and Rev. Alfred Dodds, interim pastor at South Gate, exchanged pulpits on September 28.

At the Allentown, Pa., church 2 men, 1 of whom is 93 years of age, were baptized on September 21. Bro. Billy Zeoli spoke there on October 4.

The Allentown First and Philadelphia Third churches held a joint service at the Carson Simpson farm north of Philadelphia September 26.

Bro. Kenneth Wilt spoke at the Altoona, Pa., Grace church on September 28 and Rev. James Dixon presented the Sunday school work on October 2-3.

The Jackson, Mich., church observed its rally and anniversary day on October 12 with Bro. Joseph Dombek, Winona Lake, as the artist and speaker.

The Waynesboro, Pa., church will hold its rally and homecoming day on October 19. Two former members of the congregation—Rev. Herman Koontz, Winona Lake, Ind., and Rev. Mark Malles, Altoona, Pa.—will be the speakers and the music will be presented by King's College musicians.

The Canton, Ohio, church will hold its annual harvest home service on October 19. Bro. Joseph Dombek, Winona Lake, will draw and speak. Rev. Jesse Hall closed his ministry there on October 12.

The Wooster, Ohio, church was host to the Northern Ohio youth rally on September 26-27 and will be host to a Child Evangelism Institute, under the supervision of State Director I. B. Shafer, November 3.

The Leamersville, Pa., church recently heard Dr. Paul Bauman, Rev. Craig Massey, and Musician Tom Filer.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Richard Burch, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, a daughter on October 3.

Prof. Ralph Gilbert spoke and Bro. Dean Risser sang at the Camden, Ohio, church on October 5. Both men are of Winona Lake.

Rev. James Dixon, Washington, D. C., will speak at a Sunday school rally at the Johnstown, Pa., First church October 26-27.

The Spokane, Wash., church had 2 entries in the Inland Empire Sunday school parade in Spokane on September 27.

The Sunday school attendance reached 74 on September 21 at the Covington, Ohio, church.

On October 5 the Martinsburg, Pa., church observed the 51st anniversary of its existence at its present



location and the 69th anniversary of its organization as a congregation. Dr. Alva J. McClain was the speaker at the 3 services.

Miss Evelyn Fuqua writes that "the foundation is completed" for the chapel at Dryhill, Ky. Carpenters are needed to erect the building. Men, take note! Miss Patty Griffith, president of SMM, is helping at Dryhill for a few months. Miss Fuqua has started a Sunday school at Mosley Bend, 5 miles in the hills from Dryhill. On September 28 there were 47 people present. One lady said: "I can never remember the time that we have ever had Sunday school in this community."

The Berne, Ind., church held its homecoming on September 28 with 250 people in Sunday school, which is a record. The Mariners Quartet, of Dayton, Ohio, were in charge of the afternoon program and Dr. Russell Barnard preached the evening sermon.

The La Crescenta, Calif., church held its first vacation Bible school September 8-12 with an average attendance of 38, and there were 18 first-time decisions.

Dr. Alva J. McClain is scheduled to speak to the Purdue University chapter (Lafayette, Ind.) of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship on October 24. On October 30 he will speak at the fall convention of the American Council of Christian Churches at Pittsburgh, Pa. His subject: "A Pure Church in an Impure World—Educational Phase." He will also speak at the International Congress on Prophecy in New York City November 9-16.

Questions and answers. Beginning in January, the Lord willing, the Brethren Missionary Herald will carry a department in which questions of the readers will be answered. We solicit questions in keeping with the purpose of this paper, and they must be signed, though your name may be withheld from publication if that seems best. (A question was received on October 6 at the Herald offices that was not signed. If the questioner will send his or her name we will be happy to answer.)

The Brethren Annual will bear the date of October 25 and will be mailed instead of next week's Herald. Read your Annual and keep it for reference throughout the year.

The walls of the basement of the addition to the Akron, Ohio, church building are completed, but delay in the delivery of steel is hindering completion of the building. Rev. John Stoll, of Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland, spoke to this congregation on October 5.

Mr. Charles Black, father of Miss Dorothy Black, died on September 19 at Long Beach, Calif. Dorothy is a member of the Long Beach First church and a missionary to Venezuela.

WMC members, please note! The price of Milton Lindberg's "Witnessing to Jews" is \$1 per copy in the cloth binding, not 50c as previously reported.

The new address for Rev. and Mrs. Jack Churchill and Mrs. Loree Sickel is Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F. C. B. M., Cordoba, Argentina, South America.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Harris a daughter, Ruth Elena, on October 3 at Portland, Oreg.

Rev. R. I. Humbert, of Flora, Ind., recently preached in Mishawaka, Ind., and Findlay, Savannah, Sandusky, and Jeromesville—all in Ohio. Also he spoke at the Fort Wayne, Ind., Bible Institute and the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland, Ohio.

GOD HATH SPOKEN . . . WHAT?—PART II

By Dr. James Boyer, Winona Lake, Ind.

We are dealing with the problem of the reliability of the text of the Bible as we now have it, and we began in the preceding article by recognizing the fact that there are differences of reading, that errors have been made during the centuries of copying. Now we want to look at the process by which scholars seek to discover which of the differing readings is the original one, and to evaluate the results of that process.

The Process of Solution

The process of ascertaining the most authentic reading and restoring the original text is a well-developed science called textual criticism. It exists not only in the Biblical field but also in the classical, and it involves specialized skills and training which constitute it a unique field of investigation. From the very earliest records of church history Christian scholars have been aware of the problem and have attempted to deal with it. But only in rather recent times, after the Protestant Reformation had put the Bible back into its proper place as "the only rule of faith and practice," and along with the discovery of a vast amount of new manuscripts and sources, has this study received the serious treatment it deserves.

The process itself is too technical to go into, even if the present writer were able to do so. But certain principles may be presented to illustrate in a small way what is involved and how the scholars go about evaluating any reading.

First, the closer you get to the original the more likely it is that your text is correct. The less copying that has taken place the less chance for errors to occur. Thus in general it may be said that the older the manuscript the better the text it contains. However that is not always true. For example, a fifth-century copy of a second-century text would be better than a fourth-century copy of a third-century text. It is not the age of the manuscript but the age of the text that is important. Therefore textual critics have developed the genealogical method of grouping manuscripts and sources into families according to their family tree. This has been one of the

biggest factors in accomplishing the purity of the text which we now have.

Second, the reading which best expresses how other readings may have arisen is probably the original. Thus the more difficult reading is probably the best. Most changes in copying were due to conscious or unconscious effort to improve or clarify the meaning. A scribe with a difficult or obscure phrase before him might seek to simplify or clarify it. It is hard to imagine the opposite procedure.

Third, obviously in the process there is the necessity that the scholar must frequently depend on his own subjective judgment in applying these and the other principles to any particular case. This fact makes it especially important that he be a man of honest intelligence, devoutly sympathetic with the inspired Word. Some of the greatest men who have labored in this field have belonged to that class. Many, of course, have been unduly severe in their criticism because of their prejudice against the Word.

The Resulting Situation

What is the result of all this? Have we lost our inspired Word of God through this recognition of the existence of variations in readings due to the processes of transmission? Some unthinking persons will perhaps fear that such is the case, and some who know better will deliberately put forth that misrepresentation of the facts. But actually the Bible has lost nothing, has rather gained in its reputation for reliability through the process.

First, the vast majority of the Bible is untouched by any question of error. Dr. Hort, one of the greatest authorities in this field, roughly computes that not less than seven-eighths of the whole New Testament is thus assured. This is especially remarkable when we recall the conditions of transmission by hand-copying and the many thousands of manuscripts involved.

Second, most of the variant readings which do occur in the remaining one-eighth are so trifling that they hardly deserve mentioning. They consist of such minor matters as

spelling and the order of words, which involve hardly any discernible difference in meaning. Dr. Hort again reckons that after these differences are set aside it leaves only about one-sixtieth of the New Testament involved in any question of consequence. And of these a large majority are of comparatively slight importance, so that his final judgment is that the field covered by substantial variations "can hardly form more than a thousandth part of the entire text." Such a reassuring statement from a person who knows ought to calm the fears of those who have been disturbed by the hostile remarks of some little minds who seek notoriety by criticizing the Bible.

Third, those very few passages where some significant change is involved still teach the same doctrines and practices with which we are familiar from the rest of the Bible. Not one single doctrine or practice is endangered or questioned by the results of textual study.

Fourth, the very multitude of manuscripts and variations is the best guarantee of the reliability of the text. If there were but one copy there would of course be no variations, but that would be no guarantee that it was correct. That one copy might be in error, but it would be impossible to know it or to correct it. But with literally thousands of manuscripts and many other sources with which to check them, virtual certainty can be had in almost every case.

Fifth, a few passages of Scripture deserve specific mention in this regard. There are 2 New Testament passages of some length which have been questioned. They are the closing verses of the Gospel of Mark (16:9-20) and the story of the woman taken in adultery (John 7:53-8:11). Some of the oldest and best manuscripts either do not have them, or do not agree as to where they should be placed. Most editions of the Greek Testament now set them off by brackets or spacing. Many scholars think they are true accounts, but perhaps not originally written in the place where they are now found. Let it be noted that even if they were proved definitely to be not gen-

uine it would not jeopardize any fundamental Christian doctrine or practice. But that has not been proved, and more probably they should be considered authentic parts of the New Testament.

There is one verse which probably should be considered spurious, not rightly belonging in the New Testament. It is the reference to the three witnesses in I John 5:7-8. The words cannot be found in any Greek manuscript until after they were deliberately fabricated and put there in the 16th century, by translating out of the Latin. But don't think for a moment that the omission of these words from the Bible does away with the doctrine of the Trinity. That doctrine so fills the entire New Testament that it does not need the testimony of a single verse which may not be genuine.

Other interesting passages might be dealt with, but the amazing thing to the present writer is not that there are so many but that there are so few. Just think, after almost 2,000 years of suffering from human hands which are notoriously prone to error, it has survived so nearly unscathed as to show only a few portions where there is reasonable doubt of its accuracy. That is a miracle of God's providence.

The Versions

The American Standard Version of 1901, or as it is more frequently called, the Revised Version, is probably the most accurate version in common use today, so far as the original text is concerned. Most of the important manuscript discoveries which have made possible the restoring of the original text were available to those who produced that version, and there has been very little change in the status of the text since that time.

The Revised Standard Version, the new "modern speech" version which came out in 1946, is an attempt at a more idiomatic, understandable style of translation rather than an important improvement in the text. It is based on essentially the same text as the American Standard Version of 1901.

While the Authorized or King James Version did not have available the wealth of manuscript authorities which came into use later, and cannot be rated as high as the Revised Version in the purity of its

Parade Features Portland S. S. Convention

By Rev. Vernon Harris, Portland, Oreg.

The City of Roses was host to nearly 1,800 delegates to the National Sunday School Association Convention, October 1-4. They came from Canada, Mexico, and 26 States in the U.S.A. Everything about this convention was big. It was the largest of any of the former 6 years in the NSSA history. The Civic Auditorium was filled for nearly all the services, even during the day. The total or aggregate attendance was 25,000.

The "Sunday school enthusiasm" was certainly catching. More than 40 leaders in this field from all over the country took part in the services and workshops. The delegates, like sponges, hungrily absorbed helpful information.

The climax to the convention was the hour-long parade through the streets of downtown Portland. According to the Oregonian, it rivaled the Rose Festival's Junior Parade for size and number of children participating. Sixteen floats, 2,500 children, many adults, and a host of other attractions took part. Portland should know now that the Sunday school is the best answer to communism. In the words of Stuart Hamblen, the grand marshal of the parade, "Old Joe (Stalin) should have been there." It was truly Jesus Christ's parade.

Highlights of the convention were

speeches by the Governor of Oregon and the Mayor of Portland. Governor McKay said that the churches were not doing enough to "sell the Sunday school" to the American people. Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee praised the Sunday school as a necessary character- and nation-building institution.

The 5 other Brethren pastors who considered it worth while to attend were Harold Painter, Ward Tressler, Russell Williams, Glen Welborn, and Harry Sturz. The Sunnyside church sent its superintendent and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Barlow. We trust this will mean an improved Sunday school for each of these churches.

A plea was made for all denominational groups to set up standards for their schools to aim at, instead of the usual way of comparing one church with another.

If we want successful Sunday schools, we must have education, organization, inspiration, and lots of perspiration. Dr. Murch said, "The Sunday school that refuses to go is a goner."

If any of your churches have a pastor or a superintendent who is not interested in the progress and promotion of the Sunday school, here is what you should do. Don't kick him out! Send him off to the Sunday school convention in Minneapolis in 1953.

text, it nevertheless is a remarkably accurate version. One who uses it can be sure that he will not be led into error by "mistakes of the text." It will show a lost sinner how to be saved. Its beauty of diction and familiarity of phraseology has endeared it to the millions of Bible-believing Christians everywhere English is spoken, and it probably will continue to be "The Bible" for most people.

So when you pick up your Bible to read what God has spoken, take a little time to thank God for those faithful scribes and copyists who so carefully preserved the sacred text down through the centuries, and for those devout scholars who have so diligently studied to establish the original text. Thank God for the Bible, divinely inspired and providentially preserved.

YFC LAUNCHES NEW CRUSADE

On October 1 the Youth for Christ International launched a nation-wide teen-age crusade to enlist 10,000 Christian youth, each pledged to win 100 souls to a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This crusade will be carried on through 1,000 rallies and 1,500 high school Bible clubs.

Dr. Robert A. Cook, president of YFC, in announcing the crusade, said: "It's time to stand up and be counted. What our teen-agers do today will determine whether America tomorrow will be a pig pen, a rat's nest, and a place for atheists and Communists, or be free and godly. I want 10,000 Christian youth to pledge to do their best to keep the heritage of a godly country from the awful disaster and catastrophe of a nation that forgot God."

"He's No Stranger—He's My Daddy"

"To those of you who do not know our speaker tonight, and there are some to whom he is a stranger, I am happy to present Bro. Robert Miller, of Roanoke, Va."

Almost before this introduction of Daddy was over, Sharon pulled herself up straight and pressed her lips close to Mother's ear. "He's no stranger to me, Mama," she said with a lilt in the whisper; "he's my Daddy."

Mother's heart leaped with pleasure at her young daughter's delight. She, Sharon Miller, out of all the folk in the congregation that evening, had a special relationship to the man behind the sacred desk expounding the Word. "He's my Daddy." Others may know him and be known of him. They may have eaten at the same table with him, or have joined in sparkling conversation with him, but, "He's my Daddy." He may have fed them wondrous food out of God's Word and sent them out renewed and refreshed to serve the Lord better. But, "He's my Daddy."

A daddy-daughter relationship can be a delightful experience. Mother knows, for she has watched this daddy's delight in his 4 daughters. He is often blind to the maneuverings of his girls as they seek, even at a tender age, to wrap him around their pretty little fingers. If it weren't for Mother's check and guarding, they'd go without needed discipline at times. Both Daddy and the girls think of Mother as the proverbial "wet blanket" on occasion. But a wet blanket is a wonderful fire fighter.

Of course, what fits the gander apropos fits the goose. Sons are certainly a delight to Mother's heart. How her 4 sons wrap themselves around her heart. Daddy says they wrap Mother around their fingers, also! Daddy just doesn't understand, of course. Or does he?

The chief joy of a family unit is just in "belonging." This precious, priceless possession is one of God's choice gifts to unworthy man. Even though each knows all the weaknesses and failures of every member of the family we are knit together in bonds of love stronger than death itself. Though we may disagree and quarrel; though we are the essence of intolerance with each other; though we sometimes show little

gratitude and fail to be courteous to our own; and though criticism be sharp, sometimes most unnecessary; in spite of all the qualities of personalities which may clash and clamor, we are each other's. We belong! "He's my Daddy."

A new appreciation for this precious family experience now enveloped Mother. And yet a more wonderful family relationship is ours as God's children. "He's my Father" because I've been born into His family by the Spirit of God through faith in Jesus Christ. "Oh wonderful, wonderful day, He washed my sins away." And now we are no more "strangers" but "are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13). All the sweet intimacies of family life are ours, enhanced by the love and headship of a sinless Father. He



never makes any mistakes in His care of or dealings with us. The wondrous warmth of "belonging" suffuses every part of this family experience. Blessings abundant are heaped on our unworthy heads. *He*, by whom "were all things created" and "by him all things consist" (Col. 1:16-17), is mine. He is my Father. Not a hope-so, but a know-so, right now. "Jesus left heaven my Saviour to be, and He is mine." He is *my* Father. He's just as personally mine, interested in each minute detail of my life as He is yours. "My Father is rich in houses and lands, He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands." He is my *Father*. With all the beauties wrapped up in that word, He is my Father. I am His child, beloved, throughout all time and eternity. Oh Father God, how my heart is made to sing because of the positive knowledge that I belong to Thee. My heart will sing of Thy praises all the day long.

"He's no stranger to me, Mama; he's my Daddy." Is God the Father yours? Jesus said: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

WESLEY HALLER ORDAINED AT ANKENYTOWN, OHIO

Bro. Wesley Haller, pastor of the Ankenytown, Ohio, church, was ordained to the ministry of the Gospel in an impressive service on Sunday afternoon, October 5, at the Ankenytown church. Brother Haller, a graduate of Bob Jones University and of Grace Theological Seminary in the class of 1951, has been pastor of the Ankenytown church for a year.

Dr. Russell D. Barnard, of Winona Lake, Ind., preached the ordination sermon on the theme, "Who Is a Good Minister of Jesus Christ?" It was appropriate that Brother Barnard should do this as it was under his ministry at the Dayton, Ohio, First church that Brother Haller made his public confession of the Lord Jesus as his own personal Saviour in 1933.

Rev. Kenneth Ashman, Wooster, presided and offered the invocation and read the authorization for the ordination. Rev. Edward Lewis, Middlebranch, read the Scriptures; Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., Rittman, asked the questions and gave the vows; Rev. Bernard Schneider, Mansfield, assisted by Dr. Barnard and Rev. James Cook, Mansfield, prayed the prayer of consecration at the laying on of the hands of the elders. The charge was given by Rev. Neil Beery, Danville, and Brother Haller led in the benediction. Mrs. Reta Ridenour was the pianist.

There were 140 people present for the service, 15 of them from Dayton, Brother Haller's former home.

NEW PRESIDENT AT BIOLA

Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland was elected president of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles at a recent meeting of the board of directors. He succeeds Dr. Louis T. Talbot, who resigned after serving the school as its president since 1932. Dr. Sutherland has been dean of the institute since 1941, and had been identified with the school as a teacher before that.

Dr. Talbot, in announcing his resignation, agreed to remain with the institute as a representative of the school throughout this country and foreign lands.

Bro. John Dilling, recent graduate from Grace Seminary, preached at the Clayton, Ohio, church on October 5.

THANKSGIVING IS THE THEME FOR NOVEMBER

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Chairman of Book Club Review Committee

Some time ago a reader of this page and a member of the Brethren Book Club wrote to the Herald Company thus: "I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation as to your book selections, for they have in many cases been answers to prayer concerning questions in my mind. May God continue to direct in this very important ministry. Thanking Him for you." This is a real encouragement to us who spend many hours in reviewing books with a view to the blessing of the people of God.

The volumes we bring to your attention this month have been selected with the same care as the others of previous months, and we believe will be a blessing to all who read them. The Christian novel for this month is by Brenda Cannon entitled, "Strength From the Hills." It has been reviewed by Rev. Blaine Snyder.

The first-choice book for the month is the book on "Daniel . . . and His Prophecies," by Philip R. Newell. This book will be sent to all members of the club unless they notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company otherwise before November 1.

In case the members desire the second-choice book, or some other book listed previously in these columns, as a substitute for the first-choice book, all you need do is inform the Herald Company to that effect.

If you would like to make November the month of joining this book club, select either of the books offered for the month, and you have begun. As a premium for joining, we offer you your choice of the following books: Dr. Florence Gribble's "Stranger Than Fiction," Dr. Andrew Bonar's "The Biography of Robert Murray McChesney," Dr. John R. Rice's "Prayer: Asking and Receiving."

For members of the book club who have purchased books each month, August through November, there is a premium book, "Hearts Afire," by Vance Havner.

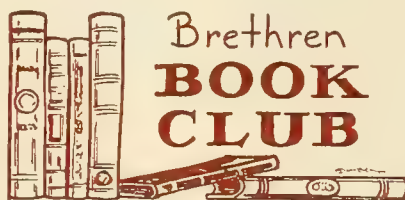
The members of the book club invite you to send in your suggestions how we may improve the work we are doing.

DANIEL . . . AND HIS PROPHECIES

By Philip R. Newell

This first-choice book, being offered at the price of \$2.50, is one of the helpful books just issued from the press. A warming effect is given to the title by a phrase describing Daniel—"The man greatly beloved." In this book the author unfolds the heart and spirit of Daniel as God opens to him the secrets of the future.

This book makes no pretense of being a commentary upon the Book of Daniel, but it does draw out the lessons of each chapter in such a way that the practical value of Daniel's prophecies can be utilized by the layman. This is probably the outcome of the writer's effort to reach large audiences of people with the



message, for these messages were first delivered in popular lecture style before committing them to print.

The effect of this book will not only be that of informing the mind by means of the devotional analysis of chapter after chapter, but it will also produce a new sense of trust in the Lord, and in these times of world confusion a new confidence and hope that everything is working out just as God revealed to Daniel. The people of God may be sure that their times are in the hand of a sovereign God who works all things after the counsel of His own will.—*Herman A. Hoyt.*

STRENGTH OF THE HILLS

By Brenda Cannon

This novel takes one back to the early history of North Carolina and the Civil War era. It traces the history of the Mark Murray family

for several generations. Due to ill health, Prof. Mark Murray left his fine Richmond estate and with his family pioneered in one of our beautiful southern valleys. With absolutely nothing except what they could load on their covered wagon they went out to settle and develop their own holdings.

Their trials and tribulations will give you a better appreciation of the hardships which many families endured before our great country became what she is today. Much to their surprise, when the Murrays decided on a spot to develop, they discovered neighbors not very far away. These few primitive families and the Murrays are the life of this story.

It was a long hard pull between the time the Murrays first settled on their estate and the arrival of young Dr. Murray to help the poor mountain folk of the valley. The joys and sorrows which they experienced will cause you to smile, or even perhaps shed a tear. The southern drawl and expressions ring true to southern tradition!

The writer has very spiritedly entered into the feelings and trials of the early south and presented us with a most delightful and lifelike story. One almost feels that he is in the cabin with the Murrays and sharing life with them. We are sure that you will be pleased with this month's selection of this novel, which sells for \$2.25 a copy.—*Blaine Snyder.*

LUTHERANS ENTER TV FIELD

"This Is the Life" is the title of a series of television broadcasts being launched during October by the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

More than 20 years ago this denomination blazed a trail in broadcasting the Gospel when it launched its radio program, known around the world as the Lutheran Hour. This new program over television will present the Christian life in 26 films, each 30 minutes in length. The plot of the series is woven around the daily experiences of an average Christian family and is directed to those people who are still without Christ.



Alto, Michigan

The rich blessing of our wonderful God rests upon this new work in Michigan. The first anniversary of the church was celebrated on July 6, 1952, with an all-day service at the church. Dr. Russell Barnard was the speaker. It was indeed a precious time in the Lord as we reminisced of battles fought and victories won, viewing with hope the many unconquered areas ahead.

Most notable of the blessings of God is His provision in the details of the whole church and the church building. This building has been steadily going up, and at this writing the superstructure is up and completed on the outside except for some walks and a few minor details. There is much yet to be done on the inside, but arrangements are being made to complete the building during this winter and spring.

The Central District Fall Youth Rally was held in this church and the fellowship with the young people from other churches was much enjoyed.

The attendance during July and August averaged 70 in Sunday school with a few more for morning worship. September showed a small increase. Prayer meeting is showing good interest with from 30 to 40 at every service. Twelve souls have found salvation through Christ since our anniversary on July 6, with 9 having been baptized and coming into the fellowship of the church. The majority of these have made their decisions at Sunday evening services—the moral of this story being, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE.

Pray for us, Brethren, that we may be found faithful in this day and be found in the very center of His blessed will.

May this blessing of the Lord be an encouragement to many who are now facing what we faced 2 years ago when we were forced to choose between staying in a denomination where we were asked to cooperate with a leadership that is pro-modernistic and pro-National Council or to get out, leaving all properties in

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

| Church | Dates | Pastor | Speaker |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Radford, Va. | Sept. 29-Oct. 19. | K. Richardson.... | Chas. Ashman, Sr. |
| Hagerstown, Md. . | Oct. 5-26..... | Walter Lepp..... | Phil Saint. |
| Wooster, Ohio.... | Oct. 5-19..... | Kenneth Ashman. | Bern'rd Schneider. |
| Covington, Va.... | Oct. 6-19..... | Lee Crist..... | Luther Grubb. |
| Uniontown, Pa.... | Oct. 6-19..... | Clyde Landrum... | Clyde Landrum. |
| Winchester, Va... | Oct. 6-19..... | Paul Dick..... | William Steffler. |
| Leesburg, Ind.... | Oct. 12-19..... | Nathan Meyer.... | Nathan Meyer. |
| Garden City, Va.. | Oct. 12-26..... | ..... | Mason Cooper. |
| Listie, Pa..... | Oct. 12-26..... | Paul Mohler..... | Ralph Colburn. |
| Cedar Rapids, Ia.. | Oct. 13-26..... | Arnold Kriegbaum | R. P. Miller, et al. |
| Middlebranch, O. | Oct. 13-26..... | Edward Lewis.... | Robert Ashman. |
| Hopewell, Pa.... | Oct. 14-26..... | Sheldon Snyder... | Craig Massey. |
| Cuy'hoga Falls, O. | Oct. 19-26..... | Richard Burch... | William Smith. |
| Glendale, Calif... | Oct. 19-26..... | Archie Lynn..... | |
| S. B'rn'dino, Calif. | Oct. 19-26..... | Lyle Marvin..... | John Lienhard. |
| Warsaw, Ind.... | Oct. 19-26..... | Charles Horne.... | Conard Sandy. |
| Harrisburg, Pa... | Oct. 20-Nov. 2... | Russell Weber.... | Chas. Ashman, Sr. |
| Hollins, Va..... | Oct. 20-Nov. 2... | John Patterson... | Michael Walsh. |
| Peru, Ind..... | Oct. 21-Nov. 2... | Ronald Robinson. | John Neely. |
| Phila., Pa. (1st).. | Oct. 26-Nov. 2... | John Aeby..... | John Aeby. |
| Akron, Ohio..... | Oct. 26-Nov. 9... | Harold Etling.... | Russell Barnard. |
| Compton, Calif... | Oct. 26-Nov. 9... | Norman Nelson... | Paul Arthur. |
| Los Angeles (1).. | Oct. 27-Nov. 2... | Glenn O'Neal.... | Vincent Bennett. |
| New Troy, Mich.. | Oct. 27-Nov. 9... | Richard Jackson.. | Lee Jenkins. |
| Fremont, Ohio.... | Oct. 28-Nov. 9... | Lester Pifer..... | Kenneth Ashman. |
| Waynesboro, Pa.. | Oct. 29-Nov. 2... | Dennis Holliday.. | Clyde Landrum. |
| Flora, Ind..... | Nov. 2-16..... | Charles Turner... | Mason Cooper. |
| Rittman, Ohio.... | Nov. 2-9..... | Charles Ashman... | Conard Sandy. |
| R'noke, Va. (Gh't) | Nov. 2-16..... | Robert Miller.... | Walter Lepp. |
| Altoona, Pa. (1).. | Nov. 3-16..... | Mark Malles.... | John Aeby. |

the hands of those whom we feel are being led into unbelief by the leadership and literature of that denomination. We chose to leave rather than cooperate, and God has shown His blessing in so many ways as we took our stand for Jesus Christ and salvation through His precious blood. Surely to us who believe, He is precious.—Earl O. Funderburg, pastor.

Phoenix, Arizona

We arrived in Phoenix on June 29 and found a motel as a temporary home. In the evening we visited the First Missionary Church, in company with Mrs. Minnie Niswonger, a member of the Dayton, Ohio, First church who lives in Phoenix. After the service the pastor, Rev. Tillman Habegger, third cousin of Miss Mary-Ann Habegger, gave us some valuable information for the beginning of a Brethren testimony in this city.

On July 5 we purchased the William Wheatley residence at 2727 W. Rovey Avenue, about 2 miles from any church, and moved in immedi-

ately. The people who live in back of us—the Dean Butlers—are longtime friends of the J. Keith Altig family. They took care of our property while we attended the California Conference of Brethren Churches the latter part of July, where we had the privilege of informing the Brethren people of our desire and work in Phoenix.

The first Sunday school and church service under the name of the Brethren Church were conducted in Phoenix, so far as we know, on August 3 with 7 people present. Our home is our church building at present.

On August 6 we found a "good deal" in getting 250 feet of redwood lumber for a fence around our big back yard. We told the man it must be up by Saturday night, for we wanted no one working on it on Sunday, and that we were beginning daily vacation Bible school on Monday morning. He replied: "That is strange. I have a crew of men for whom I have no work this week unless it be on this fence." The wall was up and the gates hung before

RECENT DECISIONS IN BRETHREN CHURCHES

Public Confessions

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|------------------------------|----|
| Covington, Ohio | 4 |
| Dayton, Ohio (Bethany) | 14 |
| Winchester, Va. | 2 |
| Compton, Calif. | 2 |
| Waynesboro, Pa. | 1 |
| La Crescenta, Calif. | 1 |
| Akron, Ohio | 3 |

Baptisms Not Included in Additions

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|------------------------------|---|
| Dayton, Ohio (Bethany) | 6 |
| Winchester, Va. | 7 |
| Allentown, Pa. | 2 |

Additions to Membership

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Whittier, Calif. (First) | 4 |
| Cheyenne, Wyo. | 2 |
| Ashland, Ohio | 1 |
| Akron, Ohio | 5 |
| Berrien Springs, Mich. | 1 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (First) | 7 |

Dedication of Babies

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|---------------------|---|
| Ashland, Ohio | 4 |
| Canton, Ohio | 1 |

R. West, and the pastor. Rev. Burt Poole, pastor of the Edgewater Baptist Church, led in the invocation, and Rev. Thomas Murray, contractor for the building, preached the sermon.

Two of our Brethren pastors who helped in the program were Rev. Wayne Croker, of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Rev. R. H. Kettell, of Portis, Kans.

The actual work began on October 6 and the present plans indicate that the congregation will be using the building for regular services before April 1.—*Lowell Hoyt, pastor.*

Long Beach, California (Second)

We have entered the Christian Life International Sunday School Attendance Contest and are in the Class B group. We got off to a grand start this morning (October 5) with a record attendance of 975 in Sunday school and are hoping to go over the 1,000 mark during the 6-weeks contest. Our average for this year, January-October, is 612.—*George O. Peek, pastor.*

Recent speakers at the Portland, Oreg., church were Rev. Harold D. Painter, Modesto, Calif., and Rev. William Schaffer, Spokane, Wash.

Saturday night. When God works no man can hinder!

The Bible school opened Monday morning with several of the neighbors as helpers and with equipment borrowed from still other neighbors. Nine children attended. The next day 24 were present in the morning session and 14 older children attended the evening class. Registration for the school reached 89, with 8 children accepting Christ as Saviour. There were 120 people at the closing program on August 22.

On September 28 we had 39 people in Bible school, and our charter membership was opened with 6 names on the list.

Brethren, pray for us that we may be faithful to our Lord and do His work for us in Phoenix.—*J. C. McKillen, pastor.*

Limestone, Tennessee

The Lord called us into the beautiful hills of Tennessee to hold a 2-weeks Good News Revival at the Vernon Brethren Church. This church is one of the rural churches which continues to be a center for worship, Christian fellowship, and soul-winning in this city age. The day of the successful rural church is not past.

In many ways this was a real revival. The magnets used to attract the people were the Gospel, prayer, personal invitation, local musical talent, and the teaching type of evangelism, without fanfare or high-pressure methods. The attendance was excellent, the interest was sustained, and the spirit of revival steadily grew from night to night. Practically all those making public confession desired church membership also. This is a good test of a genuine revival. Yes, we preached Biblical Brethrenism!

In the short period since becoming pastor of this church, Brother Rossman and his good wife have become a vital influence in leadership in the community as well as in the church. In every way the church is moving forward. Improvements have been made in the church building and parsonage. A group of young married couples, exceptionally large for

a rural church, have been added to the church. A number of homes were united in the church membership during the meetings. This gives permanency to the church family.—*Dr. Charles H. Ashman, evangelist.*

The Vernon Brethren Church of Limestone, Tenn., experienced a most blessed time of revival and refreshment during the Good News Revival, September 14-28, under the capable ministry of Dr. Charles H. Ashman. We do thank and praise God for sending Dr. Ashman to us. In every service during the 2-weeks campaign our evangelist faithfully held forth the Word of Life to an attentive audience.

Faithfulness in witnessing, in prayer, in visitation, and in bringing people to the services on the part of evangelist, pastor, and people was honored of the Lord. The moving of the Spirit was manifest in convicting power.

There were 14 decisions—6 children made first-time confessions of Christ as Saviour, 7 young married people came for church membership, 2 of whom also came for rededication of life, and 1 other member came for rededication of life. Several homes were thus united in the church as well as in the Lord. Twelve were baptized and received into the membership of the church on Sunday, October 5.

It was indeed a blessed privilege for us to work with Dr. Ashman in this revival effort and to have him with us in our home. The fellowship was precious to us.

We heartily commend Dr. Ashman to any people desiring a Spirit-filled, substantial ministry in evangelism.—*R. L. Rossman, pastor.*

Denver, Colorado

The Grace Brethren Church of Denver held ground-breaking service for its new building at W. Exposition and S. Federal Blvd., on October 5. The event marked the first anniversary of the arrival of the pastor in Denver.

Local people participating in the program were Darrel Davis, Charles Grisso, David Allen, M. J. Davis, W.

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MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

By ORVILLE D. JOBSON

To this 63d annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is not strange to be greeting you from Africa—similar greetings have been sent to you on previous occasions—but it does seem strange to greet you from Africa in this capacity. We could wish to be present with you and enjoy what we pray may be the greatest conference of our National Fellowship, but that is not expedient. However, we do try to visualize your gathering and speak to you as though with you in person.

Surely it is fitting, at the very beginning of the conference, to bring an offering of praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for His manifold blessings to us as a body of believers during another year. We have grown in grace and in fruitful service. Every branch of our ministry for Him has gone forward. The fragrance of a constant flow of new missionaries to the regions beyond, and of many new churches springing up in the needy cities of America, pastored by well-trained ministers, is God's answer to our labor of love and willingness to sacrifice for Him. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes" (Psa. 118:23). To His holy name be all the praise and glory.

It is an honor indeed to be a member of a fellowship on fire for Christ in these days of spiritual decline and apathy in Christendom. To have the consciousness that the Lord is with us and to trace His working in our midst is a joy indeed. It strengthens us to go on with Him. But these

blessings demand that each of us give his very best that we may continue to be worthy of His favor in our aspiration for deeper spiritual growth and world-wide organization.

Annual Conference

Many years ago it was the custom of the Brethren to read the 15th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles at the beginning of each annual meeting. This portion of Scripture became the basis of authority for the yearly gathering, and to it they appealed as precedent for settling matters about which there was a difference of opinion among them. In the Minutes of 1876, after the reading of the familiar passage, the moderator in his comments said: "We have precedent before us, given in the Acts of the Apostles . . . touching matters where there seemed to be difference of opinion." Then there follows this quaint statement concerning the results of the apostolic conference: "We know that the conclusion was satisfactory to all because they were all silent." This is a pretty good sign in any gathering that there is satisfaction and harmony. May this be your experience at this 63d annual conference.

But we of today have come to look upon our yearly gathering not merely for the purpose of settling differences, but for listening to the Word of God expounded in our midst, for hearing reports of victories won, and for making plans for still greater advances in the Lord's service.

The Revelation of the Mystery

However, in this familiar chapter

lead so often by our venerable brethren, there is a great truth and guiding principle to which they might have directed their thoughts with greater profit. We refer to the speech of the Apostle James, concluding the discussions and embodying the decision of that first gathering of the Christian church. The assembled apostles and elders had listened to Peter, and then to Paul and Barnabas, as they emphasized what God had wrought among the gentiles through them. Then James the just makes this Spirit-filled statement: "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things" (Acts 15:14-17).

In effect, the Apostle James said: Peter hath declared how that God did first begin with him to visit the gentiles to take out of them a people for his name." That beginning, according to Peter, was when the Spirit of God expressly bade him to go to the house of Cornelius, and there, after a brief Gospel message, the Holy Spirit fell on them that heard the Word. That was followed up by miracles and wonders God wrought among the gentiles by Paul and Barnabas. This turn in affairs was something new. God was visiting the nations. He had opened a door of faith to the gentiles. Those of the circumcision who had turned to the Lord were astonished.

But known to God are all His works from the beginning. This

thing was of the Lord. It was a revelation of His plan and purpose for this age. Paul the apostle to the gentiles makes it very clear that this is the great mystery of Christ, which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men but is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit—the mystery that the gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the Gospel. This newly revealed truth, that God is now visiting the nations of the earth—Jew and gentile—to take out of them a people for His name, was the great event of that first Christian conference.

Those who would have imposed the yoke of the law upon gentile believers were greatly mistaken in their interpretation of Scripture. They thought that this turning of the gentiles to the Lord must certainly be the time spoken of by Zechariah the prophet, when 10 men out of all languages of the nations will take hold on the skirt of him that is a Jew, and say, "We will go with you, for God is with you." But the Apostle James is quick to make it plain that this is not a wholesale turning of the gentiles to the Lord. He speaks of them as those who *from among* the gentiles are turning to God. However, he does enlarge upon the yet future purpose of God with the statement that, after this elect body is gathered out, then the Lord will return and build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down, and at that time the residue of men will seek after the Lord, and *all* the gentiles will acknowledge the God of Israel.

The apostles and elders went away from that conference with a clearer vision of their task than ever before. The example of Peter, Paul, and Barnabas would embolden them to

preach the Gospel to all men without respect of persons. They had heard the Lord Jesus on the mount in Galilee, standing in all His resurrected glory, commission them to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. But somehow they had not grasped the vastness of their task. Now the Spirit of God is making a new revelation, and they do not argue. I imagine they remembered the words of their absent Lord, spoken on that memorable night: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth . . . and he will shew you things to come." Now they understood. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem . . . and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Tomorrow May Be Too Late

How wonderful to have such a clear-cut revelation of God's purpose for the age in which we live! Thank God He has not left us to grope around for some plan or program that may fit our generation. It is unmistakable; until He comes to rapture His church, He is gathering out from Jew and gentile a people for His name. By keeping this great age-truth before us, and working with God for its accomplishment, we shall not err in expending our efforts and gifts in lesser and man-made plans. As we tell forth, teach, and train, God is calling out a people for the name of the Lord, "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people."

Let us continue in the simplicity and power of God's program, preaching Christ crucified, risen, and coming again—heaven's special testimony for the times of the Gospel. *Let us also recognize the urgency of the program.* The very timely theme

chosen by the Executive Committee for this conference should stir us to renewed action: "Tomorrow May Be Too Late." Fifty years or more ago, there was a challenge abroad to the churches to evangelize the world in our generation. But that generation has passed and gone, and the task is still not done. If it were urgent then, how much more so now. Large sections of the world are closed and others are being closed to all possibilities of evangelization. In such countries it is too late—too late for Christ's witnesses to have any effective ministry. But the doors are still open; opportunities are all about us. Today is the day of action. Tomorrow may be too late for the doors now open. God's program is more urgent now than ever before. Men and churches who labor with Him for its completion will receive His special blessings now and His glorious reward later on. Let us be among that number.

A Motive for Service

This age-purpose of God is a compelling motive for foreign missions. God is calling out His own from all nations of the world, but He does so through His witnesses. "How shall they hear without a preacher?" There is no witness to sow the Word; hearts remain unmoved. Let the regions beyond ever occupy our vision for God is interested in the uttermost part. Churches can be so absorbed in church plans and programs—gloried in themselves—that they forget completely God's program for our age. In 1796, 33 years before Alexander Duff sailed to India as the leader of a noble band of Scottish missionaries, the general assembly of the Church of Scotland passed a resolution that "to spread the knowledge of the Gospel amongst barbarous and heathen nations seems to

highly preposterous." This is how men may go who do not keep early before them the age-purpose of God. Thank God that, in the fruitful years that followed, this church's zeal for missions far out-ached many others in their efforts atone for such a misconception of God's purpose.

This age-purpose of God begins at Jerusalem—our Jerusalem. The recognition of this truth will keep us vigilant and on fire for spreading the message of Christ and witnessing for Him in the towns and cities of our own homeland. God is still adding to the body of Christ from our own nation, and He does it here as elsewhere, by the preaching of the simple message of salvation in Christ. If that message becomes distorted and clouded, as in many cases it does, then there, where there is no adequate testimony, God is calling the Brethren Church to send forth Spirit-filled witnesses.

This age-purpose of God must be remembered in training ministers and missionaries. Christ's burden for the lost must be emphasized continually. Each student should be moved by the facts of the great need. The environment must be charged with the constraining Spirit of God, so that young life will recognize His call. In the world today there are many false prophets and erroneous teachers who privily bring into the church damnable heresies, and many follow blindly in their pernicious ways. Christ's true witnesses must not only be grounded in the faith themselves but be prepared earnestly to contend for the faith in these perilous times.

This age-purpose of God must, in fact, be given full recognition in every department of the ministry of the church. It gives us a goal to work for—a certain goal, the com-

pletion of the body of Christ, and His blessed coming again. What a *privilege* to labor for and with our Lord in His program for our day. What *assurance* that our labor to this end will not be in vain in the Lord. What *confidence* as we ask for His blessings to increase our avenues of witnessing. What *victory* and *fruitfulness* in service, and what *reward* when He comes again.

Challenges

God has blessed our Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We have seen unprecedented growth in missions—home and foreign. Out of real sacrifice we have seen our training institution materialize and expand. There has been a steady advance in every department. But we have much yet to *challenge* us. As long as our Lord tarries, so long must we labor and serve with unabated holy zeal and deep devotion, that we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. We must accept these challenges now. "Tomorrow May Be Too Late."

Witnessing

The first challenge, in line with the age-purpose of God, is that every member of His church be a witness for Him. The matter of witnessing is not confined to ministers, missionaries, and teachers. It is the privilege and duty of *all* members of the body to witness for Christ. We have a saying that all cannot be missionaries to the regions beyond, and that is true, but all can witness for the Lord where they are. If God is gathering out a people for His name as we witness for Him, and that is precisely what He is doing, then how important that we all obey His commission to be His witnesses. For timid souls who feel they cannot speak for Jesus, there is the possi-

bility of a great tract sowing ministry. Surely the Lord expects all of us to be His witnesses.

We would like to challenge our fellowship with such a goal: that every church and its auxiliary societies put on a real program of tract distribution and personal witnessing. I have met some consecrated ministers and laymen in our churches who are faithfully giving out tracts and seeking souls for Christ, and God is blessing them individually and their local churches through them. But what a power a whole denomination could be, with every member a witness and sower of the Word! Paul's admonition, "Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season," might very well be applied to witnessing for the Lord by individual members of the church.

Literature

Another challenge to our fellowship is denominational literature; this is also a phase of witnessing for Christ. We thank God for several very excellent booklets contributed to Brethren bibliography in the past few years, and for the Sunday school literature which is furnishing a complete Brethren Bible course. These have filled a great need and have been a real blessing. However, the need for a denominational history, a complete work on our missions abroad, a faithful record of our rapid expansion at home, and a systematic theology, continues to challenge us. No one will question the urgent need of such volumes. Brethren students in our own and other schools are asking for them. Pastors and missionaries frankly express their daily need of them. The dignity of our stand for the truth, and contribution to the body of Christ also demand that such be made available to all.

Previous works on Brethren his-

tory are out of print and hard to cate. Those that are available not meet the need of our progress and expanding group. We should have an up-to-date history emphasizing the Lord's leadership of Brethren churches and pointing out that our group has been loyal to the Gospel of the grace of God and original Brethren position.

In missions we have with God's blessings made unprecedented advance into strategic parts of the world. We should have the story of that advance in one complete volume. The biographies and smaller works on our missions in Africa and South America provide excellent material to assist in the writing of the full history.

Our growth at home has also been prodigious. God's hand has been very evident. There are many varied stories of battles fought and victories won in establishing testimony in American towns and cities. Such stories should be given permanent form for encouragement and to preserve the record of what God hath wrought in the spread of His truth over our land.

As for a systematic theology, there would be the first in its field of Brethren literature as far as I know. What student of our seminary, and pastor in our churches, would not welcome our beloved Dr. McClure's complete theological writings in permanent and final form. What a contribution his work would make to our seminary and church!

The Lord has His servants who are well able and preeminently qualified to produce these much-needed volumes. Such men should be encouraged to do this additional work for Christ and His church. We would like to see these monuments to their zeal for the Lord and our fruitfulness in His service!

that we might embrace the challenge of such a production of books and reports, I propose that this conference appoint a committee to study the best to proceed, with respect to writing and financing these volumes. This need is not anything new. It is recognized by the whole constituency. We should no longer. Tomorrow may be late. Other productions should be considered, but rather than when this section of my address, I depend hereto further suggestions to the committee's consideration.*

Revival

Another challenge to our fellowship is revival. We all recognize the need. In many things we have become cold and indifferent. We believe the truth but fail to live it. In many cases doctrine has taken the place of life. Some of our people are saying very definitely that God will leave His church; let that number increase. This is the way most of the great revivals began. When a group of the faithful, burdened servants of the Lord begin to pour out their holy souls for a revival of spiritual life and fruitfulness, the answer will not be long in coming. This is a great challenge, for it demands getting right with God—every confessed sin and a complete surrender to the Lord. It means separation from every evil practice, and a holy reverence in word and deed. We grieve not His Holy Spirit. Revival will be the cure for most of our ills. It will instill love for one another. It will make us forbearing and considerate. It will cause us to recognize our responsibility to the world and fire us with a holy zeal for its purpose in this age. It will make sacrifice easy and burdens

We call upon our beloved church to make prayer for revival an outstanding request in every private and public prayer, that the churches cooperate in setting aside the 15th of each month for prayer, and that supplication for revival be made a part of each prayer day. We also call upon pastors and missionaries to emphasize this need of prayer for revival, and that we unitedly bring this great need to the throne of grace.

Discipline

Another very definite challenge to our fellowship is the matter of church discipline. In a group of churches such as ours, which believe and teach the *whole* Word of God, we dare not overlook the teaching of the Spirit in this matter. It is the Lord's provision for correcting abuse and sin and keeping His body clean and pure. The case recorded for us in the Corinthian epistles is a good example of the purpose of discipline—that the offending brother may be restored and his spirit saved in the day of Christ. What could be more refreshing than the verses in II Corinthians commending the church's action and advising the brother's forgiveness and restoration! The apostolic church was long distinguished for its stringent and corrective discipline.

Our denomination of a century ago most certainly went to excess in the matter of discipline, extending it to modes of dress and other nonessentials. This is probably one reason why we avoid the subject today. However, we cannot ignore the plain teaching of the Scriptures on this matter without creating other problems for our local bodies. Some of the present difficulties in local churches can undoubtedly be traced to laxity in this very important part

of congregational government.

There are a number of our pastors who are exercised about church discipline but are reluctant to approach it because of the equivocal nature of the Scripture passages dealing with it. In view, therefore, of the uncertainty and difference of understanding as to how best to put the teaching on the subject into practice, I propose that the conference appoint a committee of at least five brethren to study the whole matter of church discipline and to make definite suggestions for the guidance of pastors and churches. As long as we follow the Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we need not fear the excess which inevitably follows when such a delicate matter is exercised in the energy of the flesh.

National Conference

The final challenge of this address concerns our national conference. Our hearts were thrilled last year at the large attendance at the annual meeting. The Lord granted unto us that which, in several ways, was the greatest conference in a decade. There were real problems—but there was victory. That our yearly gatherings may continue to enjoy God's favor and blessing, I suggest consideration of these three things:

1. *Attendance.* Let each congregation strive to have a complete number of delegates and as many more of the Brethren attending as possible. In this way we show our interest for the whole program of the church, and our general vision will most certainly be enlarged.

2. *Program.* We are a Bible-loving and Bible-believing people. Our conference brings to us the best Bible teachers of the denomination. But in the rush of business and auxiliary meetings we unintentionally neglect attendance at the Bible ses-

sions. This hour should be the best-attended session of conference. Faithfulness to this hour would be rewarded by spiritual blessings. Often, by the guidance of His Spirit, He synchronizes His message through His servants to meet our need of the hour, thus providing grace and freedom for the business at hand. Business is important, but not to the exclusion of His message for our nation.

3. *Spiritual atmosphere.* This is the most important. With large numbers and much activity, we are likely to forget that we are doing business for the Lord, or in worshiping His feet. Quiet is needed to hear His voice. The officers of the conference are God's ministers to lead and direct His people, and we definitely suggest that these be annually inducted into office by appropriate installation service. Such a service for the spiritual leadership of the fellowship acknowledges our need of the Holy Spirit's guidance and presses upon these Brethren the solemn responsibilities to which they have been called.

Conclusion

Finally, beloved brethren, the hour is late. We live in a world of turmoil and increasing uncertainty when it is harder than ever to do God's will. But there is no uncertainty about God. His program does not change. His age-purpose is unaltered. He is still gathering out a people for His name. But surely the completion of His body cannot be far off. The shadows lengthen and "the time cometh when no man can work." Tomorrow may be too late! Tomorrow may be too late to serve Him, too late to sacrifice for Him. This is ours for service and sacrifice. Let us accept the challenges before us and go forth remembering that He hath said, "Behold, I come quickly."

my reward is with me. . . . Even come, Lord Jesus."

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS ON THE PRODUCTION OF DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

In the event that a popular or book history of the Brethren Church (similar to the volume by Winger on the Church of the Brethren) be decided upon, should not put forth an effort to effect a reprint of Elder Holsinger's "History of the Tunkers"?

If possible, should we not endeavor in obtaining the copyright of Elder Holsinger's "History of the Tunkers"? Possibly Elder Walter Waggoner could be of service to the church in this matter.

For historical and research purposes should not our church make available the Annual Minutes of our conferences from 1882 to the present?

Annuals for those early years are almost impossible to find. If making them complete be considered undesirable or impractical, then at least an abridgment could be made.

Several pastors have expressed a desire for a biography of Dr. L. Bauman. The story of this outstanding elder of the church and his contributions, especially to the Grace Church, certainly merits permanent record for the inspiration of our younger men, and as a witness for

the Brethren Church in the interdenominational field in which Dr. Bauman was well known.

5. Do we not need a small volume on who the Brethren are and what they practice, for free distribution by members of our churches? Brother Grubb's tract is excellent, and also Brother Kent's, but we need something a little more substantial. These could be used as a foundation to give us an illustrated, attractive little volume, with a catchy title, to include a brief history of the church, our doctrinal position and distinctive ordinances, and an account of our world ministry. To catch the eye and induce reading, maybe it should begin with some timely subject such as the return of the Lord. It might include a list of the larger churches, especially those in major cities, and then solicit requests from readers for addresses of churches in their localities. Immediate translation into Spanish, French, and so forth, would assist our missions in other lands.

6. Possibly this whole subject demands a committee on literature to classify, correlate, and present a program for the production of Brethren literature. Certainly there is too much for 1 year, maybe even for 5 years. The matter of writing and financing must also be studied. Or does this matter belong to an already existing board? Even though it does not, it could become the work of one of the boards.

BUSINESS SESSIONS OF THE 1952 BRETHREN CONFERENCE

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Tuesday, August 19, 1952

The business session convened with prayer by Alva J. McClain, and the singing of "He Leadeth Me" followed. The Membership Committee read the initial report of delegates as follows: ministerial, 131; lay, 254; for a total of 385, as compared with 113 ministerial and 265 lay, totaling 378, last year at the opening session.

Conference amended the motion to seat the delegates named in this report of the Membership Committee to provide that the names of all "alternate" delegates be referred back to the committee.

Conference officially seated the delegates reported.

Conference proceeded to organize, under the direction of the Rules and Organization Committee.

Conference voted to suspend the rules and declare the second highest for the office of secretary be declared elected as assistant secretary.

The secretary was authorized to cast a unanimous vote for W. V. Findley for treasurer, as he was the only nominee for the office.

Conference adjourned, with the closing prayer being offered by George Richardson.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

Wednesday, August 20, 1952

The Membership Committee read an additional report, to wit: 4 ministerial and 18 lay credentials for a total of 407 delegates. This report was adopted and these additional delegates were seated.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Rules and Organization Committee reported on the election of officers as follows: Moderator, Ar-

nold Kriegbaum; secretary, Clyde Landrum; assistant secretary, James D. Hammer; treasurer, W. V. Findley; statistician, C. S. Zimmerman; Committee on Committees, George O'Neal, W. A. Ogden, James Di-

Conference voted that the highest nominees for vice moderator be voted on, since there was no election for this office. These were William Schaffer and William Stearns. Conference elected William Schaffer as vice moderator.

The Executive Committee read the following agenda: Wednesday—Report of Brethren Sunday School Board, report of the statistician, report of Board on Ministerial Relations and Insurance. Thursday—Report of the Board of Evangelism, report of the Radio Board, report of the Committee on Denominational Interrelations. Friday—Report of the Committee on Resolutions, report of the Youth Fellowship, report on the Committee on the Moderator's Address. Saturday—Report of the treasurer, report of the Committee on Finance, report of the auditing committee, report of the new Executive Committee, report of the Membership Committee (final), fixing of time and place of 1953 conference.

The following report by the Auditing Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES.

August 20, 1952

The financial records of the following incorporated boards and committees of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches have been audited and found to be correct with balances verified by bank statements.

The Conference Treasurer.
The Youth Council.
The Brethren Youth Fellowship.
The Board of Evangelism.
The National Sunday School Board.

(Signed) C. S. Zimmerman, Chairman.
(Signed) James D. Hammer.
(Signed) Chester McCall.

statistician read the following
which was adopted:

T OF THE STATISTICIAN OF THE
ONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN
RCHES, YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,

| Districts | | |
|--------------|------------|--|
| No. Churches | Membership | |
| 9 | 1,674 | |
| 26 | 5,236 | |
| 26 | 3,061 | |
| 26 | 4,076 | |
| 6 | 769 | |
| 8 | 527 | |
| 15 | 2,444 | |
| 6 | 899 | |
| 10 | 1,556 | |
| 132 | 20,242 | |

| Membership | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--|
| Membership reported last year.. | 20,111 | |
| Better | 348 | |
| Baptism | 1,328 | |
| ..... | 300 | |
| al additions | 1,976 | |
| etter | 550 | |
| death | 134 | |
| dismissal | 66 | |
| all revision | 1,095 | |
| al losses | 1,845 | |
| in | 131 | |
| membership | 20,242 | |

| Services | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| | Ave. Att. | |
| g worship services | 14,170 | |
| g worship services | 9,022 | |
| k prayer meetings | 4,574 | |
| -evangelistic | 7,642 | |
| onference | 4,242 | |
| ..... | 2,299 | |
| nion services | 8,370 | |

| Auxiliary Organizations | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|--|
| le School— | | |
| e Roll, 1-3 years | 1,891 | |
| ners, 4-5 years | 2,529 | |
| ary, 6-8 years | 3,123 | |
| r, 9-11 years | 3,119 | |
| mediate, 12-14 years | 2,116 | |
| r, 15-17 years | 1,723 | |
| g People, 18-24 years | 1,424 | |
| , 25 and up | 7,896 | |
| al enrollment | 23,821 | |
| rage Attendance | 16,779 | |
| Department enrollment | 221 | |
| ..... | Ave. Att. | |
| angelism | 1,648 | |
| acation Bible school | 8,751 | |
| hip societies | 1,834 | |
| s and girls' organizations— | | |
| n's Missionary Council | 2,348 | |
| hood of Mary and Martha .. | 1,354 | |
| s | 169 | |
| nd Boys' Organizations— | | |
| erhoods, or Magnify Clubs.. | 915 | |
| groups | 919 | |
| s | 169 | |

Properties and Valuations

| | Valuation |
|--|-------------|
| Church buildings | \$4,346,912 |
| Church equipment | 526,161 |
| Parsonages (no. properties, 62) | 563,275 |
| Other property (no. properties, 44) | 437,900 |
| Other investments | 68,112 |
| Net balance in treasury, less national offerings | 130,951 |
| Total assets | 6,073,311 |
| Less debts on church properties .. | 1,092,313 |
| Net worth | 4,980,998 |

Expenditures

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Pastor's salary— | |
| Paid by local church.. | \$285,841 |
| Paid by dist. miss. bd. | 13,010 |
| Paid by H. M. Council | 35,586 |
| Car allowance | 10,110 |
| Est. parsonage rental | 30,602 |
| Total paid pastor | \$375,149 |
| Other regular salaries paid | 88,627 |
| Current exp. (util., supplies, etc.) | 195,248 |
| Building debt payments | 199,297 |
| Improvements and equipment | 187,618 |
| Evangelistic serv. and Bible conf. | 37,510 |
| Bible school literature | 38,806 |
| Foreign missions— | |
| Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church | \$180,168 |
| Other | 9,468 |
| Total | 189,636 |
| Home Missions— | |
| Brethren Home Missions Council | \$142,549 |
| District mission board or council | 25,493 |
| Jewish missions | 11,661 |
| Other | 7,325 |
| Total | 187,028 |
| Educational— | |
| Grace Theological Seminary | \$47,301 |
| Other | 50,199 |
| Total | 97,500 |
| Publication— | |
| Brethren Missionary Herald Company ... | 4,116 |
| Other | 864 |
| Total | 4,980 |
| Youth Fellowships— | |
| Brethren National Youth Committee ... | \$2,686 |
| Other | 4,289 |
| Total | 6,975 |
| Other expenditures | 104,963 |
| Total expenditures | 1,713,337 |
| Balance in treasuries | 146,359 |

Percentages and Relationships

| | |
|--|--|
| Financial— | |
| \$1,713,337—Total annual expenditure—per capita, \$84.64. | |
| 1,227,218—Total spent for local use—per capita, \$60.63. | |
| 189,636—Total foreign mission offering—per capita, \$9.36. | |
| 187,028—Total home mission offering—per capita, \$9.24. | |
| 97,500—Total for educational purposes—per capita, \$4.81. | |

- 4,980—Total for publication—per capita, \$0.25.
- 14,674,725—Annual income at \$2.175 per breadwinner, based on 1/3 of membership, or 6,747 breadwinners. (Business Week, Dec. 8, 1951, stated the annual income for fully employed people averaged \$2.175 per person.)
- 1,467,472—Tithe of the estimated income of the breadwinner.
- 245,865—This represents the amount over the tithe given by the entire church based on annual expenditures.
- 2,945—Average salary of 112 known full-time pastors. This does not include car allowance (which only a few receive) nor parsonage rental value.

Attendance—

- 14,170—Average morning worship attendance—70 pct. of church membership.
- 9,022—Average evening worship attendance—45 pct. of church membership.
- 4,574—Average prayer meeting attendance—22 pct. of church membership.
- 7,642—Average revival meeting attendance—38 pct. of church membership.
- 4,242—Average Bible conference attendance—21 pct. of church membership.
- 8,370—Average communion service attendance—41 pct. of church membership.
- 131—Net gain in membership—7/10 pct. of 1951 membership (20,111).
- 1,976—New members gained—10 pct. of 1951 membership (20,111).
- 23,821—Enrollment in Bible school—118 pct. of church membership.
- 16,779—Average Bible school attendance—70 pct. of Bible school enrollment.
- 40,484—Should be enrolled in the Bible school for best evangelistic field.
- 60,726—Should be enrolled in the Bible school for the church to be reaching its constituency.
- 3,846—Potential WMC membership, based on estimated 1/3 of female membership of the church.
- 2,348—Average WMC attendance—61 pct. of potential.
- 2,901—Potential Brotherhood membership, based on 1/3 of male membership of the church.
- 915—Average Brotherhood attendance—31 pct. of potential.

Balancing the Bible School—

| Dept. | Actual
Enr'llm't | Stand.
Pct. | Balanced
Enr'llm't |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Beginner, 4-5... | 2,529 | 8 | 1,755 |
| Primary, 6-8... | 3,123 | 12 | 2,631 |
| Junior, 9-11... | 3,119 | 12 | 2,631 |
| Int'm'd'te, 12-14 | 2,116 | 12 | 2,631 |
| Senior, 15-17... | 1,723 | 12 | 2,631 |
| Y. People, 18-24 | 1,424 | 20 | 4,387 |
| Adult, 25 & up | 7,896 | 24 | 5,264 |
| Total | 21,930 | 100 | 21,930 |

Comparison

| Membership— | | | |
|------------------|-------|-------|--|
| Members added— | | | |
| | 1951 | 1952 | |
| By letter | 265 | 348 | |
| By baptism | 1,557 | 1,328 | |
| Other | 107 | 300 | |
| Total | 1,929 | 1,976 | |

Members lost—

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| By letter | 431 |
| By death | 125 |
| By dismissal | 127 |
| By roll revision | 611 |
| Total | 1,294 |
| Net gain | 635 |

Services—

| Average attendance— | |
|---|--------|
| Morning worship | 13,275 |
| Evening worship | 8,811 |
| Midweek prayer meet. | 3,124 |
| Revival-evangelistic .. | 8,219 |
| Bible conference | 4,099 |
| Other | 1,349 |
| Communion | 8,077 |
| Bible school | 15,824 |
| Child evangelism | 1,555 |
| D. V. B. S. | 7,127 |
| Fellowship societies .. | 1,752 |
| WMC | 1,742 |
| SMM | 1,109 |
| Brotherhoods or Magnify clubs | 643 |
| Boys groups | 696 |
| Bible school enrollment (by departments)— | |
| Cradle Roll, 1-3 years. | 1,605 |
| Beginners, 4-5 years.. | 2,074 |
| Primary, 6-8 years.... | 2,899 |
| Junior, 9-11 years.... | 2,906 |
| Int'm'd'te, 12-14 years | 1,882 |
| Senior, 15-17 years.... | 1,486 |
| Y. People, 18-24 years | 1,398 |
| Adult, 25 and up..... | 7,633 |

Total 22,041

The following resolution, proposed by Caleb Zimmerman, the national statistician, was adopted by conference:

Whereas, there are at least three conferences having their conferences before the close of the fiscal year, June 30 of each year, are unable to have a statistical report

Whereas, most of the remaining conferences have their conferences in July, making it almost impossible to get a proper statistical report, and

Whereas, the district statisticians, because of the lack of time, are unable to get accurate reports from the churches, and therefore necessary corrections when errors occur

Whereas, national conference has been moved to an earlier date, giving the national statistician inadequate time to prepare report for the conference, and to make proper corrections from the districts when corrections are necessary, and

Whereas, the statistical report is of great value to our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to be accurately compiled,

Whereas, in the study of the trends of our ranks it is not necessary to have data of such close date, and

Whereas, these trends are of such importance as to demand close study to require accurate compilation,

Let it here be resolved that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches shall make their financial and statistical year to be the calendar year instead of the present fiscal year, and that the statistical report cover the calendar year next preceding the conference

the National Fellowship of Brethren
be further resolved that the member
of the National Fellowship of
Churches be asked to have their
reports into the hands of the dis-
tatsician no later than January 31
ng the closing of the calendar year,
at the district statisticians be asked to
the national statistician the best con-
on possible in order to have an accu-
port.

otion prevailed that the dis-
ominees be elected to the Ex-
e Committee.
ference elected the following
stitute the Executive Commit-
atlantic, Kenneth Teague; Cali-
Archie Lynn, Charles Mayes,
O'Neal; Central, Ward Miller,
Steffler; East, Mark Malles,
t Crees; Iowa, Edward Bow-
Midwest, R. H. Kettell; North-
hio, J. L. Gingrich, H. E. Et-
Northwest, Russell Williams;
east, Galen Lingenfelter.
ference asked the Committee
mittees to name a Statistical
t Blank Revision Committee.
Board on Ministerial Relief
the following report, which was
ed:

ICIAL STATEMENT OF THE BOARD
N MINISTERIAL RELIEF, INC.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| carried forward, Aug. 16, | |
| | \$3,819.97 |
| d to Aug. 16, 1952 | 10,804.32 |
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| receipts | 14,624.29 |
| disbursements | 7,856.01 |
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| in checking account, Aug. | |
| 52 | 6,768.28 |
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| Breakdown of Expenditures | |
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| supplies | \$87.56 |
| expenses | 58.75 |
| payments | 120.00 |
| ent payments | 320.00 |
| ce payments | 3,198.62 |
| | 4,000.00 |
| aneous expenses | 71.08 |
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| | 7,856.01 |

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\$2,000 loan to the Jenners Brethren Church,
Jenners, Pa.
\$2,000 loan to the Patterson Park Brethren
Church, Dayton, Ohio.
\$6,768.28 in a checking account in the First
Bank of Berne.
\$12,768.28 actual cash value of our board's
assets.

The Committee on Committees re-
ported as follows and the report was
adopted:

Committee on Rules and Organiza-
tion—Henry Rempel, Charles Ash-
man, Jr., Robert D. Culver.

Resolutions—Russell Weber, Hill
Maconaghy, Harry Sturz.

Conference Minutes—J. L. Ging-
rich, Clyde K. Landrum, Conard
Sandy.

Committee on Moderator's Address
—George Richardson, Galen Lingen-
felter, Gilbert D. Engelman.

Finance—W. V. Findley, Al Wedin,
James Boyer.

Conference adjourned with prayer
by C. H. Ashman, Sr.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

Thursday, August 21, 1952

The moderator, Arnold Kriegbaum,
called the business session to order.
The Conference Membership Com-
mittee reported 9 additional lay de-
legates and these were seated by vote,
making a total of 416 delegates. One
alternate credential was read by the
committee and this delegate was
seated.

The minutes of the last meeting
were read and approved.

The Board on Ministerial Relief
presented the following nominees for
membership on this board: Charles
H. Ashman, Sr., P. J. Simmons, Wil-
liam Clough, and Clyde Landrum.
Conference elected the following to
membership on the Board on Minis-
terial Relief: Charles H. Ashman,
Sr., P. J. Simmons, and Clyde Lan-
drum.

The Radio Board presented the
following report, which was adopted:

THE GOSPEL TRUTH BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

Winona Lake, Indiana

July 1, 1951, to June 30, 1952

I certify that I have audited the books of the Gospel Truth Broadcasting Association for their fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and in my opinion, the following Financial Statement at June 30, 1952, and the Statement of Income and Expense, together with the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period starting July 1, 1951, and ending June 30, 1952, are correct.

Claude Longfellow,
Public Accountant.

Financial Statement

June 30, 1952

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|---|-----------------|
| Assets— | |
| Cash on hand—not deposited..... | \$0.00 |
| Cash in Lake City Bank | 891.49 |
| Total assets | 891.49 |
| Liabilities— | |
| Loans payable: | |
| Brethren Home Missions Council | \$2,150.00 |
| Bryson C. Feters | 1,000.00 |
| Total liabilities | 3,150.00 |
| Deficit: Excess of liabilities over assets | 2,258.51 |

Receipts and Disbursements

July 1, 1951, to June 30, 1952

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|---|-----------------|
| Receipts— | |
| Cash on hand, not deposited, 7-1-51 | \$0.00 |
| Cash in bank, 7-1-51 | 26.82 |
| Receipts—gifts | 3,530.61 |
| Total | 3,557.43 |
| Disbursements— | |
| Broadcasting time | 1,929.97 |
| Traveling expense—programs | 475.40 |
| Office payroll | 5.25 |
| Postage | 4.00 |
| Miscellaneous expense | 81.32 |
| Interest | 157.50 |
| Insurance | 12.50 |
| Total expenses | 2,665.94 |

Cash on hand and in bank, 6-30-52 891.49

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|---|---------------|
| Bank Reconciliation— | |
| Balance as shown on Lake City Bank Statement of June 30, 1952 | \$1,599.60 |
| Checks outstanding June 30, 1952: | |
| Check No. 527 | \$8.11 |
| Check No. 528 | 700.00 |
| | <u>708.11</u> |

Adjusted bank balance

Cash on hand, 6-30-52—not deposited

Cash on hand and in bank, 6-30-52 891.49

Income and Expense Statement

Receipts—gifts \$3,530.61

Disbursements for expenses
Excess of gifts over expenses

Conference voted continue the Radio Board for another that board being made up of the following: Henry Rempel, L. L. G and F. B. Miller.

Conference voted to refer the matter relating to the Committee on nominal interests to the committee on Committees.

Conference voted to authorize Committee on Expansion of the scope of the Brethren Ministry, revise, clarify, and expand the Manual of the Brethren Ministry and report back to conference.

The Committee on Committees reported the following, and the same was adopted: Committee on Denominational Interests—L. L. G, A. J. McClain, Herman Koon, E. Simmons, F. B. Miller, J. Barnard, W. A. Ogden; Auditing Committee—Frank Poland, E. Burns, Bruce Button.

Motion prevailed that that part of the report of the Committees dealing with statistical report blank revision be referred back to the Committee on Committees.

Conference voted to adjourn. Session was closed with prayer by Miles Taber.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

Friday, August 22, 1952

The business session was opened with prayer by Edward Lewis.

The Conference Membership Committee in its final report reported additional lay credentials for a total of 288 lay delegates and 2 ministerial delegates, bringing the ministerial total up to 137. This is a grand total of 425 delegates for the 1952 conference as compared with 420 for

Three alternate credentials submitted. All of these lay, clerical, and alternate delegates seated.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Committee on Committees reported as follows and the report was read by conference: Committee on Statistical Report Blank Revision S. Zimmerman, Clyde Balyo, Harker; Committee on Resolutions—Gene Farrell to replace Sturz.

Motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to make a study of forming a nominating committee and committee to report back to conference a system of nominating the members of our national conference so that it be referred to the Committee on Committees for immediate action.

Committee on Moderator's Address reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

The Committee on Moderator's Address wish to commend our retiring moderator, Orville D. Jobson, for his timely and encouraging message on "The Age-Purpose of the Church," in which he has challenged his listeners to "deeper spiritual growth, and greater wider evangelization, and that we continue to look forward to our annual gathering conference not merely for the purpose of settling differences, but for listening to the word of God expounded in our midst, and for planning for still greater advances in the Lord's service, and that we might heed the admonition that "tomorrow may be too late." We recommend that the address be published in the Brethren Missionary Herald and may become available to our entire membership.

On the basis of the suggestions made in the moderator's address, we look with favor upon and make the following recommendations to the conference:

That every church and its auxiliary organizations plan and participate in a real program of tract distribution, personal testimony, and witnessing.

That, because of the lack of available material regarding the history of the Brethren Church, at home and abroad, we take definite steps toward the writing and publishing of a full and complete history of the Brethren Church.

That, in view of the absence of any systematic work on the subject of Systematic

Theology in the field of Brethren publications, we encourage Dr. Alva J. McClain and other able men to publish their theological writings in permanent form.

4. That this conference appoint a committee to study how best to proceed with respect both to writing, publishing, and financing these needed volumes of history and theology. Suggestions made by our moderator on the production of these publications will be found appended to the moderator's address. We should delay no longer—"Tomorrow may be too late."

5. That we call upon our beloved church to make prayer for revival an outstanding request in every private and public prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Richardson.

Chairman.

Galen M. Lingenfelter,

G. D. Engelman.

The Committee on Divorce, Remarriage, and Church Membership reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE, REMARRIAGE, AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Introduction.

By way of introduction to this report it should be pointed out that the committee has recognized its responsibility as follows: (1) to restate the historic position of the Brethren Church on the subject; (2) to make further statement of the Bible teaching on the subject; and (3) to offer suggestions for some degree of uniformity in practice among our churches and pastors.

The committee's report is divided into 3 sections: (1) historic position, (2) doctrinal considerations, and (3) recommendations of procedure.

The report is partial since the section on doctrine is not completed.

The report, we believe, will fulfill the request for guidance until a fuller report can be made.

It should be pointed out that the section on "Recommendation of Procedure" is more a recognition of the practice which is already widespread among us than an origination of the committee.

I. The Historic Position.

The historic position of the Brethren Church with respect to divorce and remarriage is commonly understood as follows:

A. That there is but one Scriptural ground for divorce and remarriage, namely: proven marital unfaithfulness as set forth in Matthew 5:31-32; 19:8-9.

B. That the "innocent party" in such divorce and remarriage should be retained in church membership.

Note: It should be noted that ministers who performed such ceremonies were not to be criticized for doing so and that ministers who believed there were no Scriptural grounds for remarriage were not to be held in prejudice for refusing to perform such ceremonies.

II. The Doctrinal Considerations (not completed).

III. The Recommendation of Procedure.

Whereas an increasing number of persons

presenting themselves for membership in our Brethren churches are involved in divorce and remarriage; and

Whereas the problem is increasing within our membership; and

Whereas there is a widespread difference in practice of both churches and pastors in this regard which has resulted in numerous and insistent requests from both that some Scripturally consistent and practical policy be recommended by this conference; and

Whereas there is a remarkable degree of unity of conviction born of study of the Word on this subject among our pastors and teachers as discovered in a recent poll;

We, your committee, offer the following policy of procedure to the conference for its recommendation to the churches and pastors of our brotherhood for their guidance in solving their local problems:

First: That persons involved in divorce and remarriage be received into membership of the church the same as all others, namely, upon confession of faith in Christ as Saviour, baptism by triune immersion, and willingness to abide by the covenant of the church.

Second: That the leaders of the church and its auxiliary organizations be chosen from among those who have not become involved in divorce and remarriage, thus maintaining harmony with the New Testament teachings concerning the same, and the qualification for leaders as set forth in the following passages of Scripture: I Timothy 3:2, 12, and Titus 1:6.

Third: We further urge strongly, because of the great difficulty of determining guilt or innocence, that our ministers could better maintain their freedom to maintain the Biblical standards by declining to officiate at the marriage ceremony for any person whose former partner is still living.

Mark Malles,
Homer A. Kent,
Charles H. Ashman,
Alva J. McClain,
Harry Sturz,
Henry G. Rempel,
John M. Aeby,

Chairman.

A motion was made that we adopt this report.

A substitute motion was made that we receive, rather than adopt this report.

A substitute for the whole prevailed that we approve the report of the Committee on Divorce, Remarriage, and Church Membership.

The National Sunday School Board reported as follows, and the report was adopted with the further stipulation that this report be included in the minutes of national conference:

THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD 1951-52 REPORT

Activities—

1. The NSSB was well represented at the National Sunday School Convention in De-

troit last October, with 6 members at the 3-day sessions.

2. The NSSB conducted 51 Sunday rallies and conferences in churches following districts: Southeast, Atlanta, Northern Ohio, Central, Iowa, and Cal.

3. The NSSB published a monthly school page in the Brethren Missionary Herald, edited by Rev. Harold Etling, president of the board.

4. The executive committee held meetings: 1 in Akron and 1 in Washington.

5. Rev. Harold Etling and Rev. C. Merman met with the curriculum committee of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. to discuss publication of Sunday school literature.

6. The NSSB was represented on the program of 6 district conferences.

7. The NSSB requested 50¢ per member from our Sunday schools, churches and Sunday schools responding which we praise the Lord.

8. The NSSB conducted a week of school emphasis at Grace Seminary.

9. The NSSB conducted a panel discussion Tuesday afternoon, August 19, at the conference.

10. The NSSB presented its program for the year September 1952 through August 1953 at national conference Tuesday evening, August 19. Program: "Reaching Through Brethren Sunday Schools." September-October: "Recruiting." November: "Training." January - February: "Evangelizing." March-April: "Conferencing." May-June: "Strengthening." August: "Planning."

In order to facilitate this program churches and to help in every way the members of the NSSB plan to hold day school conferences in the local churches throughout this coming year. It is the hope of the board to concentrate on the churches, realizing that much can be accomplished this way. Three main emphases:

(1) arousing enthusiasm in the church evangelizing through the Sunday school, channeling them into the church; (2) utilizing the present existing organizational curriculum, seeking to utilize the abilities and talents in the best possible manner; (3) helping the local church to reorganize as deemed advisable.

The NSSB plans to place a full-time man in the field as soon as deemed advisable. Full cooperation of all our churches is needed to do this in the near future.

The NSSB will continue its research field of catechism and encourages both pastors and laymen to send suggestions, helps to any one of the members of the board.

The NSSB is continuing to cooperate with the Brethren Missionary Herald Company in the production and publication of school material.

The NSSB is initiating a monthly school paper with helps for superintendents and teachers. This paper will include the results of intensive research by the members of the board in the various fields of Sunday school departmentalization, curriculum, organization, etc. Rev. Harold Etling is the editor.

The NSSB expresses its sincere appreciation to all our churches for your prayerful and encouraging support of the past year. In order to continue to enlarge its field of operation, the board is requesting help as of last year, namely, 50¢

member of our Sunday schools, to be the treasurer, James Dixon, 3712 St. S. E., Washington, D. C. This is not to be misconstrued as an assessment, but a suggested amount to amortize expense.

NSSB suggests that every church seek a Sunday school conference this year that you feel free and encouraged to join the NSSB for help in the same. In order to compile a true picture of our school activities it is requested that a report of same be sent to the chairman of NSSB.

Incumbent officers were reelected to the executive committee of the conference. They are Rev. Harold Etling, president; C. S. Zimmerman, vice president; James G. Dixon, secretary-treasurer.

Financial Report

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| Contributions— | |
| Membership offerings | \$2,508.52 |
| Offerings | 625.99 |
| Incidental (inc. WMC, \$152.77; at Nat. Conf., \$141) | 412.29 |
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| | 3,546.80 |
| Disbursements— | |
| Expenses | \$1,387.57 |
| Salaries | 565.00 |
| Incidental | 155.51 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 2,108.08 |
| Balance— | |
| Balance | \$381.14 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 3,927.94 |
| Payments | 2,108.08 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance | 1,819.86 |

Respectfully submitted,
James G. Dixon,
Secretary-treasurer.

Conference elected the following members to the National Sunday School Board for a 3-year term: Sturz, Galen Lingenfelter, Myers, James Hammer.

A motion from the Committee on Appeal and Recommendation prevailed that we recommend to the National Fellowship of Brethren that the National Sunday School Board be authorized to solicit funds from our churches at the rate of 50c per enrolled member for Sunday schools.

A motion prevailed that the Committee on Divorce, Remarriage, and Church Membership be retained and authorized to bring in a complete report.

Conference elected the following members to the Board of Evangelism:

Joseph Dombek, Bryson Fetters, and William Fisher, each to serve for a period of 3 years.

The Board of Evangelism presented its report. Conference extended the time for 5 minutes.

Motion prevailed to amend the report of the Board of Evangelism by adding the name of the general secretary and the candidate secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church to the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade.

Conference extended the time 5 minutes.

A motion was made to refer the whole report back to the Board of Evangelism for clarification, to report tomorrow morning. (See minutes of Saturday's business session for the report.)

Substitute motion prevailed to refer back to the Board of Evangelism that portion of the report having to do with Ambassadors for Christ.

Committee on Committees reported as follows: Committee on Nominating Committee—C. H. Ashman, Sr., Robert Culver, John Aeby. The report was adopted.

Conference extended the time 5 minutes, which was used in discussion.

Conference adjourned.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, August 23, 1952

The business session was opened by the moderator, Arnold Kriegbaum.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on L. S. Bauman Memorial reported as follows, the report being adopted by conference:

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON L. S. BAUMAN MEMORIAL.

In order to establish a suitable memorial for the Rev. Louis S. Bauman, D. D., who

beyond most other men in the Brethren Church contributed to the new chapters of her missionary vision and denominational history, and who having "served his own generation by the will of God" for over 57 years, and "being dead yet speaketh," we recommend:

1. That an enlargement be made of Dr. Bauman's last photograph, that it be placed in a suitable frame, with a small memorial plate attached thereto, and that same be presented to Grace Theological Seminary, to be hung in a suitable place in that institution with appropriate ceremony.

2. That a memorial lectureship be established in Grace Theological Seminary for a period of 15 years, to be known as the "L. S. Bauman Memorial Lectureship." The details of this lectureship should be worked out with Grace Theological Seminary, but your committee makes the following additional suggestions:

(1) That the lectures be given annually for 15 years.

(2) That each course consist of not fewer than 4 lectures.

(3) That the time be set in November to correspond with Dr. Bauman's date of birth.

(4) That at least 8 of the 15 lecturers be members of the Brethren Church.

(5) That subjects be chosen within the range of Dr. Bauman's ministry, particularly in the fields of foreign missions, Biblical prophecy, denominational history, and theological education.

(6) That the lectures deemed of permanent value be printed in book form, and that all others be bound and cataloged in the seminary library.

(7) That the honorarium be set at \$200 for each course, plus expenses.

(8) To care for the financial obligations, an offering be taken each year on seminary evening at the conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, at which time this special project shall be emphasized.

Conference elected the following to the Brethren Youth Fellowship Board: Lee Jenkins, Ralph Colburn, Russell Ward, and Homer Kent, Jr., all to serve for 3-year terms.

The following financial report by the BYF was adopted:

BRETHREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

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|------------------------------|----------|
| Balance, Aug. 15, 1951 | \$92.86 |
| Receipts, 1952 | 933.32 |
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| | 1,026.18 |
| Disbursements | 902.79 |
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| Balance, Aug. 11, 1952 | 123.39 |

Motion prevailed to refer the report of the Committee on Nomination of Conference Officers to the standing Committee on Rules and Organization, to be reported back next year.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON CHANCE METHOD OF ELECTION OF CON- FERENCE OFFICERS.

The method of election of the officers of our National Fellowship is defined in Manual of Procedure as follows:

Manual of Procedure, chapter 1, part B: "Election. All officers shall be elected by ballot from nominations made in conference sessions. No person shall be eligible to election to the Moderator more often than once in three years. Elections shall be provided by the Committee on Rules and Organization."

In order to change this method it be necessary to change the constitution amendment, according to Manual of Procedure, chapter 1, article 7, as follows:

"Amendment. This Manual of Procedure may be amended at any regular session of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches by a two-thirds vote; and such rule by-laws may be reported and adopted at conference may direct; provided, however, that all proposed amendments and rule by-laws shall be referred to the standing Committee on Rules and Organization, at a later session be reported back to the conference for final adoption or rejection."

If this conference, in accordance with foregoing method of procedure, desire to make a change, we would suggest the following:

1. That the Committee on Constitution appoint a Nominating Committee and whose duties shall be to present a ballot of nominees, at least 2 for each officer elected.

2. That opportunity be given for additional nominations from the floor of conference.

Note: The committee does not look favor upon this proposed change. All problems involved in our present method of election were thoroughly studied when the Manual of Procedure was adopted re-

C. H. Ashman
Robert Culver
John Aebly.

The Resolutions Committee reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE TO THE 63D ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES.

We, the Resolutions Committee, appointed by the 63d annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, assembled at Winona Lake, Ind., do set forth the following resolutions:

I. Be it resolved that we praise our only Father for all His blessings upon us throughout this past year and during this conference. These blessings are especially seen in (1) the faith once for all delivered to the saints, which we have as our heritage, and which we as the Brethren Church do earnestly contend for; (2) the religious freedom we as citizens of this land enjoy; (3) the increase of converts on the home and foreign mission fields; (4) the evident blessing of God upon our work among the Navah Indians and Spanish Americans; (5) the group of young men and women who have gone out from Grace Theological Sem-

re the Lord in various places throughout the world; (6) the general growth of church, which is so evident in most of local congregations; (7) the blessings of conference as we have been privileged to enjoy them insofar as our God permitted us to have enjoyable weather throughout the year, and the spirit of unity which has been prominent in every phase of conference activity; and (8) that our churches continue to be used of God for the dissemination of the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible in these last days.

Be it also resolved that we commend following agencies and individuals for their splendid part in accomplishing the work of our God in these times:

The Brethren Home Missions Council, for their vision to launch out in meeting the challenge of God for the establishment of God-fearing, Christ-exalting Brethren churches throughout our land, and for men who are led of God to sacrifice for more lucrative opportunities to aid in the establishment of these churches.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church for their vision in sending missionaries in the faith that God will supply the financial need for them.

The National Sunday School Board in their tireless efforts to provide the Brethren Church with adequate material to develop and expand the greatest evangelistic department of the church.

All other auxiliary groups and organizations that have contributed to the spiritual growth of our denomination.

Those who have given of their money to make possible the largest offerings of our Brethren and foreign mission boards have ever received.

J. L. Gingrich, who this year has completed 25 years of faithful service as the secretary of this conference.

The Warsaw Times-Union, which has given us excellent coverage of the various sessions of our conference.

Be it further resolved that we again affirm and reaffirm the position we, as the Brethren Church, have held through the years in respect to the matter of nonresistance.

We believe that Romans 13:1-7 teaches that authority is ordained of God, and that as citizens of this land, we are to be in submission to the existing authority.

We also believe that the Scriptures teach that Christians are not to engage in carnal warfare, and so are not to participate in the conduct of life either in times of war or peace.

We further believe that where we, by our voice, time, money, and other ways, can minister to those in distress and suffering, especially those afflicted by the ravages of war, we ought to do so, recognizing that our government has provided this opportunity for us.

We urge that our pastors and churches continue to teach our position to our people, especially the young men who are directly affected by the demands of the government in times of war, and that those responsible for the examination of men for licensure or ordination examine each applicant carefully in this matter.

Be it also resolved that we reaffirm our position of the disapproval of, and opposition to, the National Council of Churches in Christ in America, the World Council of Churches, and various affiliates, and that we

declare that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is not, and never has been, a member of these organizations.

V. Finally, be it resolved that we recommend that our people continue to seek a genuine revival, recognizing that God has promised us blessings abundant if we measure up to His requirements for revival (II Chron. 7:14); that every pastor, leader, congregation, and organization be urged to seek such revival by earnest prayer and dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

That our people return to prayer generally, recognizing that we are to "pray without ceasing" and to "pray always," and that this return to prayer be definitely reflected in an increased attendance at our midweek prayer meetings, as well as at the other services of the church, viz., the evangelistic and communion services.

That a great volume of prayer be ascending to the throne of grace that our people shall give sacrificially during this coming year, to the end that all our young people who are called of the Lord to serve as missionaries may be sent forth sponsored by our Brethren mission agencies. We feel that God is honoring and blessing other mission boards, but we also feel that the first responsibility of Brethren people is to Brethren missions. We are confident that all our missionaries are teaching and preaching the entire Word of God as a message to all.

That our pastors and churches strive for unity and a sound Biblical position on the matter of divorce and remarriage, realizing that this is a grave and serious problem in our times.

That this conference go on record as opposing a Presidential appointment or other appointment of an ambassador of the United States to the Vatican, and that we believe in the separation of state and church.

Finally, that the aforementioned resolutions be considered vital, and that we do all in our power to accomplish the same, realizing that "tomorrow may be too late."

Russel H. Weber,
Chairman,
Hill Maconaghy,
Gene Farrell.

The Committee on Committees reported as follows and the report was adopted:

Committee on Brethren Publications—Conard Sandy, Miles Taber, Leo Polman; Conference Membership Committee—William Schaffer, Homer Kent, Jr., Blaine Snyder, Leslie Moore, R. H. Kettell, Robert Holmes, Dennis Holliday.

The Board of Evangelism reported as follows and conference adopted this report:

THE BRETHREN UNITED EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

I. Goal—20,000 definite souls won for Christ. One soul for every present member of the Brethren Church.

II. One efficient campaign for souls in

every Brethren Church every year that will reach every soul in the community with definite personal soul-winners.

III. Tent and tabernacle campaigns in every field possible to reach the unsaved in building a greater Brethren Church swiftly before our Lord returns.

IV. United Brethren campaigns in every section where 2 or more Brethren churches are in the field.

V. The administration of this program is to be sponsored by the Board of Evangelism, but will be placed in the hands of "The Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade" Committee. The Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade Committee consists of 2 members of the Board of Evangelism, 2 members of the Brethren Lay Evangelistic Foundation, 2 members of the national laymen's organization, and 1 member of the Home Missions Council. This also means full cooperation in the matter of pooling funds of present organizations and leaving only the crusade committee sponsored by the Board of Evangelism as promoting evangelism in the name of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

VI. Finances to carry on this work to be realized through the presentation of the project through the columns of the Brethren Missionary Herald and through a more personal contact with all our pastors and laymen by mail and rallies.

VII. Personnel—the basic consideration of this entire program is that Brethren evangelists shall be used exclusively. We cannot expect those who are not Brethren to build up the Brethren Church.

Motion prevailed that a copy of the resolutions be sent to the proper officials of all organizations mentioned in the report.

Motion prevailed to accept the contract with the Winona Lake Christian Assembly to rent the grounds next year for \$500 and to hold conference next year from August 24 through August 30.

The treasurer reported as follows and the report was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT OF 1951 CONFERENCE

August 22, 1951, to July 31, 1952

Receipts—

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| Received from former treasurer .. | \$738.44 |
| Aug. 27, 1951—Monday evening offering | 143.40 |
| Aug. 27, 1951—Credential fees | 426.40 |
| Aug. 28, 1951—Credential fees | 628.49 |
| Aug. 29, 1951—Credential fees and offering | 103.69 |
| Aug. 30, 1951—Credential fees and offering | 231.56 |
| Aug. 31, 1951—Offering | 66.62 |
| Sept. 1, 1951—Offering | 121.85 |
| Sept. 1, 1951—Credential fees | 1.50 |
| Sept. 4, 1951—Offering, Saturday evening, Sunday morning, and Sunday evening | 378.16 |

March 4, 1952—For Gospel Truth radio program

Total receipts to July 31, 1952 .. 2,841.40

Disbursements—

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| Aug. 31, 1951—Russell L. Williams, statistician expense | \$1.00 |
| Aug. 31, 1951—Rohrer Ptg. Co., ministerial and lay credentials, \$9.00, ballots, \$5.25, stamped govt. envelopes, \$6.00 | 24.25 |
| Aug. 31, 1951—Jos. L. Gingrich, honorarium and expense | 1.00 |
| Aug. 31, 1951—Edson Moyer, signs | 1.00 |
| Aug. 31, 1951—Russell L. Williams, honorarium | 2.00 |
| Aug. 31, 1951—Ned Collingridge, honorarium | 2.00 |
| Aug. 31, 1951—Charles Bergerson, honorarium | 2.00 |
| Aug. 31, 1951—H. H. Etling, expense, \$4.79, honorarium, \$50.00 | 54.79 |
| Aug. 31, 1951—Winona Lake Assembly, rental | 41.00 |
| Sept. 6, 1951—W. C. Fisher, honorarium, stenographic help to secretary | 1.00 |
| Sept. 8, 1951—Foreign Missionary Society, envelope in Saturday evening offering marked for foreign missions | 1.00 |
| Sept. 29, 1951—Gospel Truth Broadcasting Assn., payment on radio debt | 1.00 |
| Oct. 15, 1951—Missionary Herald Co., 750 copies statistical report .. | 1.00 |
| Jan. 29, 1952—Missionary Herald Co., space in annual | 51.00 |
| Feb. 2, 1952—Gospel Truth Broadcasting Assn., payment on radio debt | 41.00 |
| July 14, 1952—Gospel Truth Broadcasting Assn., balance on radio debt | 11.00 |

Total disbursements to July 31, 1952

Recapitulation—

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| Total receipts to date | \$2,841.40 |
| Total disbursements to date | \$2,747.29 |
| Balance in bank | 97.82 |

Total

W. V. Findley, treasurer

Conference adopted the treasurer supplemental report which follows

TREASURER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF 1952 CONFERENCE

August 1, 1952, to August 23, 1952

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| Aug. 1, 1952—Balance in bank, 1st Nat., Warsaw, Ind. | \$1.00 |
| Aug. 19, 1952—Credential fees ... | 7.00 |
| Aug. 19, 1952—Monday evening offering | 1.00 |
| Aug. 20, 1952—Credential fees | 9.00 |
| Aug. 20, 1952—Tuesday evening offering | 1.00 |
| Aug. 21, 1952—Credential fees | 1.00 |
| Aug. 21, 1952—Wednesday evening offering | 1.00 |
| Aug. 22, 1952—Credential fees | 1.00 |

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| Aug. 22, 1952—Friday evening offering | 118.51 |
| Total | 2,308.45 |
| Note: Thursday's offering went to Grace Ministry. | |
| Disbursements— | |
| Aug. 20, 1952—J. L. Gingrich, honorarium and expense | \$57.51 |
| Aug. 20, 1952—C. S. Zimmerman, musician's expense: stencil and paper, \$17.50; mimeographing, \$5.50; envelopes, 50c; postage, \$19; telephone and telegrams, \$37 | 44.06 |
| Aug. 20, 1952—Russell Ward, honorarium | 20.00 |
| Aug. 20, 1952—Charles Bergerson, honorarium | 15.00 |
| Aug. 20, 1952—C. S. Zimmerman, honorarium | 25.00 |
| Aug. 20, 1952—Gerald Polman, honorarium and expense | 65.50 |
| Aug. 20, 1952—Winona Lake Assembly, rental | 500.00 |

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| Aug. 22, 1952—Edson Moyer, signs | 24.00 |
| Aug. 22, 1952—Missionary Herald Co., gift to J. L. Gingrich, retiring secretary for 25 years faithful service | 20.00 |
| Aug. 22, 1952—Charles Bergerson, balance honorarium | 5.00 |
| | 776.07 |
| Balance in 1st Nat. Bank, Warsaw, Ind. | 1,532.38 |
| Total | 2,308.45 |
| W. V. Findley, treasurer. | |

Conference extended the time 5 minutes.

Conference extended the time an additional 10 minutes.

Conference adjourned *sine die*. The closing prayer was offered by J. Lincoln Oliver.

DEVOTIONAL SESSIONS OF THE 63D ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday Evening, August 18, 1952

The 63d annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches convened at Winona Lake, Minn., August 18, 1952, at 7:15 p.m., with the singing of "Standing on the Promises," conducted by Russell Ward, with Charles Bergerson preparing at the piano.

In the absence of Moderator Orville Jobson, now in Africa as a missionary, Vice Moderator Arnold Kriegbaum, officially declared the conference in session. The Brethren Challenge Hour, devoted to the laying on of the Fellowship, was presided over by O. E. Hacker. Earle Cole invoked God's blessing upon the evening service. II Timothy 2:1-13 was read by O. E. Hacker. Neil Carey presented the program of the national brethren's fellowship. The song service was introduced with "Revive Us Again." The ladies trio from the Foster Brethren Church sang "He's One I Love." Devotions were conducted by James Dixon, who read Colossians 3:1-10 and offered prayer. The evening offering was received, amounting to \$117.82.

A challenging keynote message entitled, "Tomorrow May Be Too Late," was presented by L. L. Grubb.

Tuesday Morning, August 19, 1952

"Take the Name of Jesus With You" was sung as conference began the day, which featured the National Sunday School Board and the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. Leo Polman read Colossians 1:1-29 and invoked divine guidance upon this next session of conference. The song, "Near to the Heart of God," was fervently sung, which prepared a spiritual atmosphere for the reading of the moderator's address. Vice Moderator Arnold Kriegbaum presented Alva J. McClain, who read the moderator's address as prepared by Orville Jobson. Tape-recorded greetings were presented prior to the reading of the address.

Tuesday Afternoon, August 19, 1952

Harold Etling presided over the Sunday school rally of the afternoon. Scripture was read by C. S. Zimmerman and Leon Myers led in prayer. A very interesting panel discussion

was conducted, emphasizing the various aspects of Sunday school work. Harold Etling concluded with prayer.

Tuesday Evening, August 19, 1952

"Bringing in the Sheaves" was sung as conference convened for the period devoted to foreign missions. Charles Mayes offered the opening prayer. R. D. Barnard presided, and presented the following missionaries, who spoke briefly: Mrs. Rose Foster and Mrs. Minnie Kennedy.

The song, "Sweeter as the Years Go By," was announced as the Brethren Missionary Herald Company Corporation convened.

Conference worshiped by presenting the evening offering, which amounted to \$133.80.

The closing hour of the day was the Sunday School Inspiration Hour. Lester Pifer led in prayer. C. S. Zimmerman presided over the session. Various speakers emphasized peculiar needs of the Sunday school. C. S. Zimmerman pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday Morning, August 20, 1952

"Is It the Crowning Day?" introduced the Bible hour. Morning devotions were conducted by Nathan Meyer, who read I Thessalonians 4:13, Matthew 24:21, Zechariah 14:1-9, and led in prayer.

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" was sung as hearts were prepared for the Bible Prophetic Hour, at which time Lewis Hohenstein delivered a prophetic message on the theme, "The Practical Use of the Prophetic Word." Conference joined in singing, "Is Your All on the Altar?"

Wednesday Evening, August 20, 1952

Conference Song Leader Russell Ward led in the introductory song

service of the evening. L. L. Gr opening the Home Missions Insp tional Hour, introduced Gene Fa Gerald Polman, and Sam Hor who spoke on their various wo Ralph Colburn introduced a g of Bethany Camp young people, brought special music.

Forest Lance read II Corinth 4:1-18 and led in prayer.

In the absence of the moder Vice Moderator Arnold Kriegb spoke and presented J. L. Ging who installed the new officers. new moderator, Arnold Kriegb then spoke and presented a se "The Expositor's Bible" to J Gingrich, the retiring secretary recognition of his 25 years of fait service in this office.

Gerald Polman presided as evening offering was received, w offering amounted to \$100.94.

Gordon Bracker brought a g message on the subject, "Ready day."

Thursday Morning, August 21, 1952

The Bible hour was opened v the singing of "Let the Beauty Jesus." Foster Tresise read II T othy 2 and led in the opening pra Jesse Hall brought a very wo while message, speaking on the s ject, "The Christian Life."

Thursday Evening, August 21, 1952

Russell Ward led in the singin several hymns and choruses to o the evening service. Russell E nard presented Herman Koontz, v led in prayer. Miss Estella M spoke briefly on translation worl Africa.

"Sweeter as the Years Go By" sung to open the song service p paratory to the Grace Semin Rally. James Hammer read II T othy 3:16-4:8 and led in prayer.

Clain spoke briefly. W. A. Ogbooke on the financial needs of Seminary, presiding as a speaker. The offering was received for the . The offering amounted to .77. The meeting was closed by prayer.

Monday Morning, August 22, 1952

Bible hour was in charge of Vice moderator, William Schaffer. The opening song was "We're Singing to Zion." Kenneth Teague read Corinthians 9:1-14 and led in . A beautiful and well-prepared vocal duet entitled, "Good Morning and Good Morning," was prepared by Charles Bergerson and Al Ward. Archie Lynn brought a very practical and worth-while message on "Stewardship."

Monday Evening, August 22, 1952

"For a Thousand Tongues" was the opening song for the evening service, of which Vice Moderator William Schaffer was in charge. Al Grubb was in charge of the Missions Challenge Hour. He presented different home missionaries, who spoke on their various

offerings, amounting to \$118.51, received.

For Meyers read the Scripture which was taken from Acts

Maconaghy brought a thrilling missionary message, using the subject "The Master's Business Requirement." The meeting closed with singing of "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Monday Morning, August 23, 1952

Bible hour was opened with singing of the fine hymn, "At the Cross." Russell Williams read the Scripture and led in prayer.

The Bible message was brought by Robert Cessna on the subject of "Missions."

Saturday Evening, August 23, 1952

John Neely led in singing the hymn, "Grace Greater Than Our Sin," as the Grace Seminary Alumni Association presented a rally, Harold Etling presiding. Edward Lewis led in the opening prayer. Testimonies of the value of Grace Seminary training and its influence in the ministry were given by a number of alumni. Some of the newly elected alumni officers were introduced. Miss Ruth Moine closed the service with a special musical number.

The Youth Council had charge of the second portion of the service, with Youth Director Ralph Colburn leading. Kenneth Ashman led in the singing of several choruses, followed by individual and group musical numbers and testimonies. Gerald Polman was in charge as an offering of \$149.29 was presented. The service closed with other numbers by the Camp Bethany group.

Sunday Morning, August 24, 1952

The Lord's Day services began with a praise and prayer fellowship at 8 o'clock.

Sunday school convened at 9 o'clock under the direction of Harold Etling, who led in the singing of a number of songs. Frank Poland led in prayer and made necessary announcements. Robert Messner rendered a special vocal number, after which the Sunday school lesson was presented by Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy, both of whom brought greetings from the work in Argentina. The adults met in the Auditorium, the young people at Camp Bethany, and the children in the Music Hall. The attendance was 531

and the offering was \$129.39. A number of announcements brought the Sunday school to a close.

The morning worship period began at 10:30 o'clock with Herman Koontz in charge. Leo Polman opened the service by leading the congregation in the singing of the Doxology, following which Herman Koontz led in prayer. Sewell Landrum read the morning Scripture lesson, followed by the singing of the old hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and prayer by Arthur Cashman. Russell Barnard presented a number of veteran and new missionaries who were appropriately dedicated, with Charles Mayes reading Acts 13:1-5 and Alva J. McClain offering the dedicatory prayer. The morning offering, amounting to \$143.10, was then received. Following a special musical number by Leo and Leila Polman, George Richardson brought a challenging message, urging his hearers to win souls for Christ now for "tomorrow may be too late." The service was brought to a close with the singing of "Near to the Heart of God."

Sunday Afternoon, August 24, 1952

The 2:30 combined home and foreign missions rally was directed jointly by L. L. Grubb and R. D. Barnard. "We're Marching to Zion" was sung in a spirited manner under the leadership of Leo Polman. John Zielasko led in the opening prayer. At this juncture in the rally Charles Taber, missionary under appointment to Africa, was ordained.

Ministers taking part in this impressive service of ordination were Charles Mayes, A. J. McClain, William Gray, and R. D. Barnard.

L. L. Grubb presented a number of home missionaries, who gave testimonies concerning the blessing of the Lord in their respective fields. R. D. Barnard presented five missionaries and candidates, some of whom gave testimonies. The service was brought to a close with the singing of the hymn, "Rescue the Perishing," and with the closing prayer by John Aebly.

Sunday Evening, August 24, 1952

The Sunday evening service began at 7:30 o'clock with Moderator Arnold Kriegbaum presiding. Charles Ashman, Jr., led in the singing of "Standing on the Promises" and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." There were several testimonies from folks in the congregation. A pleasant surprise to all was the appearance on the program of the Erie Jubilee Singers, who sang 2 spirituals. Dr. James Boyer read the Scripture lesson, taken from I Corinthians 4 and 5, and then led in prayer.

Moderator Kriegbaum presided at the receiving of the evening offering which amounted to \$64.03. A. J. McClain preached the evening sermon, a stirring and timely prophetic message. After the singing of "We'll Returneth" the conference was brought to a close with prayer by Paul R. Bauman.

District Conference Organizations

THE ATLANTIC FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

1953 conference will be held Elmer Tamkin.

Winchester, Va.

Young People's Committee

Chairman—Kenneth Teague.

Moderator—Leon Myers.

Secretary—Clarence H. Lackey.

Assistant Secretary—Miss Mabel
Haldson.

Chairman—Elmer Tamkin.

Secretary—Kenneth Kohler.

National Executive Committee—
Kenneth Teague.

Ministerial Examining Board

All regular pastors of the district.

Powell's Fort Valley Camp Representative

Committee on Committees

Dick.

Aeby.

Lepp.

Paul E. Dick.

Cooperating Churches

Credential Committee

Myers.

Frye.

King.

Alexandria, Va. — Commonwealth
Avenue Brethren.

Allentown, Pa.—First Brethren.

Baltimore, Md.—Bible Brethren.

Hagerstown, Md.—Grace Brethren.

Martinsburg, W. Va.—Rosemont
Brethren.

Leitz.

Wood.

Lackey.

Philadelphia, Pa.—First Brethren.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Third Brethren.

Seven Fountains, Va.—Trinity
Brethren.

Chairman's Address Committee

Gray.

Washington, D. C.—First Brethren.

Winchester, Va.—First Brethren.

BRETHREN CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA

Executive Committee

Chairman—Lyle Marvin.

Moderator—Henry Rempel.

Secretary—Kenneth Drennon.

Chairman—Clifford Yocky.

Secretary—John Suiter.

Edward Ross ('54).

William McPheeters ('55).

Joseph Hoffman ('56).

E. L. Culp ('57).

District Mission Board

President—William Garber ('53).

Vice President—Walter McPheeters
('54).

Secretary—Henry Rempel ('55).

Board of Trustees

Trustees ('53).

Treasurer—Joseph Hoffman ('54).
 Financial Secretary—Lee Brisby.
 George Richardson ('55).
 Orville Lorenz ('55).
 James Beatty ('54).
 Kenneth Drennon ('54).
 Archie Lynn ('53).
 Adam Rager ('53).
 Leo Polman ('53).
 R. F. Kelly ('55).
 Charles Willard ('55).
 William Garber ('53).
 Edmund Hastings ('53).

*National Fellowship Executive
 Committee Representatives*

Charles W. Mayes.
 Glenn O'Neal.
 Archie Lynn.

Young People's Activity Committee

Lyle Marvin (president).
 Henry Rempel.
 Eva Suiter.
 Nelson Hall.
 Elaine Polman.
 Wayne Flory.

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. Charles Mayes, 1920
 E. Fifth St., Long Beach 12.
 Vice President—Mrs. J. R. Hoffman,
 2132 W. 75th St., Los Angeles 47.
 Secretary—Mrs. Adam Rager, 21715
 S. Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk.

Treasurer—Mrs. Beulah Will
 1226 E. 57th St., Long Beach.
 Sisterhood Patroness—Mrs. D.
 Reuter, 1902 W. 91st Pl., Los
 Angeles.

Cooperating Churches

Artesia—Carson Avenue Brethren.
 Beaumont—Cherry Valley Brethren.
 Bell—Bell Brethren.
 Bellflower—First Brethren.
 Chico—Grace Brethren.
 Compton—First Brethren.
 Fillmore—First Brethren.
 Glendale—First Brethren.
 La Crescenta—Mountain Brethren.
 La Verne—First Brethren.
 Long Beach—First Brethren.
 Long Beach—Second Brethren.
 Los Angeles—First Brethren.
 Los Angeles—Second Brethren.
 Los Angeles—Third Brethren.
 Modesto—Brethren Christian Church.
 Modesto—La Loma Grace Brethren.
 San Diego—First Brethren.
 San Bernardino—Arrowhead
 Brethren.
 Seal Beach—First Brethren.
 South Gate—First Brethren.
 South Pasadena—Fremont
 Brethren.
 South San Gabriel—Grace Brethren.
 Temple City—Temple City
 Brethren.
 Tracy—First Brethren.
 Whittier—Community Brethren.
 Whittier—First Brethren.

CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF BRETHERN CHURCHES

The 1953 conference will be held at
 the Winona Lake Brethren Church,
 Winona Lake, Ind., July 20-23.

Executive Committee

Moderator—Ward A. Miller.
 Vice Moderator—James D. Hammer.
 Secretary—Robert W. Betz.

Assistant Secretary—Charles
 ner.
 Treasurer—Roy H. Kinsey.
 Assistant Treasurer—Owen H.
 Statistician—Caleb S. Zimmer.
 Assistant Statistician—Clark S.
 Members at Large—William A.
 fier, Herman W. Koontz.

National Conference Executive Committee

A. Miller.
 am A. Steffler.

Committee on Committees

ey Miller.
 Gehman.
 an W. Koontz.

Ministerial Examining Board

Gehman ('55), president.
 am A. Steffler ('54).
 an W. Koontz ('53), secretary.

District Ministerium

man—Clyde G. Balyo.
 Chairman—Caleb S. Zimmer-
 n.
 tary-Treasurer—Clair Brickel.
 ant Secretary-Treasurer—Ar-
 r Collins.

District Mission Board

man—William A. Steffler.
 pastor and one layman from
 n congregation.

Women's Missionary Council

lent—Mrs. Robert Boone, 603
 smoor Ave., Ft. Wayne 6, Ind.
 President—Mrs. Irene Betz,
 D. Box 21, Camden, Ohio.
 tary-Treasurer—Mrs. Ralph
 umerman, 36 Wampler Ave.,
 rton 5, Ohio.
 r Chairman—Mrs. C. S. Zim-
 man, 2942 Dwight Ave., Day-
 10, Ohio.
 Patroness—Miss June Bowser,
 R. 2, Box 135, Brookville, Ohio.
 ant SMM Patroness—Mrs.
 a Koontz, Winona Lake, Ind.

District Youth Committee

man—Lee Jenkins ('55).

Vice Chairman—James D. Hammer
 ('54).

Secretary—Robert W. Betz ('54).

Treasurer—Charles Turner ('53).

Member at Large—Ward A. Miller
 ('55).

Auditing Committee

Arthur F. Collins.
 Roy H. Kinsey.
 Richard DeArmey.

Cooperating Churches

Alto, Mich.—Calvary Brethren.
 Berne, Ind.—Bethel Brethren.
 Berrien Springs, Mich.—Grace
 Brethren Tabernacle.
 Camden, Ohio—First Brethren.
 Clay City, Ind.—First Brethren.
 Clayhole, Ky.—Clayhole Brethren.
 Clayton, Ohio—First Brethren.
 Covington, Ohio—First Brethren.
 Dayton, Ohio—Bethany Brethren.
 Dayton, Ohio—First Brethren.
 Dayton, Ohio—North Riverdale
 Brethren.
 Dayton, Ohio—Patterson Park
 Brethren.
 Flora, Ind.—Grace Brethren.
 Fort Wayne, Ind.—First Brethren.
 Huntington, Ind.—Grace Brethren.
 Jackson, Mich.—Grace Brethren.
 Lake Odessa, Mich.—Grace Breth-
 ren.
 Leesburg, Ind.—Leesburg Brethren.
 New Troy, Mich.—New Troy Breth-
 ren.
 Osceola, Ind.—Bethel Brethren.
 Ozark, Mich.—Ozark Grace Breth-
 ren.
 Peru, Ind.—Peru Brethren.
 Sharpsville, Ind.—Grace Brethren.
 Sidney, Ind.—Sidney Brethren.
 South Bend, Ind.—Sunnymede
 Brethren.
 Troy, Ohio—First Brethren.
 Winona Lake, Ind.—Winona Lake
 Brethren.

EAST FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

Next conference will be held the last full week in July at the Meyersdale Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

Executive Committee

Moderator—Mark E. Malles, 2934 Maple Ave., Altoona, Pa.

Vice Moderator—Paul L. Mohler, Listie, Pa.

Secretary—Fred Wm. Walter, Aleppo, Pa.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Fred Wm. Walter, Aleppo, Pa.

Treasurer—Sheldon Snyder, 609 26th St., Altoona, Pa.

Statistician—Willard Gates, Woodburg, Pa.

Members at Large—Phillip Simmons, Gordon Bracker.

Committee on Committees

W. A. Ogden.

Wayne Baker.

Clyde K. Landrum.

Credential Committee

Paul L. Mohler.

Clair Gartland.

Sheldon Snyder.

Resolutions Committee

Robert Crees.

U. L. Gingrich.

Miss Rose Snyder.

Rules and Organization Committee

Clyde K. Landrum.

W. A. Ogden.

Leslie Moore.

Auditing Committee

Warren F. Baith.

Carl Uphouse.

Gerald Teeter.

Youth Committee

Mark Malles ('55).

W. A. Ogden ('55).

John Neely ('54).

Phillip J. Simmons ('53).

Clair Gartland ('53).

Ministerial Examining Board

Clyde K. Landrum ('55).

G. W. Bracker ('54).

W. A. Ogden ('53).

Moderator's Address Committee

Wayne Baker.

Phillip J. Simmons.

Homer Lingenfelter.

Committee on Evangelism

John Neely.

Ralph Hall.

Stanley F. Hauser.

District Ministerium

President—Clair Gartland.

Vice President—Mark E. Malles.

Secretary - Treasurer—Fred Walter.

National Fellowship Executive Committee

Mark E. Malles.

Robert Crees.

District Mission Board

President—Phillip J. Simmons
Seventh Ave., Juniata, Altoona, Pa.

Vice President—Doyle Shick,
McKinley St., Kittanning, Pa.

Secretary-Treasurer—Clyde K. Landrum,
350 Morgantown St., Uniontown, Pa.

All the active pastors of the district and the following laymen:

Jesse Chapman, Aleppo, Pa.

Clair Beach, Altoona, Pa.

- Walter, Sr., Juniata, Altoona. Aleppo, Pa.—Aleppo Brethren.
 Altoona, Pa.—First Brethren.
 Hoover, Laboratory, Pa. Altoona (Juniata), Pa.—Grace
 Kiefman, Yellow Creek, Pa. Brethren.
 Alexander, Jenners, Pa. Conemaugh, Pa.—Conemaugh
 Dick, Johnstown, Pa. Brethren.
 Shick, Kittanning, Pa. Grafton, W. Va.—First Brethren.
 Echard, Leamersville, Pa. Hollidaysburg, Pa.—Hollidaysburg
 Larmon, Listie, Pa. Bible Class.
 Plogle, Martinsburg, Pa. Hollidaysburg, Pa.—Vicksburg
 Griffith, Mundy's Corner, Pa. Brethren.
 Howie, Singer Hill, Pa. Hopewell, Pa.—Yellow Creek Breth-
 Keffer, Uniontown, Pa. ren.
 Comp, Grafton, W. Va. Jenners, Pa.—Jenners Brethren.
 Johnstown, Pa.—First Brethren.
 Johnstown, Pa.—Riverside Brethren.
 Kittanning, Pa.—First Brethren.
 Kittanning, Pa.—North Buffalo
 Brethren.
 Kittanning, Pa.—Troy Hill Sunday
 School.
 Leamersville, Pa.—Leamersville
 Brethren.
 Listie, Pa.—Listie Brethren.
 Martinsburg, Pa.—First Brethren.
 Meyersdale, Pa.—Meyersdale Breth-
 ren.
 Mundy's Corner, Pa.—Pike Breth-
 ren.
 Parkersburg, W. Va.—Parkersburg
 Bible Class.
 Singer Hill, Pa.—Singer Hill Grace
 Brethren.
 Summit Mills, Pa.—Summit Mills
 Brethren.
 Everett, Pa.—Everett Brethren.
 Uniontown, Pa.—First Brethren.
 Washington, Pa.—Laboratory Grace
 Brethren.
- District Laymen's Organization*
 President—Warren Baith.
 President—Carl Uphouse.
- Women's Missionary Council*
 President—Mrs. Fred Walter, Alep-
 Pa.
 President—Mrs. W. A. Ogden,
 State St., Johnstown, Pa.
 Secretary—Mrs. Clair Gartland, R.
 Conemaugh, Pa.
 Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Gordon
 Coker, 215 Arthur St., Kittan-
 g, Pa.
 Treasurer—Mrs. Gerald Teeter, Mar-
 burg, Pa.
 Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. Clyde K.
 Drum, 350 Morgantown St.,
 ontown, Pa.
 Chairman—Miss Rose Sny-
 211 Second St., Conemaugh,
- Cooperating Churches*
 ent, Md.—First Brethren.

IOWA DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

- Conference at Dallas Center, Vice Moderator—Cleve Miller, 505
 June 25-27, 1953. Hammond Ave., Waterloo.
 Secretary—Mary Emmert, Dallas
 Center.
 Treasurer—Edwin Schrock, 722
 Western Ave., Waterloo.
- Executive Committee*
 ator—True Hunt, Dallas Cen-

Statistician—Roger Herr, Dallas Center.

Camp Director—Arnold Kriegbaum, 1570 42d St. NE., Cedar Rapids.

Ministerial Examining Board

Chairman—Arnold R. Kriegbaum.

Secretary—True Hunt.

District Mission Board

Chairman—True Hunt, Dallas Center.

Secretary—Lewis Hohenstein, Waterloo.

Financial Secretary—Marion Gates, Leon.

Treasurer—Elmer Hocken, Waterloo. Mart Newlin, Leon ('54).

Clinton Royer, Dallas Center ('54).

Irvin Lortz, North English ('55).

Glenn Lowry, Garwin ('55).

Acting pastors of the district.

National Fellowship Representative

Edward Bowman, Garwin.

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, 1570 42d St. NE., Cedar Rapids.

Vice President—Mrs. Marion G. Leon.

Secretary—Mrs. W. H. King, R. Waterloo.

Treasurer—Mrs. Mart Newlin, I.

Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Milton ter, 4002 Sherman St. NE., C. Rapids.

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President—Shirley Johnson, Moines.

Secretary - Treasurer—Norma Cochran, 1211 W. Third St., Waterloo.

Prayer Chairman—Donna Hassenstein, Waterloo.

Patroness—Mrs. Elmer Hocken, W. 11th St., Waterloo.

Cooperating Churches and Pas

Cedar Rapids—A. R. Kriegbaum

Dallas Center—True Hunt.

Garwin—Edward Bowman.

Leon—Marion Gates.

North English—Clarence Lacke

Waterloo—L. C. Hohenstein.

MIDWEST DISTRICT OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

Next conference at Denver, Colo., June 12-14, 1953.

Executive Committee

Moderator—Lowell Hoyt, 500 S. Tejon St., Denver, Colo.

Vice Moderator—Sam Horney, Taos, N. Mex.

Secretary—Mrs. H. O. Turner, Portis, Kans.

Treasurer—Clarence Gutierrez, R. R. 4, Box 736, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Statistician—Mrs. Beulah Ratliff, Portis, Kans.

National Fellowship Representative

R. H. Kettell, Portis, Kans.

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. M. J. Davis, 40 Pearl, Englewood, Colo.

Vice President—Mrs. Lowell Hoyt, 500 S. Tejon St., Denver, Colo.

Secretary - Treasurer—Mrs. W. Bodge, Portis, Kans.

Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Harry man, Beaver City, Nebr.

Child Evangelism Chairman—M. R. Monroe, Portis, Kans.

SMM Patroness—Miss Angie Garcia, Cuba, N. Mex.

Young People's Camp Comm

Lowell Hoyt, ('55), Denver, Co

Monroe ('55), Portis, Kans.
Kettell ('54), Portis, Kans.
ll West ('54), Denver, Colo.
e Croker ('53), Cheyenne, Wyo.

Laymen's Fellowship

man—T. R. Monroe, Portis,
ns.
chairman—M. J. Davis, 4032 S.
arl St., Englewood, Colo.
tary-Treasurer—Lee Vermil-
a, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

lent—Jeanette Turner, Portis,
ns.
President—Carolyn Caldwell,
tis, Kans.

Secretary-Treasurer—Ocariz Duran,
R. R. 4, Box 283, Albuquerque, N.
Mex.
Patroness—Miss Angie Garber, Cuba,
N. Mex.

Cooperating Churches

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Albuquer-
que Brethren.
Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex.—A r r o y o
Hondo Brethren.
Beaver City, Nebr.—Grace Brethren.
Cheyenne, Wyo.—First Brethren.
Cordillera, N. Mex.—Cordillera
Brethren Mission.
Denver, Colo.—Denver Grace Breth-
ren.
Portis, Kans.—First Brethren.
Taos, N. Mex.—Cañon Brethren.

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

at conference at Rittman, Ohio,
28-May 1, 1953.

Executive Committee

ator—Edward Lewis, Middle-
branch.
Moderator—Miles Taber, Ash-
land.
ary-Treasurer—Charles Ash-
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stant Statistician—Mrs. Glenn
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Credential Committee

han—Miles Taber, Ashland.
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Committee on Committees

Chairman—Bernard Schneider,
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Youth Committee

Chairman—Kenneth Ashman, Woo-
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National Conference Executive Committee

J. L. Gingrich, Sterling.
Harold Etling, Akron.

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Chairman—Russell Ward, Cleveland.

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Composed of the pastor and one layman from each church.
Chairman—Lester Pifer, Fremont.
Secretary-Treasurer—Paul Castor, Rittman.

District Ministerium

President—J. L. Gingrich, Sterling.
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Secretary-Treasurer—Lester Pifer, Fremont.
Assistant Secretary - Treasurer—Robert Holmes, Homerville.

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All the active ordained pastors of the district. Officers same as the District Ministerium.

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President—Willard K. Smith, Cuyahoga Falls.
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Patroness—Mrs. John Armstrong, Wooster.
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Cooperating Churches

Akron—First Brethren.
Ankenytown—First Brethren.
Ashland—West Tenth Street Brethren.
Canton—First Brethren.
Cleveland—First Brethren.
Cuyahoga Falls—Grace Brethren.
Danville—Danville Brethren.
Findlay—Findlay Brethren.
Fremont—Grace Brethren.
Homerville—West Homer Brethren.
Mansfield—Grace Brethren.
Middlebranch—First Brethren.
Rittman—First Brethren.
Sterling—First Brethren.
Wooster—First Brethren.

NORTHWEST FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

district conference next year
e July 6-9 at Portland, Oreg.

Executive Committee

ator—Harry Sturz, Harrah,
h.

Moderator—Russell L. Wil-
s, 910 S. 26 Ave., Yakima,
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ary—Mrs. Russell Williams,
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e St., Albany, Oreg.

ers at Large—

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h.

Belcher, Sunnyside, Wash.

Executive Committee also in-
es all pastors of the district.)

Credential Committee

l L. Williams (vice moderator).

e Lacey, 6725 N. Commercial,
land, Oreg.

r Hawkins, Albany, Oreg.

District Mission Board

stors of the district and one
r representative from each
ch.

Ministerial Examining Board

stors of the district and two

representatives from the church of
the person appearing for examina-
tion.

Representative to National Executive Committee

Russell L. Williams, 910 S. 26 Ave.,
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Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. Ernest Morrell,
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Cooperating Churches

Albany, Oreg.—Grace Brethren.

Harrah, Wash.—Harrah Brethren.

Portland, Oreg.—Grace Brethren.

Seattle, Wash.—Seattle Bible Class.

Spokane, Wash.—First Brethren.

Sunnyside, Wash.—First Brethren.

Yakima, Wash.—Grace Brethren.

SOUTHEAST FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

953 conference plans to meet
Clearbrook church (6 miles
of Roanoke). Date to be set
Executive Committee and host

Executive Committee

ator—John Burns, Johnson

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Limestone.

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Ministerial Examining Board

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District Trustees

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District Mission Board

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Credential Committee

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Secretary - Treasurer — Winfred Findley, Ghent.

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 Assistant Youth Advisor—John Burns, Johnson City.

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President—Myra Conner, Washington Heights.

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Cooperating Churches

Boone Mill, Va.—Boones Church
 Buena Vista, Va.—First Brethren

ington, Va.—First Brethren.
ns, Va.—Mountain View Breth-
son City, Tenn.—First Brethren.
sport, Tenn.—Kingsport Breth-

Limestone, Tenn.—Vernon Brethren.
Radford, Va.—Fairlawn Brethren.
Roanoke, Va.—Clearbrook Brethren.
Roanoke, Va.—Ghent Brethren.
Roanoke, Va.—Washington Heights
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rin, Rev. and Mrs. William, Boman via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

artz, Miss Clara, Bellevue via Bossangoa via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

on, Rev. and Mrs. C. B., Bellevue via Bossangoa via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

er, Rev. and Mrs. Roy, Bouca via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

er, Miss Ruth, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa. (Due to arrive U. S. on furlough in December.)

ey, Rev. and Mrs. Charles, Mission a Bassai, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

r, Dr. and Mrs. Floyd W., Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

ams, Rev. and Mrs. Robert, Baggafo via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

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Baja California

Haag, Rev. and Mrs. Walter E., 439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, Calif., U. S. A.

Howard, Rev. and Mrs. A. L., 439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, Calif., U. S. A.

Brazil

Altig, Rev. and Mrs. J. Keith, Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Edward D., Macapa, Terr. Federal do Amapa, Brazil.

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France

Fogle, Rev. and Mrs. P. Fredrick, 29 Avenue du Marechal Foch, Villennes-sur-Seine, Seine-et-Oise, France.

*Garber, Rev. and Mrs. Martin M.,
3 Avenue d'Aligre, Chatou, Seine-
et-Oise (Paris), France.

*Geske, Miss Edith, Institut Bi-
blique, 39 Grande Rue, Nogent-
sur-Marne, France.

*Habegger, Miss Mary Ann, Institut
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*Jones, Miss Gail, Institut Biblique,
39 Grande Rue, Nogent-sur-
Marne, France.

*Kennedy, Rev. and Mrs. Lester W.,
10 Rue Bordeaux, Chelles, Seine-
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*Mason, Dr. and Mrs. Harold A., 23
Rue du Coquart, Villennes-sur-
Seine, Seine-et-Oise, France.

*Taber, Rev. and Mrs. Charles R., 38
Avenue du Marechal Foch, Villen-
nes-sur-Seine, France.

*Thurston, Miss Marian, Institut Bi-
blique, 39 Grande Rue, Nogent-
sur-Marne, France.

*Engaged in language study in France
prior to missionary service in Africa.

Honolulu, Hawaii

Jones, T/Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin J.,
Mar. Det. N.A.S. Navy 128, Box
1373, F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

Missionaries on Furlough

Balzer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert, c/o
Henry C. Kersting, 8415 Fenwick
St., Sunland, Calif.

Bickel, Miss Florence, P. O. Box 588,
Winona Lake, Ind. (Due to return
to Africa in January.)

Byron, Miss Grace, P. O. Box 588,
Winona Lake, Ind. (Due to return
to Africa in January.)

Emmert, Miss Mary, Dallas Center,
Iowa.

Foster, Mrs. Rose, P. O. Box 588, Wi-
nona Lake, Ind.

Goodman, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin L.,
Jr., 1811 Baseline Rd., La Verne,
Calif.

Maconaghy, Rev. and Mrs. Hil-
Charles Lewis, 2121 Chew
Philadelphia 38, Pa.

Myers, Miss Estella, Williams
Iowa. (Due to return to Afr
January.)

Missionaries Under Appointment

For Argentina—

Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Victor, W
Lake, Ind.

For Baja California—

Robinson, Miss Dorothy, W
Lake, Ind.

For Brazil—

Teeter, Rev. and Mrs. John S.
nona Lake, Ind.

(Note: As changes of address
cur, they will be noted in the
Briefs, or in the Foreign Missi
Directory, which is printed at
ular intervals.)

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1952

ASSETS—

General Fund

| | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Cash in banks | \$74 |
| Baja California account | |
| Brazil account | |
| Deposit with Mr. Croker | |
| Petty cash | |
| Notes receivable | 74 |
| Scripture fund | 10 |
| Purchaser's fund | |

Total 168

Annuities Fund

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Cash in bank | \$0 |
| Property | |
| Notes receivable | 50 |

Total 64

Total assets \$232

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH—

General Fund

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Liabilities | \$0 |
| Net worth of fund | 168 |

Total 168

Annuities Fund

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Liabilities—Annuitants | \$40 |
| Net worth of fund | 24 |

Total 64

Total liabilities and net worth \$232

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

June 30, 1952

OME—

General Fund

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| July 1, 1951 | \$191,683.99 |
| Gifts | 180,167.88 |
| Interest income | 3,932.56 |
| Real estate | 3,006.30 |
| Transfers, misc. | 2,927.27 |
| Total | 381,718.00 |

Annuities Fund

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|-----------------|-------------|
| July 1, 1951 | \$32,990.99 |
| Interest income | 300.00 |
| Rest income | 3,461.16 |
| Gifts | 3,500.00 |

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Total | 40,252.15 |
| Total in the two funds | \$421,970.15 |

EXPENSES—

General Fund

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Disbursements: | |
| General fund | \$39,000.90 |
| Special funds | 882.14 |
| Argentina general fund | 14,122.66 |

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Argentina special fund | 760.09 |
| Brazil general fund | 9,836.30 |
| Baja California general | 1,915.02 |
| Magazines | 445.33 |
| Gribble book | 388.35 |
| Missionary Residence | 1,493.64 |
| General fund expense | 45,081.40 |
| Missionary personnel | 116,498.61 |

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total | 230,424.44 |
| Transfers, refunds, misc. | 1,908.03 |

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Total | 232,332.47 |
|--------------|-------------------|

Annuities Fund

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|------------------------|------------|
| Interest to annuitants | \$2,563.29 |
| Upkeep on property | 91.27 |
| Miscellaneous | 198.35 |

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Total | 2,852.91 |
|--------------|-----------------|

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|---|---------------------|
| Total expenses of the two funds | \$235,185.38 |
| Total net worth of the two funds | \$186,784.77 |

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|---|---------------------|
| Total value or net worth of General Fund | \$162,618.31 |
| Total value or net worth of Annuities Fund | 24,166.46 |

186,784.77

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INC.

Officiary

President—Paul R. Bauman, Winona Lake, Ind.

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Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Grace Brethren Church. Missionary, Rev. Clarence Gutierrez, R. R. 4, Box 732F, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Alexandria, Va.—Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Kenneth L. Teague, 6 East Luray Ave., Alexandria, Va.

Altoona, Pa.—Grace Brethren Church of Altoona. Pastor, Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, 225 Seventh Ave., Juniata, Altoona, Pa.

Artesia, Calif.—Carson Avenue Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev.

- Adam H. Rager, 21715 S. Norwalk Blvd., Artesia, Calif.
- Baltimore, Md.—Bible Brethren Church.*
- Beaumont, Calif.—Cherry Valley Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Gene Farrell, R. R. 1, Box 405, Beaumont, Calif.
- Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, 1570 42d St. NE., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- Cheyenne, Wyo.—First Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. C. Wayne Croker, 1607 E. 22d St., Cheyenne, Wyo.
- Chico, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. J. Ward Tressler, 1805 Arbutus Ave., Chico, Calif.
- Clayhole, Ky.—Clayhole Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Sewell S. Landrum, Clayhole, Ky.
- Cleveland, Ohio—First Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Russell M. Ward, 1099 Irene Rd., Cleveland 24, Ohio.
- Cuba, N. Mex.—Brethren Navaho Mission. Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Evan Adams, Miss Angie Garber, Mrs. Mary Baer, and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Antone.
- Dayton, Ohio—Patterson Park Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Caleb S. Zimmerman, 2942 Dwight Ave., Dayton 10, Ohio.
- Denver, Colo.—Grace Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. C. Lowell Hoyt, 500 S. Tejon, Denver, Colo.
- Dryhill, Ky.—Missionary, Miss Evelyn Fuqua, Dryhill, Ky.
- Findlay, Ohio—Findlay Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. Forest Lance, 223 Ely, Findlay, Ohio.
- Harrisburg, Pa.—Melrose Gardens Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Russell H. Weber, 807 Wilhelm Rd., Paxtang, Harrisburg, Pa.
- Jenners, Pa.—Jenners Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. Victor Rogers, Jenners, Pa.
- Johnson City, Tenn.—Johnson City Brethren Church.* Pastor, R. John J. Burns, 1306 E. Watauga Ave., Johnson City, Tenn.
- Johnstown, Pa.—Riverside Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Ralph Hall, 304 Traverse St., Johnstown, Pa.
- Kingsport, Tenn.—Bible Class Teacher, Rev. John J. Burns.
- La Crescenta, Calif.—Mountain Brethren Church. Pastor, R. Robert L. Dell, 2911 El Camino, La Crescenta, Calif.
- Los Angeles, Calif.—Brethren Church (Colored). Pastor, Rev. J. L. Coln Oliver, 5710 Holmes Ave., Los Angeles 58, Calif.
- Los Angeles, Calif.—Brethren Missionary Witness. Missionaries, R. and Mrs. Bruce L. Button, 469 Kings Rd., Los Angeles 48, Calif. and Miss Isobel Fraser, 527 Harper, Los Angeles 48, Calif.
- Martinsburg, W. Va.—Rosemont Brethren Church, Pastor, Rev. Leon Myers, R. R. 1, Box 2, Martinsburg, W. Va.
- Modesto, Calif.—La Loma Grande Brethren Church. Pastor, R. Harold D. Painter, 206 Rowland Ave., Modesto, Calif.
- Paramount, Calif.—Paramount Brethren Church. Pastor, F. John Mayes, 420 E. 49th St., Long Beach 5, Calif.
- Parkersburg, W. Va.—First Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Les Smitley, 803 Camden Ave., Parkersburg, W. Va.
- Portland, Oreg.—Grace Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. Vernon Harris, 6934 NE. 23d Ave., Portland 11, Oreg.
- Roanoke, Va.—Washington Heights Brethren Church. Pastor, F. Wm. Carl Miller, R. R. 2, Box 1, Roanoke, Va.

Diego, Calif.—First Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. G. D. Engelman, 4476 New Jersey St., San Diego 16, Calif.

ney, Ohio—Bible Class.

ttle, Wash.—Pastor, Rev. Thomas Ammers.*

th Bend, Ind.—Sunnymede Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Russell Ogden, Winona Lake, Ind.

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rroyo Hondo, N. Mex.—Arroyo Hondo Brethren Church. Pastor, David Tollardo, Taos, N. Mex.

ordillera, N. Mex.—Cordillera Brethren Church. Pastor, Tony Luna, Taos, N. Mex.

aos, N. Mex.—Cañon Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. S. I. Horney, Box 1531 Taos, N. Mex.; Missionary, Miss Celina Mares, Box 383, Taos, N. Mex.

ple City, Calif.—Temple City Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. o Polman, 120 North Pine, San abriel, Calif.

Yakima, Wash.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Russell L. Williams, 910 S. 26th Ave., Yakima, Wash.

York, Pa.—York Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. Gerald Polman, 731 Elm Terrace, York, Pa.

*Partially supported by District Mission Board.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 1952

| Assets | |
|---|-------------------|
| Cash in Lake City Bank, checking account | \$31,889.81 |
| First National Bank, Warsaw, Certificate of Deposit | 10,000.00 |
| Petty cash in office fund | 25.00 |
| Loans receivable | 185,130.29 |
| U. S. War Bonds on hand | 260.90 |
| Annuity funds invested | 29,000.00 |
| Advances receivable | 859.97 |
| Total | 257,165.97 |
| Liabilities | |
| Loans payable | \$185,101.67 |
| Accrued withholding tax (Federal) | 156.00 |
| Accounts payable | 0.00 |
| Hospitalization insurance | 9.00 |
| Accountabilities | |
| Annuities | 30,000.00 |
| Net worth | |
| Surplus account | 41,899.30 |
| Total | 257,165.97 |

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Winona Lake, Indiana

ident of the Seminary—Rev. Alva J. McClain.

on—Rev. Herman A. Hoyt.

President in Charge of Public

lations—Rev. Paul R. Bauman.

istrar—Rev. Homer A. Kent.

etary of the Faculty—Rev. Homer A. Kent.

ident of the Board and Corpora-

on—Rev. W. A. Ogden.

President—Rev. C. H. Ashman,

etary—Rev. Norman Uphouse.

asurer—Mr. F. B. Miller.

ncial Secretary—Rev. James L. Myer.

Executive Committee

Rev. W. A. Ogden, 500 State St., Johnstown, Pa.

Rev. C. H. Ashman, Sr., 1051 W. 81st Pl., Los Angeles 44, Calif.

Rev. Norman Uphouse, Dayton, Tenn.

Mr. F. B. Miller, Winona Lake, Ind.

Mr. Cleve Miller, 505 Hammond Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.

Rev. William Steffler, 1444 Kumler, Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. Alva J. McClain, ex officio, Winona Lake, Ind.

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 Chelan, Spokane, Wash.

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Rev. H. W. Koontz, Winona L
 Ind.

Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, 350 M
 gantown St., Uniontown, Pa.

Rev. A. L. Lynn, California H
 Glendale, Calif.

Rev. Lester E. Pifer, 526 How
 St., Fremont, Ohio.

Rev. Miles Taber, 314 Dorche
 Ashland, Ohio.

Alumni Association

President—Phillip J. Simmons.

Vice President—Wesley Haller.

Secretary—Edward Lewis.

Treasurer—Paul L. Mohler.

BALANCE SHEET—JULY 31, 1952

| | |
|---|--------|
| <i>Assets—</i> | |
| Cash in First National Bank, War-
saw, Ind. | \$4. |
| Cash in Lake City Bank, Warsaw,
Ind. | 2. |
| Total cash | 6. |
| Investments | 35. |
| Other assets | 411. |
| Total assets | 453. |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | |
| Accountabilities | \$137. |
| Total liabilities and accountabil-
ities | 193. |
| Net Worth—Surplus | 260. |
| Total liabilities, accountabilities,
and net worth | 453. |

Certificate of Auditor

In my opinion, the attached Balance
 and Income and Expense Statement
 presents your financial condition at Ju
 1952, and your income and expenses fo
 period starting August 1, 1951, and e
 July 31, 1952.

Claude Longfel
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THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Board of Trustees

President—Arnold Kriegbaum ('55),
 1570 42d St. NE., Cedar Rapids,
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Clyde Balyo ('53)

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tary.
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Peters, Staff Assistant.
Conard Cundiff, Caretaker.

Minutes

the Annual Meeting of the
Brethren Missionary Herald Corpo-
ration, held at Winona Lake, Ind.,
August 19, 1952.
Following the singing of "Sweet-
s the Years Go By," led by the

conference song leader, Rev. Russell
Ward, Rev. Ord Gehman read I Co-
rinthians 3:4-11. Rev. Clyde Balyo
led in prayer.

The meeting of the Corporation
was declared in session by Rev. Ar-
nold Kriegbaum, president.

Printed lists of the Life and Sus-
taining Members were distributed.
A motion prevailed that those whose
names were listed and read be voted
members of this Corporation with
power to vote in this business ses-
sion, provided they are also members
of the Brethren Church.

The secretary reported the ballot
election of the trustees which had
resulted in Rev. Mark Malles, Rev.
Arnold Kriegbaum, S. W. Link, and
Rev. R. E. A. Miller being reelected
for a term of 3 years. Rev. Clyde
Balyo was elected for a term of 1
year to fill the unexpired term of
office vacated by Rev. Conard Sandy,
present Editor-Business Manager.

The following recommendations of
the Board of Trustees to the Corpo-
ration to nominate new trustees were
presented (4 are to be elected for 3-
year terms):

Clyde Balyo—Harry Sturz
Ord Gehman—M. L. Myers
Bryson Feters—Marion Hoffman
William Schaffer—William Steffler

A motion prevailed to accept the
nominations by the Trustees.

The annual report of the Company
was presented by the Editor-Busi-
ness Manager, Rev. Conard Sandy.

A motion prevailed that the report
be received.

The President of the Board called
attention to the fact that although
the cost of printing the Herald will
be greater in the coming year, it is
the desire of the Herald Company to
hold the subscription rate to the
amazing low rate of \$1.50 per year.
He also announced the need of print-

ing Brethren books and tracts, and that a committee has been appointed to care for the same.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

Rev. R. E. A. Miller closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter A. Lepp, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT August 1, 1951-June 30, 1952

| Assets | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Current Assets— | |
| Cash in register | \$20.00 |
| Petty cash | 20.00 |
| Cash in bank | 12,762.30 |
| | <u>\$12,802.30</u> |
| Accounts receivable | 6,345.68 |
| Inventory—merchandise | 27,421.00 |
| Total Current Assets | 46,568.98 |
| Non-Current Assets— | |
| Real estate & buildings.. | \$7,083.40 |
| Res. for depreciation.. | 1,910.00 |
| | <u>\$5,173.40</u> |
| Furniture & fixtures ... | 6,803.23 |
| Res. for depreciation.. | 3,608.05 |
| | <u>3,195.18</u> |
| Shop equipment | 9,743.79 |
| Res. for depreciation.. | 3,615.56 |
| | <u>6,128.23</u> |
| Willys panel truck | 1,673.27 |
| Res. for depreciation.. | 1,108.56 |
| | <u>564.71</u> |
| Total Non-Current Assets | 15,061.52 |
| Total Current Assets | 46,568.98 |
| Total Assets | <u>61,630.50</u> |

| Liabilities and Net Worth | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Current Liabilities— | |
| Accounts payable | \$971.43 |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$971.43 |
| Annuities— | |
| Bowman annuity | 1,000.00 |
| Net Worth— | |
| Surplus | 59,659.07 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Worth. | <u>61,630.50</u> |

| Condensed Profit & Loss Statement | |
|--|-------------------|
| Income— | |
| B. M. H. subscriptions | \$11,337.77 |
| Cooperating boards | 14,800.00 |
| Total sales of merchandise | 54,111.11 |
| Rental income | 4,200.00 |
| | <u>80,848.88</u> |
| Expenditures— | |
| Outside work on B. M. H. | 11,900.00 |
| Purchases of merchandise | 36,800.00 |
| Salaries | 21,200.00 |
| Operating expenses | 9,100.00 |
| Depreciation | 2,100.00 |
| | <u>81,400.00</u> |
| Publication Offering— | |
| Receipts in gifts | \$4,115.72 |
| Less: Cost (envelopes, bulletins, postage)... | 423.12 |
| | <u>\$3,692.60</u> |
| Total income for year (including publication offering) | \$84,541.48 |
| Total expenditures for year | <u>81,400.00</u> |
| Net gain for year | 3,141.48 |

Note—The books of the Herald Company are open for inspection by any member of the Corporation.

THE BRETHREN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Theme for 1952-53—"Lovest Thou Me?"

Executive Board

President—Mrs. Kenneth Ashman,
205 Ihrig Ave., Wooster, Ohio.

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1539 E. 80th St., Los Angeles 1, Calif.

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Box 68, Winona Lake, Ind.

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3421 W. 82d Pl., Inglewood, Calif.

Literature Secretary—Mrs. Cora Sandy,
Winona Lake, Ind.

Editor—Mrs. Robert Miller,
Maiden Lane, S. W., Roanoke, Va.

National Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Mary Emmert,
Dallas, Texas.

National Patroness of SMM—Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum,
1570 42d St. N. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

District Presidents

Atlantic—Miss Mabel Donaldson,
4328 Garrison St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

California—Mrs. Charles Mayes, 1920 5th St., Long Beach 12, Calif.

Central—Mrs. Robert Boone, 603 Linsmoor Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind.

East—Mrs. Fred Walter, Aleppo, Pa.

Iowa—Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, 1570 2d St., N. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

West—Mrs. M. J. Davis, 4032 S. Pearl, Englewood, Colo.

Northern Ohio—Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, 205 Ihrig Ave., Wooster, Ohio.

Northwest—Mrs. Ernest Morrell, R. 1, Prosser, Wash.

Southeast—Mrs. S. H. Henry, R. R. Limestone, Tenn.

of councils 154

of members 3,452

Foreign councils in Africa and South America 8

National WMC Objectives, 1952-53

Daily Bible reading of your own choosing reading the Gospel of John, I, II, and I John, I and II Peter, Psalms, I and II Corinthians.

Special emphasis upon establishing family devotions in every home, stressing this objective in the month of January.

A monthly devotional meeting, using program packets.

Emphasis upon personal evangelism through visitation and tract distribution, suggesting that each council appoint a tract chairman.

A birthday offering to be taken for the support of a WMC missionary on the foreign field, such offering to be sent to national financial secretary-treasurer before July 31 or brought to national conference, and a special recognition service will be held.

Each council enlisting prayer warriors from the congregation, continuing the use of prayer booklets, prayer pointers in the Herald and introducing the use of prayer covenant cards which may be obtained from the national literature secretary.

A thank offering to be given for the Brethren Jewish work in Los Angeles, to be sent to national financial secretary-treasurer by June 30. Each council provide own funds, if so desired.

Each council having a part in the district projects.

Four major offerings to be sent in so they will reach the national financial secretary-treasurer before the 10th of the month after each respective offering closes.

Sept., Oct., Nov.—Home Missions—(a) \$1,100 toward the purchasing of a tract at Baltimore, Md., (b) \$1,100 toward completion of church auditorium at Portland, Ore.

Dec., Jan., Feb.—Grace Seminary—(a) to provide sidewalks around sem-

inary building, (b) any remaining balance to be used toward purchasing chairs.

(3) March, April, May—Foreign Missions—\$2,200; (a) \$1,100 toward purchasing an automobile for workers in France, (b) \$1,100 toward purchasing property in Buenos Aires.

(4) June, July, Aug.—General Expense—\$2,200.

District Objectives—

1. Every district represented on the national board, suggesting that expenses, wholly or in part, be paid by the district.

2. A written report be given at national conference and published in the Herald.

3. Each district to provide interesting material representing work done in past year for display at national conference.

4. Each district to select a prayer chairman who will encourage the enlisting of prayer warriors. The name of the district prayer chairman be sent to the national prayer chairman by November 1.

5. Promoting the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in the district.

6. Each district to sponsor at least one project, suggesting said project be cleared through the national vice president to avoid duplication.

7. Each district contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward furnishing and repair of the Foreign Missionary Residence, this fund being used at the discretion of the committee in charge. Such offering to be sent to national financial secretary-treasurer before July 31.

National WMC Recommendations, 1952-53

1. That a membership rally be held annually in each local church, using the original covenant card and star system.

2. Each local president attending National Fellowship conference if at all possible.

3. That Mrs. Robert E. A. Miller be our editor.

4. That Miss Mary Emmert continue as our prayer chairman and that we encourage the observance of the day of prayer each month.

5. That we send good usable clothing to the Clayhole, Ky., mission, Rev. Sewell S. Landrum, via express to Jackson, Ky.; to Taos, N. Mex., Rev. S. I. Horney, parcel post, or via express to Santa Fe, N. Mex.; to Indian mission, Rev. Evan Adams, Brethren Navaho Mission (located at Counselor Post), Star Route, Cuba, N. Mex., c/o San Juan Basin Lines, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; to Albuquerque, N. Mex., Rev. Clarence Gutierrez, R. R. 4, Box 732F, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

6. That our national vice president be our national project chairman.

7. That officers in the local councils be elected in the July meeting, installed in the August meeting, and take office in the September meeting.

8. That each council promote the evangelization of children, urging the women to assist in Sunday school, vacation Bible school, children's Bible classes, etc.

9. That the women in each council continue to show an increased interest in the Sisterhood in all possible ways: in prayer, in financial help, and in work projects.

10. In view of the rapid expansion of our various Brethren endeavors and the accompanying need, we *strongly urge* that all local and district councils use Brethren talent and support Brethren workers.

11. A birthday message, suggesting the use of 10-cent air mail, be sent to foreign missionaries and their children.

12. That the book, "Witnessing to Jews," by Milton B. Lindberg be used in connection with National Objective No. 3.

13. That the local council purchase two of the suggested reading circle books:

"Showers Upon the Grass," by Bob Jones, Jr.

"The Untold Korea Story," by Bob Pierce, as told to Ken Anderson.

"Hidden Valley," by Douglas C. Percy.

WMC FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1951-52

Cash Account—

Balance, August 21, 1951 \$1,160.35

Receipts—

Credential and general offerings, 1951 conference 476.55

Sisterhood Mary and Martha 300.00

Return of Miss Mary Emmert's love gift check 30.00

WMC stationery and extra packets. 6.00

Home mission offering 2,455.86

Foreign mission offering 2,247.17

| | |
|--|------|
| Grace Seminary offering | 2,19 |
| Thank offering | 2,02 |
| Special leper offering | 5 |
| Special Jewish offering | 5 |
| Special for Elena Wagner in Argentina | 1 |
| Special fund for cooking utensils for Africa Conf. | |
| Songbooks for Navaho work | |
| Special for Miss J. Nielsen in Argentina | 1 |
| Missionary birthday offering for support of missionary | 4 |
| General expense offering | 1,28 |

Total receipts 11,23

Disbursements—

Home missions \$2,45

Foreign missions 2,24

Grace Seminary 2,19

Thank offering 2,02

Special accounts 5

General expense 2,13

Total disbursements 11,20

Balance, July 30, 1952 1,12

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA

Theme—"Ambassadors for Christ."

Theme verse (II Cor. 5:20)—"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

Motto—"Do God's Will."

Colors—Green, Service, Martha; White, Worship, Mary.

Aim—To develop every girl to be a living testimony for her Master; to give girls in dimly lighted regions an opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

SMM National Officers

President—Patricia Griffith, Dryhill, Ky.

Vice President—Cora Luna, Box 711, Taos, N. Mex.

General Secretary—Helen Small, Box 168, Winona Lake, Ind.

Treasurer—Mary Hooks, Box 168, Winona Lake, Ind.

Literature Secretary—Myra Joy Conner, 4131 Vermont Ave. NW., Roanoke, Va.

Bandage Secretary—Evelyn Vnas-

dale, c/o Lutheran Nurses' Training Hospital, Home Ave., Ft. Wayne 6, Ind.

Patroness—Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, 1570 42d St. NE., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Assistant Patroness—Mrs. J. Armstrong, R. R. 2, Wooster, O.

Mary Goals

*1. Attend at least 12 devotional meetings unless unavoidable; use SMM material from the Herald.

*2. Bible reading required: Juniors—Acts and 6 of the 12 Minor Prop.

*3. Quiet time observed every day.

*4. Have some part in devotional program at least once.

*5. Memory work required: Juniors 1 at least 6 of the following; Seniors learn at least 12 of the following: John 4:24, 1:16; 8:9; I Tim. 2:5; Isa. 7:14; Acts 1:11; 4:17; Jer. 17:9; I Pet. 1:18-19; Tit. 3:5; 12:2; I John 3:4.

6. Read a missionary book.

7. Read a Christian fiction book.

8. Read a devotional or other type Christian book.

9. Tell in Sisterhood an experience witnessing to an unsaved person.

10. Attend all church services regularly.

Martha Goals

*1. Take part in bandage rolling.

*2. Free-will offering for general given at each devotional meeting attended.

*3. Have a part in the project offered.

4. Enlist a new girl for Sisterhood.

5. Cooking project, such as canning missionaries, pastor, etc.

Sewing, such as making your own dress, layettes for mission fields, knitters, socks, mittens, etc.; embroider for missionaries, make outfits for nurses and patients in African hospitals, towels, baby clothes.

Crafts, such as articles made for missionaries, hospitals, etc. (see project book).

Christian service, such as teaching Sunday school class, choir, street meetings, singing services, D. V. B. S., rolling and giving out tracts, helping in child evangelism nursery, etc.

Writing project: Play—theme to be chosen. Best to be given at conference; printed for use in SMM's. Must be presented to national patroness by January 31. Homer Kent, Jr., and Prof. Ralph Gilson to be asked to judge plays.

Out-of-doors projects: Raise gardens and vegetables for missionaries, or sell to raise money for missions; raise animals for same purpose.

Help fill missionary chest: linens and household goods, bought or made.

Send gifts to mission points, missionaries, families, the Brethren Missionary Residence, rest home in Africa, Navaho school in Herald from time to time of suggestions).

Local Organization Goals

At least two postcard news items sent to general secretary concerning activities of your Sisterhood.

Statistical blanks sent to the general secretary, national president, and district secretary by July 31.

One box of bandages for Africa sent to the bandage secretary before July 31 (yards long, 2 inches wide, rolled hard, sewed at the end).

Free-will offering taken at each meeting and sent to the treasurer before January 31 for the general fund.

Offering for the project sent to the treasurer before July 31.

That 75 percent of the girls earn either emerald or diamond award.

A cabinet meeting in the fall and

Senior goal—that the literature committee be responsible for a report each

month on missionary activities from the Herald.

District Goals

1. District organizations sending a list of their district officers and local officers to the general secretary.

2. A district project.

3. A written report at national conference.

4. A display brought to national conference by either the district or some local Sisterhood in the district.

5. District appoint a bandage secretary.

6. Honor goal: That the district help their president in coming to early SMM board meetings. Minimum amount, \$10.

Emerald and Diamond Award

Junior: To earn emerald must meet all starred goals; to earn the diamond must meet all starred goals, one unstarred Mary goal and three projects of the unstarred Martha goals.

Seniors and Middlers: To earn emerald must meet all starred goals, one unstarred Mary goal, and one project of unstarred Martha goals; to earn diamond must meet all starred goals, three unstarred Mary goals, and three projects of the unstarred Martha goals.

Sisterhood Project for 1952-53

National—Raise \$1,500 toward the support of Mary Beth Munn, missionary to lepers in Africa.

Birthday—Higher education of missionaries' children.

Personal—Learn the Book of I Peter. Memorize names and fields of our missionaries.

Merit System for SMM Pennant

1. Name the requirements necessary to become a member of Sisterhood.

2. Repeat the Sisterhood slogan.

3. Give the colors of Sisterhood and their meanings.

4. Repeat the Sisterhood aim.

5. Repeat the Sisterhood covenant.

6. Memorize the Mary and Martha song.

7. Give the Sisterhood benediction.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHERN LAYMEN

Officers

President—Mason Cooper, 1611 Stanton Ave. NW., Roanoke, Va.

Vice President—Earle R. Cole, 2753 Elmwood St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Secretary-Treasurer—William Fishbein, 335 Fugate Rd., N. W., Roanoke, Va.

Advisor—Owen Hacker, 1621 Edison Dr., Dayton 6, Ohio.

Editor of the Laymen's Page in the Herald—Jesse Deloe, Sr., Box 251, Winona Lake, Ind.

Grace Seminary Student Aid Committee—I. Wesley Miller, chairman, Goshen, Ind.; Jesse Deloe, Sr., and John Whitcomb, both of Winona Lake, Ind. Pastor Herman Koontz of the Winona Lake Church is an advisory member of the committee.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this organization seeks to:

1. Stimulate worship of Almighty God through our Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son and our Saviour, in accordance with the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible;

2. Promote Christian fellowship among the laymen of the Brethren Church; and

3. Effect an organization of the Brethren laymen which may offer its assistance to local churches, through local laymen's affiliates where possible, as an aid to the ministry in the salvation of souls, through the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, and other proper activities in which laymen can serve.

Goals

1. Daily Bible reading.

2. A family altar in every layman's home.

3. Laymen united for soul winning through personal visitation, evangelistic rallies, and tract distribution.

4. Give our support to our local pastor and his work.

5. Help build our Sunday schools through the national and local Sunday school boards.

6. Start new local and district laymen's groups in churches and areas where they do not exist.

7. Start and sponsor local boys clubs.

Projects

Grace Theological Seminary Student Aid, \$750.

Brethren Boys Clubs, \$250.

Board of Evangelism, \$2,500.

General Expense Fund, \$200.

Grace Seminary student aid is available to worthy Brethren students as follows: A student in need, or any person knowing of a student in need, should contact any member

of the committee in writing. If a member of the committee will initiate the request. When the request is properly initiated by every member of the committee, the chairman presents the gift to the student and sends the request to replenish the cash drawer (\$35 in the hands of the chairman) together with the initial copy of the request for aid to the secretary-treasurer. Full power to accept or reject the request is the committee's prerogative.

Other than Grace Seminary student aid is handled on the district or local level.

1952 Conference Notes

Sessions 66 through 70 were held at the Westminster Hotel, August 19-23.

Participation in the half-hour 7:45 p.m. service of the national conference on opening night was enjoyed by this fellowship.

E. V. Parsell, Roanoke, Va., presided at most of the song services, and W. V. Findley played the piano.

Committees

Committee on Committees—M. L. Cooper, chairman; Ray Casper and William Fisher.

Attendance Committee—Herbert Edwards, Dayton, Ohio; Alvin Wedin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Auditing—W. V. Findley, chairman; Bryson Fetter, Berne, Ind.; F. L. Stickler, Hagerstown, Md.

Nominating—S. M. Coffee, chairman; Roanoke, Va.; Alfred Wedin, James N. Knepper, York, Pa.

Goals and Projects—Walter F. Becker, chairman, Dayton, Ohio; Ernest Morrell, Prosser, Wash.

Please report all local men's needs to your district secretary and to your national editor and secre-

and send your news now while
"hot" news.

ANCIAL REPORT FOR 8-1-51 TO 7-31-52

Summary of Funds Activity 1951-52

| | Proj Bal.
8-1-51 | Off.
\$0.00 | Exp.
\$10.00 | Bal.
7-31-52 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Evangelism | \$10.00 | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$0.00 |
| Aid | 169.55 | 85.40 | 0.00 | 254.95 |
| | 81.45 | 102.50 | 81.45 | 102.50 |
| Proj. 5 | 15.92 | 19.08 | 35.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund | 57.18 | 177.44 | 134.11 | 100.51 |
| | 344.10 | 384.42 | 260.56 | 457.96 |
| of Evangelism— | | | | |
| ce 8-1-51 | | | \$10.00 | |
| o Board | | | 10.00 | |
| ce 7-31-52 | | | \$0.00 | |
| Seminary Student Aid Fund— | | | | |
| ce 8-1-51 | | | \$169.55 | |
| east Dist. Men | | \$27.50 | | |
| Roanoke, Va. | | 14.00 | | |
| oga Falls, Ohio | | 13.00 | | |
| n, Ohio | | 10.00 | | |
| n, Ohio, First | | 20.00 | | |
| | | | 84.50 | |
| ce 7-31-52 | | | 254.05 | |
| en Boys Club Fund— | | | | |
| ce 8-1-51 | | | \$81.45 | |
| to Brethren Boys Clubs | | | | |
| ough Youth Council | | | 81.45 | |
| ngs— | | | | |
| n, Ohio | | \$10.00 | | |
| town, Pa. | | 10.00 | | |
| east District Men | | 42.00 | | |
| Roanoke, Va. | | 13.00 | | |
| oga Falls, Ohio | | 12.00 | | |

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| Dayton, Ohio, First | 15.50 | |
| | | 102.50 |
| Balance 7-31-52 | | 102.50 |
| 1950-1951 Project No. 5— | | |
| Balance 8-1-51 | | \$15.92 |
| Off'ng 8-2-52 Berne, Ind. | \$10.00 | |
| Transfer from General | | |
| Fund 8-51 | 9.08 | |
| | | 19.08 |
| Paid to Rev. Sam Horney | | 35.00 |
| | | 35.00 |
| Balance 7-31-52 | | 0.00 |
| General Fund— | | |
| Balance 8-1-51 | | \$57.18 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Roanoke, Va. | \$12.25 | |
| Dayton, Ohio First | 25.00 | |
| Conference offerings | 110.19 | |
| Akron, Ohio | 10.00 | |
| Southeast District Men | 20.00 | |
| Total offerings | 177.44 | |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Mimeograph supplies | \$2.44 | |
| Telephone | 3.69 | |
| Identification bars | 25.40 | |
| Conference speaker | 20.00 | |
| Gift to Herald | 25.00 | |
| Transferred to Proj. 5 | 9.08 | |
| Envelopes and stamps | 24.50 | |
| Annual space | 24.00 | |
| Total expenses | 134.11 | |
| Gen. Fund Year Bal. | | 43.33 |
| General Fund Balance 7-31-52 | | 100.51 |
| Respectfully submitted, | | |
| Earle R. Cole, | | |
| Retiring Sec.-Treas. | | |

BRETHREN BOYS CLUBS

Officers

- President—Arthur Martinez, Ran-
- os de Taos, N. Mex.
- President—Robert Miller, Jr.,
- 1 Maiden Lane SW., Roanoke,
- Secretary—Lynwood Catron, 630 Ar-
- cus Ave. SE., Roanoke, Va.
- Treasurer—Paul Hall, Wheaton Col-
- e, Wheaton, Ill.
- Sponsor—Owen E. Hacker, 1621 Ben-
- Dr., Dayton 6, Ohio.
- Director—Ralph J. Colburn, Box 617,
- Monona Lake, Ind.

Goals

least 75 percent of our churches

maintaining some kind of a definite
boys club program, to reach and
hold the boys of their community
and church.

All our clubs winning boys to
Christ, and bringing them into the
church.

Teaching our boys to be active,
faithful, witnessing Christians, and
challenging our laymen to be the
right kind of examples and leaders
for our boys.

Sponsoring national missionary
projects in which combined effort
will do what individual attempts can-
not accomplish.

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN MINISTERS

Executive Committee

Chairman—Paul Dick, Winchester, Va.

Vice Chairman—Miles Taber, Ashland, Ohio.

Secretary—Norman Uphouse, Dayton, Tenn.

Assistant Secretary—True Hunt, Dallas Center, Iowa.

Financial Secretary—Blaine Snyder, Winona Lake, Ind.

Treasurer—Harry Sturz, Box 203, Harrah, Wash.

Minutes

Tuesday, August 19, 1952

The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers met in the first regular session for the year 1952 in the seminary building at 8 a.m. Tuesday, August 19, 1952.

Chairman Randall Rossman presided at the meeting. Charles Bergerson and Russell Ward led in the group singing. Lee Crist directed the devotions, with various ministers participating in prayer.

1. A report of the program committee was heard as Caleb Zimmerman reported. On motion it was adopted.

2. Ogden Paper. Bro. W. A. Ogden gave to the group a paper on church polity and the science of government. A motion prevailed to receive the paper and express thanks to Brother Ogden.

3. Introductions. The following men were presented to the Fellowship: Earl Rosenberger, Don Bishop, John Evans, Homer Lingenfelter, Tony Luna, William Carl Miller, Foster Tresise, Richard Jackson, Jr., Nathan Meyer, Charles Turner, Jim Engelman, Clair Brickel, James Young, Bill Smith, Wesley Haller, Ralph Burns, Evan Adams, Ronald

Robinson, Edward Clark, Ar. Keffer, and Gilbert Hawkins.

4. Memorials. Memorials were heard for Clarence Sickel by the following men: Hill Maconaghy, McClain, Ord Gehman, Charles Mayes, and R. I. Humbert. William Steffler spoke concerning the passing of Rodney Wysong.

5. A motion carried to adjourn. There were 116 men present, responding to 114 for the year before at the first service.

Wednesday, August 20, 1952, 8 a.m.

Following the song service led by Russell Ward, devotions were conducted by Galen Lingenfelter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

6. Bro. Charles Mayes presented a paper on the Christian day school movement. On motion it was received by the Fellowship. A discussion followed.

7. A motion carried to change the program to have Dr. McClain's paper on Thursday.

8. The membership committee reported the following new members: Wayne Flory, George Cripe, Richard Jackson, Jr., Clair Brickel, Homer Lingenfelter, Wesley Haller, Charles Turner, W. C. Miller, Nathan Meyer, and Gilbert Hawkins. On motion they were admitted into membership in the Fellowship.

9. Election. A report was heard from the nominating committee. An election followed, with the results indicated above.

10. Bro. William Schaffer reported for the Civil Air Patrol.

11. Code of Ethics. Norman House presented the revised copy of the Code of Ethics for ministers. On motion the report was received.

12. A motion passed to adjourn.

Thursday, August 21, 8 a.m.

The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers met in its third regular session for the year 1952 in the seminary building Thursday at 8 a.m. August 21, 1952.

The songs were led by Ed. Lewis. Devotions were directed by George Peek. A period of prayer followed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. McClain presented a paper on divorce and remarriage. On the paper was received with thanks by the Fellowship.

Motion was made and carried that the business proceed and that discussion of the paper of Dr. McClain take place on Friday as scheduled.

The committee concerning a report on nonresistance submitted a report and it was received. (This report indicated nothing had been done during the year.)

A motion prevailed that Dr. McClain write a book setting forth in detail the doctrine of nonresistance. Motion carried.

A motion was presented and carried that the committee on nonresistance be continued, with its membership increased in number to five and that this committee make arrangements for the publication of a book setting forth this doctrine.

The Board on Ministerial Relief was represented by Dr. Charles Ashman and Bro. Ord Gehman. Dr. Ashman gave an announcement of invitation and decision concerning delinquent payments of insurance policies. (To the effect that no payment be paid by September 30 or the policy would be dropped.)

The Committee on Counsel was represented by Bro. Arnold Kriegbaum, pre-

sented the recommendation that the ministerium approve the envelope system in support of the seminary fund. The motion was made and carried to accept this recommendation. Dr. McClain spoke briefly of the present financial need of the seminary.

20. The chairman announced the appointment of Dr. Charles Ashman and Bro. W. A. Ogden to complete the committee on nonresistance. (See point 17 above.) Herman Hoyt, chairman, John Aeby, and Herman Koontz are the other members.

21. A motion carried to adjourn.

Friday, August 22, 8 a.m.

The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers met in its fourth regular session for the year 1952 in the seminary building Friday, August 22, at 8 a.m.

Songs were in charge of Ed. Lewis. Devotions were directed by Bro. R. H. Kettell. A period of prayer followed.

22. A motion prevailed and was duly carried that the secretary of the ministerium send a word of greeting to Bro. J. E. Patterson recognizing and commending him for his many years of faithful service unto the Lord and His flock.

23. A motion was passed to proceed with the scheduled business until Dr. McClain's arrival for the discussion of his paper.

24. Brother Loar presented the importance and need of an efficient filing system for ministers.

25. The Board on Ministerial Relief reported its findings concerning a group plan life insurance and hospital benefits. Bro. Ord Gehman, Dr. Ashman, and a company representative spoke. A motion to receive the report was carried.

26. Bro. Arnold Kriegbaum, rep-

representing the Committee on Counsel and Recommendation, recommended that the ministerium approve the plan set forth by the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church to provide outfits for our missionary candidates. A motion carried to approve this plan.

27. A motion to adjourn was carried. Bro. William Steffler gave the benediction.

Saturday, August 23, 8 a.m.

The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers met in its fifth regular session for the year 1952 in the seminary building Saturday morning at 8 o'clock on August 23.

Songs were led by Bro. Ed. Lewis. Devotions and a prayer period were in charge of Bro. Lewis Hohenstein.

28. Motion that the officers of each district care for their national ministerium cards at the earliest date possible (prior to the time of the National Fellowship) and that a list of those who are eligible for cards along with a check to cover the full list be sent to the vice chairman (Miles Taber). Carried.

29. Motion that we request the present committee on ministerial relief to continue its study on a hospitalization and insurance plan and call a meeting next year at conference for a full discussion on this subject. Carried.

30. The Committee on Counsel and Recommendation, represented by Brother Kriegbaum, reported that the Missionary Herald Company desired a discussion as to the desire among ministers for a weekly church bulletin. A motion was made to give consent to the Herald Company to proceed with their investigation as to the advisability of publishing weekly church bulletins. A substitute motion was presented that

the ministerium approve the plan the Missionary Herald Company produce weekly bulletins, print front and back, and encourage our churches to participate in the use. Carried.

31. The National Sunday School Board, represented by Brother Kling, reported that they were willing to help in all Sunday school work and he gave their plans for the coming year. Motion to receive this report was carried.

32. The chairman announced ministerial committees for the 1953: program committee—Herbert Koontz, Ord Gehman, Clyde Baer; nominating committee—Lester Phillips, Phillip Simmons, Kenneth Teague.

33. The report of the financial secretary was presented. Motion to receive the report was carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

September 1, 1951, to August 1, 1952

Balance in treasury at the beginning of the year

Receipts in dues:

From Arthur Carey

From foreign missionaries (per R. Reddick)

Total

Disbursements:

(Itemized in treasurer's report.)

Balance on hand

Respectfully submitted,

Blaine Snyder
Financial Secretary

34. Report of the treasurer given. Motion to receive it was carried.

NATIONAL MINISTERIUM TREASURY REPORT

Received from William Schaffer, bal. of last year's treasury

Received from Arthur Carey, dues

Received from Ruth Reddick, dues for missionaries

Total

Paid out—

Honorarium to Geo. Cone

Norman Uphouse (mim'gr'phing)

Henry Rempel

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| ona Lake Cards Co. | 8.75 |
| nd to Lester Pifer | .50 |
| ionary Herald Co. for Annual | |
| ace | 30.78 |
| total | 58.88 |
| nce on hand | \$80.03 |
| Harry Sturz. | |

35. The minutes were read and approved.

36. Motion to adjourn prevailed and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

True Hunt.

THE BOARD ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Officiary

President—C. H. Ashman, Sr. ('55),
Los Angeles, Calif.

President—Phillip J. Simmons
(55), Juniata, Pa.

Secretary-Treasurer—Ord Gehman
(53), 514 N. Jefferson St., Berne,
Ind.

Board Members

T. Saunders ('54), Washington,
D. C.

H. Schaffer ('54), Spokane, Wash.

vin Fisher ('54), Camden, Ind.

ph Rambo ('53), Modesto, Calif.

O. A. Lorenz ('53), La Verne, Calif.
C. K. Landrum ('55), Uniontown, Pa.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE BOARD ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF, INC.

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| Balance carried forward, Aug. 16, | |
| 1951 | \$3,819.97 |
| Received to Aug. 16, 1952 | 10,804.32 |
| Total receipts | 14,624.29 |
| Total disbursements | 7,856.01 |

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| Balance in checking account, Aug. | |
| 16, 1952 | 6,768.28 |

Breakdown of Expenditures

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|------------------------------|----------|
| Office supplies | \$87.56 |
| Board expenses | 58.75 |
| Relief payments | 120.00 |
| Retirement payments | 320.00 |
| Insurance payments | 3,198.62 |
| Loans | 4,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 71.08 |
| Total | 7,856.01 |

BRETHREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Officers and Board

President—William Smith ('54), 3019
h St. SE., Washington, D. C.

President—Clair Gartland
(55), R. R. 1, Conemaugh, Pa.

Secretary—Russell Ogden ('54), Wi-
ona Lake, Ind.

asurer—Homer Kent, Jr. ('55),
Winona Lake, Ind.

sell Ward ('55), 1099 Irene Rd.,
Lyndhurst, Ohio.

ph Colburn ('55), Winona Lake,
Ind.

ald Polman ('54), 731 Elm Ter-
ce, York, Pa.

l. Collingridge ('54), Sunnyside,
ash.

Robert A. Ashman ('53), Winona
Lake, Ind.

Kenneth B. Ashman ('53), 205 Ihrig
Ave., Wooster, Ohio.

Evelyn Fuqua ('53), Dryhill, Ky.

Plans

Monthly packets of programs, ideas, and social helps will be sent to all pastors and youth leaders. Each BYF and CE will be encouraged to send regular offerings to the national work for this purpose, and for the purpose of providing Gospel literature for our Spanish American and Jewish missions. (We have pledged ourselves to supply \$10 a month or more to each of these.)

Also, from these offerings a pledge of \$350 has been made to the Youth Council for the support of the Youth Director.

All program material will be edited by the Youth Director and mailed from his office. Requests for

additional copies, ideas, and suggestions for programs, etc., will be welcomed by him.

Checks should be made out to Brethren Youth Fellowship, mailed to his office, or to Homer Kent, Jr.

NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH

Officers

President—Gerald Polman, 731 Elm Terrace, York, Pa.

Vice Presidents—Patricia Griffith, R. D. 1, Conemaugh, Pa.; Arthur Martinez, Ranchos de Taos, N. Mex.

Secretary—Helen Small, Winona Lake, Ind.

Treasurer—Kenneth B. Ashman, 205 Ihrig Ave., Wooster, Ohio.

Council Members

BYF—William Smith, Gerald Polman, Homer Kent, Jr., Kenneth Ashman, Evelyn Fuqua.

SMM—Patricia Griffith, Cora Luna, Helen Small, Mary Hooks, Mrs. John Armstrong.

BBC—Arthur Martinez, Bob Miller, Lynwood Catron, Paul Hall, Mr. Owen Hacker.

National Youth Director

Ralph J. Colburn, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.

Office Assistant—Edwin E. Cashner, Winona Lake, Ind.

Purpose

To coordinate, strengthen, and promote the activities of the youth organizations in the Brethren Church, namely: Brethren Youth Fellowship (or Christian Endeavor), Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, Brethren Boys Clubs; to contact and encourage Brethren students at school, and channel as many as possible in the service of the Lord in the Brethren Church; and to lend a helping hand whenever possible to the local churches and districts in their youth program.

DIRECTORY OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

ing City and State; Pastor's Name; Church Name, Membership, Address, and Telephone Number; and Name and Address of Secretary or Clerk

CIDENT, MD. (John W. Ritchey)
 First Brethren Church (34)
 Miss Zella Keller, Accident

RON, OHIO (Harold H. Etling)
First Brethren Church (357)
60 Stetler Ave., zone 12 (Tel. RE-
public 2520)

rs. Mary Bry, 438 Stevenson Ave., zone 12

BANY, OREG. (Glen H. Welborn)

race Brethren Church (77)
5 Ermine St. (Motley Addition)
rs. M. V. Craig, R. R. 4, Box 351

BUQUERQUE, N. MEX. (Clar-
ence Gutierrez)

Race Brethren Church (20)
R. 4, Box 732F (N. 2d St.) (Tel.
4-4987)

rs. Servilia L. Bernal, R. R. 4,
Box 736

EPPO, PA. (Fred Wm. Walter)
Aleppo Brethren Church (82)
Mrs. Nellie Taylor, Aleppo

ALEXANDRIA, VA. (Kenneth L. Teague)

Commonwealth Avenue Brethren
Church (102)

corner of Commonwealth and Lu-
ray Aves.

Miss Mabel Donaldson, 4328 Gar-
rison St. NW., Washington, D. C.

LENTOWN, PA. (William Gray)
First Brethren Church (90)
2-34 N. 5th St.

rs. Philip Gray, P. O. Box 2
PO MICH (Earl O Funderburg)

Evangelical Brethren Church (43)
miles east of M-50 on 84th St

Kent County
Ms. Dorothy Stahl, R. R. 1

Clarksville, Mich.

ALTOONA, PA. (Mark E. Malles)
First Brethren Church (150)
Maple Ave. and 30th St.
Wallace Mitchell, 966 31st St.

ALTOONA, PA. (Phillip J. Simmons)
Grace Brethren Church (153)
Broadway and 15th Ave., Juniata
Mrs. William Dively, 609 7th Ave.,
Juniata, Altoona, Pa.

ANKENYTOWN, OHIO (Wesley
Haller)

First Brethren Church (85)
R. R. 1, Bellville, Ohio
Mrs. Pauline Beal, Mt. Vernon
Ave., Fredericktown, Ohio

ARROYO HONDO, N. MEX. (David
Tollardo)

Arroyo Hondo Brethren Church
(36)
Terry Garcia, Arroyo Hondo

ARTESIA, CALIF. (Adam H. Rager)
Carson Avenue Brethren Church
(66)

12138 E. Carson Ave. (corner of
Norwalk Blvd. and Carson Ave.)
(Tel. L. B. 5-4808)

Mrs. Alice Akers, 22310 E. Devlin
St.

ASHLAND, OHIO (Miles Taber)
West Tenth Street Brethren
Church (323)

West Tenth, between Myers and
Wick Aves. (Tel. 26374)
Mrs. William Warrick, 1031 Wick
Ave.

BALTIMORE, MD. (C. H. Hinegardner)

Bible Brethren Church (45)
1613 Gorsuch Ave., zone 18 (Tel.
BE 4817)

Thelma Hinegardner, Midland, Va.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. (Gene Farrell)

Cherry Valley Brethren Church (69)

R. R. 1, Box 405 (church at Vine-land and Beaumont Aves., Cherry Valley) (Tel. 2096)

Three miles north of Highway 60 and 70.

Mrs. Emil Rasmussen, R. R. 1, Box 285, Beaumont.

BEAVER CITY, NEBR. (no pastor)

Grace Brethren Church (70)

Mrs. Myrtle Little, Beaver City

BELL CALIF. (no pastor)

Bell Brethren Church (45)

6830 Wilcox Ave. (halfway between Gage and Florence on Wilcox)

Mrs. Bernice Millar, 7017 Heliotrope

BELLFLOWER, CALIF. (George M. Richardson)

First Brethren Church 176)

9405 E. Flower St. (Clark and Flower Sts.) (mailing address Box 306) (Tel. Torrey 7-6132)

Mrs. T. H. Bergen, 15332 S. Leahy St.

BERNE, IND. (Ord Gehman)

Bethel Brethren Church (184)

R. R. 2, (6½ miles east on Ind. 118 and ½ mile south)

Mrs. Chalmer Smitley, R. R. 2

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH. (Arthur F. Collins)

Grace Brethren Tabernacle (22)

424 South Mechanic St.

Mrs. Loyd Hathcock, R. R. 1, Box 19

BUENA VISTA, Va. (Galen M. Lingenfelter)

First Brethren Church (286)

P. O. Box 362 (church at 29th St. and Route 60)

Mrs. George Smals, 29th St.

CAMDEN, OHIO (Robert W. E. First Brethren Church (90)

West Central Ave. at Lafayette (1 block west of traffic light Route 725)

Warren A. Craig, 35 N. 2nd St.

CANTON, OHIO (no pastor)

First Brethren Church (205)

Second and Hartford NE., zone (1 block north of Route 30) 56526)

Miss Margaret Sutek, 2121 T St. SE.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA (Arno Kriegbaum)

Grace Brethren Church (42)

2905 D Ave. NE. (Tel. 3-4983)

Mrs. Bernard Aupperle, 30 Ave. NE.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA. (Ed Clark)

Grace Brethren Church (38)

R. R. 1, Pond Bank, Chambersburg zone 6

Miss Dorothy Bumbaugh, R. 1

CHERRY VALLEY—See Beaumont Calif.

CHEYENNE, WYO. (C. Wayne ker)

First Brethren Church (54)

1613 E. 22d St., corner of I Ave. (Tel. 5-5811)

Mrs. Kenneth Torrey, 608 E. St.

CHICO, CALIF. (J. Ward Tres Grace Brethren Church (53)

1505 Arbutus Ave. (Tel. 1698)

Mrs. Elvira Boyd, R. R. 3, Bo

CLAY CITY, IND. (Ralph S. B First Brethren Church (70)

10th and Cook Sts. (Tel. 3S-47)

Miss Lois K. Long, 466 S. Ma

CLAYHOLE, KY. (Sewell S. drum)

Clayhole Brethren Church (1)

14 miles southeast of Jackson Highway 15

Mrs. Omer Hatton, Jackson, Ky

- AYTON, OHIO (Clair E. Brickel)
 First Brethren Church (143)
 Highway 49 and Kimmell Rd.
 Mrs. Lewis Requarth, Brookville,
 Ohio
- BARBROOK—See Roanoke, Va.
- CLEVELAND, OHIO (Russell M. Ward)
 First Brethren Church (69)
 64 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst, zone
 24 (Tel. Hillcrest 2-5353)
 Mrs. W. C. Lechlitner, 1630 E. 86th
 St., Cleveland 6
- EMPTON, CALIF. (Norman A. Nelson)
 First Brethren Church (250)
 105 N. Rose St. (Tel. Newmark
 1-1898)
 Mrs. Elda Powell, 801 N. Wilmington
- HEMAUGH, PA. (Stanley F. Hauser)
 Hememaugh Brethren Church
 (145)
 Second and Oak Sts.
 Mrs. Raymond Anthony, 226 Main
 St.
- HEMAUGH, PA. (Clair Gartland)
 Lake Brethren Church (235)
 Rt. 22, William Penn Highway,
 7 miles west of Ebensburg, at
 Mundy's Corner (Tel. Nanty-
 Glo 5727)
 Mrs. Faye Cunningham, R. R. 1
- HEMAUGH, PA. (no pastor)
 Hanger Hill Grace Brethren Church
 (145)
 R. 1 (Rt. 219, 2 miles south of
 Mundy's Corner, or 9 miles
 north of Johnstown)
 Mrs. Warren Smith, R. R. 1
- INGTON, OHIO (James Young)
 First Brethren Church (68)
 Spring and Pearl Sts.
 Mrs. Virginia Peters, R. R. 1
- INGTON, VA. (Lee Crist)
 First Brethren Church (300)
 Parrish Court
- rs. Ina Westerman, Parrish Court
- CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO (Richard L. Burch)
 Grace Brethren Church (67)
 Third St. and Chestnut Blvd.
 Mrs. Earle R. Cole, 2753 Elmwood
 St.
- DALLAS CENTER, IOWA (True L. Hunt)
 First Brethren Church (146)
 Mrs. Margaret Webster, Dallas
 Center
- DANVILLE, OHIO (Neil L. Beery)
 Danville Brethren Church (72)
 Ross Street
 Miss Wilma Magers, R. R. 2, How-
 ard, Ohio
- DAYTON, OHIO (John W. Evans, Jr.)
 Bethany Brethren Church (70)
 5100 Hoover Ave., zone 7
 Mrs. Doris Hapner, 900 Strawberry
 Row, zone 7
- DAYTON, OHIO (William A. Steffler)
 First Brethren Church (686)
 1900 W. Third St., zone 7 (Tel. ME.
 7862)
 Mrs. Don E. Wolfe, 1025 Shakes-
 peare Ave., zone 7
- DAYTON, OHIO (Clyde G. Balyo)
 North Riverdale Brethren Church
 (235)
 4101 N. Main St., zone 5 (Tel. RA-
 4332)
 Mrs. William Ake, 234 East Maple-
 wood Ave., zone 5
- DAYTON, OHIO (C. S. Zimmerman)
 Patterson Park Brethren Church
 (35)
 Belmont School Bldg., 2745 S.
 Smithville Rd., zone 10 (mail c/o
 pastor at his address)
 Mr. Ivan Ashworth, 21 E. Spring-
 hill Ave., zone 9
- DENVER, COLO. (Lowell Hoyt)
 Grace Brethren Church (27)
 Exposition and S. Federal
- EAST PASADENA—See Temple
 City, Calif.
- ELLET—See Akron, Ohio

EVERETT, PA. (Homer Lingenfel-
ter)

Everett Grace Brethren Church
(42)

Main and Spring Sts. (Tel. 369J4)
Fred Bucher, 14 W. 2d St.

FILLMORE, CALIF. (Foster Tre-
sise)

First Brethren Church (112)
422 Central Ave.

Robert Agler, 411 Fillmore St.

FINDLAY, OHIO (Forest F. Lance)
Findlay Brethren Church (23)

Bigelow School, France St. (tem-
porary), 1 block east of N. Main
Mrs. Pauline Bibler, 1828 W. Main
Cross

FLORA, IND. (Charles Turner)

Grace Brethren Church (178)
Main and Willow Sts. (Tel. 17203)
Mrs. Homer Hanna, Bringham,
Ind.

FORT WAYNE, IND. (James D.
Hammer)

First Brethren Church (218)
3326 S. Calhoun St., zone 6 (Tel.
Harrison 1065)

Mrs. Richard David, c/o church

FREMONT, OHIO (Lester E. Pifer)

Grace Brethren Church (215)
300 S. Collinwood Blvd. (Tel. Main
2973)

Mrs. Carl H. Brooks, 116 S. Col-
linwood Blvd.

GARVEY—See South San Gabriel,
Calif.

GARWIN, IOWA (Edward Bowman)

Carlton Brethren Church (110)
6½ miles southwest of Garwin or
9 miles east of Marshalltown
(Tel. Garwin 06F8)

Mrs. Raymond Cooper, R. R.

GLENDAL, CALIF. (Archie L.
Lynn)

First Brethren Church (167)
632 West Stocker St., zone 2 (1
block south of Hoover High
School) (Tel. Citrus 2-9707)

James C. Martin, 809 Burchett St.,
zone 2

GRAFTON, W. VA. (no pastor)
First Brethren Church (138)
45 W. St. Charles St.
Mrs. Helen Dennis, 335 W. Fra
St.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. (Walter
Lepp)

Grace Brethren Church (326)
First and Spruce Sts. (Tel. 172)
Howard P. Stickler, Sr., R. R.

HARRAH, WASH. (Harry Stur-
Harrah Brethren Church (206)
Box 203 (1 block west of P.)
(Tel. 2132)

Mrs. Mark Williams, R. R. 1, W
pato, Wash.

HARRISBURG, PA. (Russell
Weber)

Melrose Gardens Brethren Church
(102)

22nd and Swatara Sts.

Mrs. A. Rollin Sandy, Palmyra

HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA. (Dea
Walter)

Vicksburg, Brethren Church
Four miles south of Hollidaysb
off Route 36 (mailing add
c/o pastor, R. R. 2, Duncansv
Pa.

R. C. Dick, 222 Bedford St., H
lidayburg

HOLLINS, VA. (J. E. Patterson)
Mountain View Brethren Church
(174)

State Route 115, near Hollins
road station

Miss Barbara Stanley, R. R. F.
Roanoke, Va.

HOMERVILLE, OHIO (R
Holmes)

West Homer Brethren Church
(100)

R. R. 1, Homerville

Mrs. Roy Hopkins, Howe St., H
Ohio

HOPEWELL, PA. (Sheldon W. Snyder)
 Yellow Creek Brethren Church (80)
 R. R. 1, Hopewell (1½ miles south-east of the village of Yellow Creek)
 Miss Priscilla Zimmerman, R. R. 1,
 MONTICELLO, IND. (B. A. Burk)
 Grace Brethren Church (21)
 721 N. Guilford St.
 Mrs. Clifford Funderburg, R. R. 5
 GLEWOOD—See Los Angeles
 JACKSON, MICH. (Robert L. Bates)
 Grace Brethren Church (10)
 Michigan Center (meets in Masonic Hall, Fifth St., near Page Ave.)
 Kenneth F. Janz, R. R. 7 (901 Napoleon Rd.)
 JENNERS, PA. (Victor S. Rogers)
 Jenners Brethren Church (67)
 Opposite school)
 Mrs. Dolores Flanigan, Jenners
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 Watauga Ave. and Lamont St.
 Vanda Guinn, 618 Hillcrest Dr.
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 21 Liberty Ave.
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 15 Arthur St. (West Kittanning)
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 North Buffalo Brethren Church (29)
 R. R. 4, Kittanning, Pa.
 Mrs. Odell Bowser, R. R. 4
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 Mountain Brethren Church
 LAKE ODESSA, MICH. (Lee Jenkins)
 Grace Brethren Church (118)
 R. R. 2, Clarksville, Mich. (6 miles west of Lake Odessa on Vedder Rd.)
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 First Brethren Church (229)
 3rd and E Sts. (Tel. Lycoming 4-3142)
 Miss Ann Wigley, 2341 2d St.
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 Leamersville Brethren Church (236)
 R. R. 2, Duncansville, Pa.
 (1 mile south of Newry, Pa., on Highway 220)
 Mrs. Phyllis Smith, R. R. 1, East Freedom, Pa.
 LEESBURG, IND. (Nathan M. Meyer)
 Leesburg Brethren Church (45)
 Across from the high school
 Howard Landis, Leesburg
 LEON, IOWA (Marion D. Gates)
 Leon Brethren Church (194)
 108 W. Fourth St. (on Route 69 opposite the high school)
 Mrs. Ray Andrew, Leon
 LIMESTONE, TENN. (Randall L. Rossman)
 Vernon Brethren Church (100)
 R. R. 1 (on Washington College Station and Oakland Rd.)
 Miss Lelia Arnold, Washington College, Tenn.

LISTIE, PA. (Paul L. Mohler)
Listie Brethren Church (225)
(Tel. Somerset 3034)
Miss Vera Jean Fye, Listie

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (Charles
W. Mayes; asst., Nelson Hall;
Min. of Educ., Albert L. Flory)
First Brethren Church (1,546)
1925 E. 5th (Fifth & Cherry), zone
12 (Tel. 67-5484)
Miss Geraldine Judd, c/o church

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (George O.
Peek)
Second Brethren Church (446)
5945 Orange Ave. (60th and Or-
ange), zone 5 (Tel. 23605)
Mrs. Lorraine Yocky, 5456 Linden
Ave.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (Glenn
O'Neal)
First Brethren Church (337)
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(Tel. PLeasant 12505)
Walter Grant, 8801 Croydon Ave.,
Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (Henry G.
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Second Brethren Church (121)
6000 Compton Ave., zone 1 (where
60th St. crosses Compton Ave.—
in Los Angeles, not in city of
Compton) (Tel. KImball 3477)
Florence Bowhall, 8830 Bandera
Ave.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (James C.
Beatty)
Third Brethren Church (96)
5839 Whittier Blvd., zone 22 (Tel.
UNion 1-5972)
Mrs. Myrtle Andrews, 224 S.
Kingsley Dr., zone 4

MANSFIELD, OHIO (Bernard N.
Schneider; asst., James Cook)
Grace Brethren Church (265)
Marion Ave. and Forest St. (Tel.
6800-6)
Mrs. Howard C. Lehnhart, R. R. 5

MARTINSBURG, PA. (Gerald
Teeter)
First Brethren Church (197)
Corner of Wall and Woodlay
(Tel. 115-J)
Miss Sannie Klepser, Woodlay
Ave.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. (M.
Myers)
Rosemont Brethren Church (11)
Illinois Ave. and W. King St.
John Davis, 514 E. Moler Ave.

MEYERSDALE, PA. (H. Lesl
Moore)
Meyersdale Brethren Church (19)
112 Beachley St. (Tel. Meyersda
337-J)
Irene Siegner, R. R. 3

MEYERSDALE, PA. (H. Lesl
Moore)
Summit Mills Brethren Church
(171)
R. R. 1 (4 miles southwest of Me
ersdale) (Tel. Meyersdale 337-
Mrs. Elwood Firl, 211 Salisbu
St., Meyersdale

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO (Edwa
Lewis)
First Brethren Church (180)
William St. (2 blocks from P. C)
Loretta Cocklin, 2202 St. Elmo
NE., Canton, Ohio

MODESTO, CALIF. (Ralph
Rambo)
Brethren Christian Center (77)
McHenry and Ladd Rds. (7 mi
north of Modesto) (Tel. 2-791)
Mrs. Joseph Cover, 1119 Arcw

MODESTO, CALIF. (Harold
Painter)
LaLoma Grace Brethren Church
(139)
1315 LaLoma Dr. (Tel. 3-3738)
Mrs. Loren Zook, Box 675

MUNDY'S CORNER — See Cor
maugh, Pa.

- EW TROY, MICH. (Richard Jackson, Jr.)
New Troy Brethren Church (113)
Box 67 (Tel. 77)
Mrs. Allen Fritzsche, New Troy
- ORTH BUFFALO — See Kittanning, Pa.
- ORTH ENGLISH, IOWA (Clarence H. Lackey)
Pleasant Grove Brethren Church (64)
R. R. 2, North English, Iowa (2 miles east of Millersburg)
Allen White, North English
- SCEOLA, IND. (Ward A. Miller)
Bethel Brethren Church (151)
Lincolnway at Oregon Ave. (Tel. 749)
Mrs. Freida Humes, R. R. 2
- ZARK, MICH. (W. Paul Lovegrove)
Grace Brethren Church (15)
5½ miles east of Trout Lake, 1 mile south of M-48
Mrs. Mary Hilbert, Ozark
- ARKERSBURG, W. VA. (Lester O. Smitley)
First Brethren Church
- ERU, IND. (R. Ronald Robinson)
Peru Brethren Church (154)
Santa Fe Hill or South Broadway
R. Ray Leedy, 14 E. Warren St.
- HILADELPHIA, PA. (John M. Aeby)
First Brethren Church (174)
Oxford Ave. and Knorr St., zone 11 (Tel. Pilgrim 5-2799)
Mrs. R. Alvin McDowell, 821 Griffith St., zone 11
- HILADELPHIA, PA. (Robert S. Cessna)
Third Brethren Church (232)
Ella and Tioga Sts., zone 20 (Tel. GA 3-8047)
Miss Lorraine Haines, 2339 Fuller St.
- PHOENIX, ARIZ. (J. C. McKillen)
First Brethren Church (6)
2727 W. Rovey Ave. (1 block north of Bethany Home and 27th Ave.)
Mrs. Richard L. Riggs, 2730 W. Cavalier Dr.
- POND BANK—See Chambersburg, Pa.
- PORTIS, KANS. (Raymond H. Kettell)
First Brethren Church (156)
On Highway 281
Mrs. Hud Turner, Portis
- PORTLAND, OREG. (Vernon J. Harris)
Grace Brethren Church (36)
7015 NE. 23d Ave., zone 11 (1 block south of U. S. 30 By-Pass)
Mrs. Janice Zimmerman, 1635 NE. Bryant
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Fairlawn Brethren Church (115)
Pepper and Lee Sts (Route 114)
Mrs. R. B. Ratcliffe, R. R. 2
- RANCHOS DE TAOS, N. MEX. (Tony Luna, Jr.)
Cordillera Brethren Church (10)
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Miss Bertha Gutierrez, Ranchos de Taos
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First Brethren Church (172)
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- ROANOKE, VA. (William E. Howard)
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Wasena Ave. and Maiden Lane SW., zone 15 (Tel. 2-2625)
Mrs. J. Harold Putt, 1822 Windsor Ave. SW., zone 15

ROANOKE, VA. (W. Carl Miller)
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Church (28)
Melrose Ave. and Westside Blvd.
Mrs. Paul W. McKee, 349 Day Ave.
SW.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. (Lyle
W. Marvin)
Arrowhead Avenue Brethren
Church (92)
1351 Arrowhead Ave. (Tel. 83-
7185)

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (G. D. Engel-
man)
First Brethren Church (122)
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First Brethren Church (104)
Eighth and Central (Tel. Long
Beach 99-180)
Mrs. Louise Brownyard, 220 Cen-
tral Ave.

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Trinity Brethren Church (85)
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Grace Brethren Church (35)
Mrs. Thelma Jarrett, Sharpsville

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Sidney Brethren Church (85)
Miss Enid Heckman, R. R. 2, North
Manchester, Ind.

SINGER HILL—See Conemaugh,
Pa.

SOUTH BEND, IND. (W. Russell
Ogden)
Sunnymede Brethren Church (61)
1232 E. Bronson St.
Mrs. Harley Allen, 305 36th St.,
zone 15

SOUTH GATE, CALIF. (Alfr
Dodds, interim)
First Brethren Church (249)
Sequoia Dr. and Montara A
(Tel. LOrain 6-6433)
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Mrs. Imogene Driskill, 8641 Do
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Fremont Avenue Brethren Church
(117)
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wealth Ave., La Canada, Calif.

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Montgomery) (Tel. EMpire 168)
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rich)
First Brethren Church (131)
Box 15
Martha Bucklew, R. R.

SUMMIT MILLS—See Meyersdale
Pa.

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lingridge)
First Brethren Church (392)
7th and Franklin Sts. (1 blc
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Ave.

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man)

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tic 66342)

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Pentland

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First Brethren Church (90)

Parker and Beverly

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27 N. Market St. (Tel. 9727)

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drum)

First Brethren Church (300)

48 Union St. (Tel. 6320)

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dock Ave.

CKSBURG — See Hollidaysburg,
Pa.

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Dixon, Jr.)

First Brethren Church (308)

nsylvania Ave. at 12th and E
SE., zone 3 (Tel. LIncoln 4-6142)

Miss Katherine Sampson, 501 Barr
Bldg., zone 6

ASHINGTON, PA. (L. E. Rogers)
Laboratory Grace Brethren Church
(22)

R. 4, at intersection of Routes
19 and 40

Mrs. Leo Bedillion, R. R. 4

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henstein)

Grace Brethren Church (220)

60 Williston Ave. (Tel. 8473)

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Flowers)

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R. R. 1, 3 miles west of city (West
Alexandria) on Route 35

John Musch, R. R. 3, Camden, Ohio

WHITTIER, CALIF. (Wayne Flory)

Community Brethren Church (53)

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Norwalk Blvd. on Washington
Blvd.) (Tel. Oxford 9-5913)

Robert Hilker, 1412B, W. Broad-
way

WHITTIER, CALIF. (Kenneth T.
Drennon)

First Brethren Church (411)

Milton and Bailey, Box 174 (Tel.
Ox. 421106)

Glenn Peterson, 8652 S. Enramada
Ave.

WINCHESTER, VA. (Paul E. Dick)

First Brethren Church (254)

645 Berryville Ave. (Tel. 6360)

Mrs. Earl Hildebrand, 374 Gray
Ave.

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Koontz)

Winona Lake Brethren Church
(111)

Grace Seminary Chapel (Tel.
727-R)

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake

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First Brethren Church (200)

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Ave.

YAKIMA, WASH. (Russell L. Williams)

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904 S. 26th Ave. (Tel. 3-3720)

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Wash.

YELLOW CREEK—See Hopewell
Pa.

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Saturday night. When God will, no man can hinder!

The Bible school opened Monday morning with several of the neighbors as helpers and with equipment borrowed from still other neighbors. Nine children attended. The next day 24 were present in the morning session and 14 older children attended the evening class. Registration for the school reached 89, with children accepting Christ as Savior. There were 120 people at the closing program on August 22.

On September 28 we had 39 people in Bible school, and our church membership was opened with names on the list.

Brethren, pray for us that we be faithful to our Lord and do work for us in Phoenix.—J. C. Killen, pastor.

Limestone, Tennessee

The Lord called us into the beautiful hills of Tennessee to hold two weeks Good News Revival at Vernon Brethren Church. This church is one of the rural churches which continues to be a center of worship, Christian fellowship, soul-winning in this city age. This is the day of the successful rural church, not past.

In many ways this was a real revival. The magnets used to attract the people were the Gospel, personal invitation, local musical talent, and the teaching type of evangelism, without fanfare or high pressure methods. The attendance was excellent, the interest was sustained, and the spirit of revival steadily grew from night to night. Practically all those making profession desired church membership also. This is a good test of genuine revival. Yes, we preach Biblical Brethrenism!

In the short period since becoming pastor of this church, Brother Rossman and his good wife have become a vital influence in leadership in the community as well as in the church. In every way the church is moving forward. Improvements have been made in the church building and parsonage. A group of young married couples, exceptionally large for

The Grace Brethren Church of Denver held ground-breaking service for its new building at W. Exposition and S. Federal Blvd., on October 5. The event marked the first anniversary of the arrival of the pastor in Denver.

Local people participating in the program were Darrel Davis, Charles Grisso, David Allen, M. J. Davis, W.

Sunday school and are hoping to go over the 1,000 mark during the 6-weeks contest. Our average for this year, January-October, is 612.—George O. Peek, pastor.

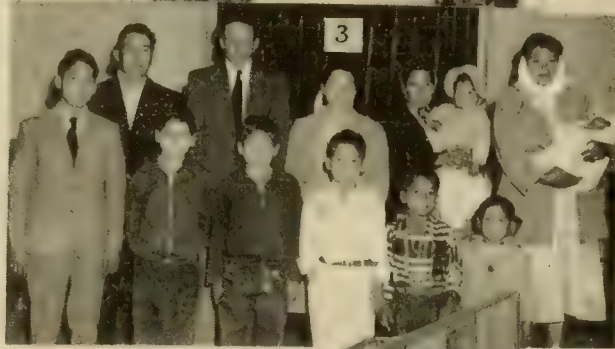
Recent speakers at the Portland, Oreg., church were Rev. Harold D. Painter, Modesto, Calif., and Rev. William Schaffer, Spokane, Wash.

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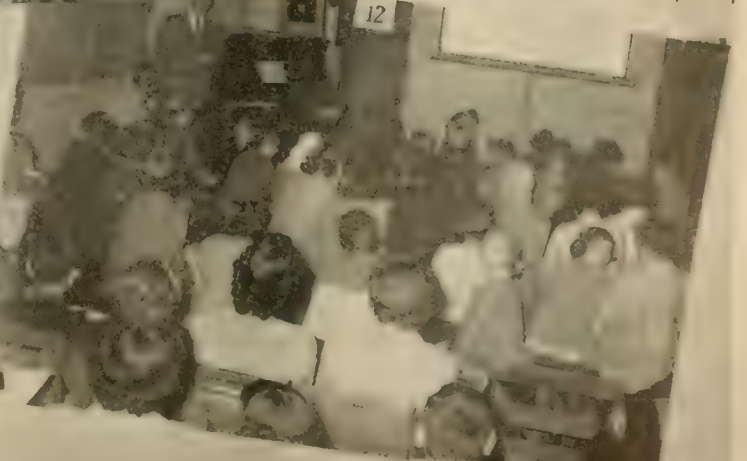
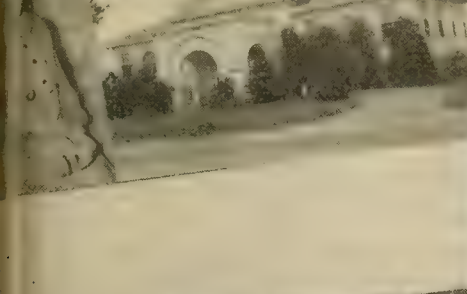
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EDITORIALS

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Important Notice for All Givers to Grace Seminary

Under the new *Monthly Envelope Plan* of giving, being adopted widely by the churches, some of our friends have been inquiring just how this plan will be related to seminary corporation memberships, and also how the monthly gifts should be reported.

Most of the Brethren know that Grace Seminary is a corporation in which a gift of \$5 or more within the fiscal year makes the giver eligible for corporation membership for 1 year, and that a gift of \$1,000 in any fiscal year makes the giver eligible for *life membership*.

The problem is as follows: Here is a giver, for example, who is giving \$2 per month. Obviously, one such monthly gift is not sufficient for a corporation membership, but the total for the year would reach \$24, which is more than enough. Therefore, the seminary office has set up a system by which all gifts will be recorded under the names of the givers. And if the total gifts of any one person amount to \$5 or more in any fiscal year (ending July 31), a receipt will be issued to the giver and a corporation membership awarded. The same plan will apply to \$1,000 life memberships.

Special blanks are being prepared for the churches upon which either monthly or annual offering reports can be made. Supplies of these will be sent to the churches shortly. Please include on these reports the *names and addresses* of the givers so that receipts and memberships can be properly awarded. Under the laws of Indiana governing corporations such as ours, it is necessary to keep a list of members of the corporation.

How are the monthly offerings coming in? Because of a lack of reports in certain cases, we cannot be absolutely sure in our identification of such offerings, but it appears that *they have reached about \$2,850 for the first 17 days of October*. We thank God for answered prayer.—A. J. M.

Envelopes Still Available

The seminary staff is grateful for the way our churches have entered so enthusiastically into the monthly plan of finance for the school. Many are now sending in their offerings regularly. Some have found it necessary to order additional packets of envelopes. These envelopes may be ordered, or reordered, at any time, and we are always ready to have them begin with the current month. Just write the seminary if you need an additional supply of them.—P. R. B.

Gifts That Touch the Heart

One day "Jesus sat over against the treasury, and be-

held how the people cast money into the treasury." His heart was touched, not by the gifts of the rich who cast in much, but rather by the sacrificial offering of a poor widow who, though the actual amount of her gift was small, "cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury" (see Mark 12:41-44). Many such gifts come to us at Grace Seminary, and sometimes they touch us to the point of tears. Often they are gifts from elderly people who have hardly enough for their daily needs. Yet, they write us that they rejoice in the privilege of sharing in the work of training young people to go out into the harvest fields as their representatives. Sometimes the gifts are of considerable size. Recently \$400 came from a widow in California; \$500 has come to us from one of our veteran missionaries, and \$1,000 from another. Both of these could have preferred to keep these funds for the day of their retirement from active service. Their vision and sacrifice, like that of the Macedonian Christians, should "provoke very many" of us to give our Lord nothing less than the very best we have.—P. R. B.

Prayer and the Ballot Box

In our day the carrying out of the great commission to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" will be affected favorably or adversely by the elected government. If the effect is favorable, it will be because of the attitude of the Lord's people. It is our first responsibility to pray, knowing that "promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another" (Psa. 75:6-7). The great responsibility to pray was stressed with considerable emphasis by the Apostle Paul, when he wrote to Timothy: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" (I Tim 2:1-3).

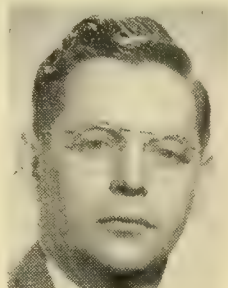
As we pray, however, let us not forget another important factor. The principle has been laid down for us in the Bible. In the early church, when an apostle was to be chosen, prayer and votes went together. God alone knew the hearts of His people, and so they prayed, as the choice narrowed down to 2 men: "Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen" (Acts 1:24). Let us pray, to be sure! But, let us also give the Holy Spirit an opportunity, through those of us who know His voice, "to shew whether of these two he has chosen."—P. R. B.

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EVANGELISM AT GRACE SEMINARY

By Herman Hein, Jr., Gospel Team Chairman

Many times the question has been asked: "What do the students at the seminary do in the way of practical work?" Many seem to have the idea that we are too busy studying and making a living for ourselves and families to devote any time to serving the Lord. That this is far from the truth is evident to anyone who has spent much time in or near the school and its students. It is for the purpose of bringing a report of the work being done by the gospel teams that I write this testimony in behalf of the students of the seminary. Let us take a peek into the activities of almost any week end at Winona Lake.



Herman Hein, Jr.

Saturday evening is the time the world uses for much of its pleasures. In addition, these people are doing the week-end shopping, and loafers are sitting in the parks. In the midst of these, the students are busy for the Lord. What are they doing? Looking around the street corners of Warsaw, 2 miles from Winona Lake, you can see on almost every corner somebody passing out gospel tracts with the message of salvation in clear, precise words. On the corner of the courthouse square an electric meter box has been installed and paid for by the Practical Works Department of the school (run entirely by the student body). Here the public-address system may be plugged in and good records played to attract the people to a street meeting. Whenever the weather permits, a good-sized group of young men and women may be seen playing their instruments, singing hymns, giving their testimonies, preaching the Gospel, and then dealing

with those who have become interested by the service. Souls have been won in these street meetings.

Let us now look south about 10 miles from Winona Lake. Here we find another group busy in an empty store building at the little town of Claypool. What is going on here? Gospel films are being shown for the benefit of those who come. As many as 80 have attended these Saturday-night services, and thus far, out of 3 meetings, 9 young girls around the age of 12 have been saved.

On Sunday afternoons and evenings teams go out in every direction from the school. For example, recently a team of 12 men went to the town of Bourbon, about 15 miles west of Winona Lake, and conducted a real, live gospel service for the benefit of about 400 colored railroad workers who were living there in camp cars. It is true that not all of these gathered on the grass alongside the tracks to listen to the Good News, but we did have a fine group of them, and many more heard the testimonies and preaching as it was directed in both directions along the cars by the amplifying system. At this service 4 souls were saved, and several others gathered around to thank us for coming. Some of these requested prayer for themselves and their families.

Traveling eastward about 6 miles from the school we again may find a group of 8 or 10 students in a meeting at the Alfran Nursing Home for aged and invalid men and women. Our young people have been going there for over 5 years, and many in the evening of life have been won for the Lord. Personally, I have seen at least 10 souls saved from a Christless eternity. Some of these died in a matter of days after they were saved. It would be a pleasure to relate the experiences of the gospel teams at this one place alone. Perhaps at some later date this can be done.

Now let us go on farther east to Columbia City, about 20 miles from the seminary. Here there is a unique work at a county hospital where many of the patients never have a visitor. Many are the blessings that come to the students who visit this place. Scripture is read to those who desire it and prayer is offered in their behalf, while many times the patients are glad to have someone just to talk to them for awhile. This same group leaves the hospital and goes on to visit the county jail where, during the past year, at least 5 souls have been saved.

Going south to Claypool again on Sunday afternoon we find another group of young people conducting a Bible study class and using flannelgraph work for the children. This work has come to pass because of the interest of the town marshal, who is also a first-year collegiate student at the seminary. This young man needs prayer as he leads this group in the study of God's Word, and as he guides the youth of the community in their respect for the law.

For those who are preparing for service in Spanish-speaking countries, there are many Spanish and Mexican workers in this part of the country who work in the tomato fields and the canneries. Every Sunday afternoon a group goes to take the Gospel to them in their own language. The results here are not as great as in some other places because of the opposing work

OUR COVER PAGE

Besides classroom training, Grace Seminary students are engaged in many fields of practical training outside, as may be seen in the various pictures on the front cover of this issue.

In photo No. 1, Jack Peters visits a patient at McDonald Hospital. He led this young lady and her husband to the Lord. No. 2 shows the Saturday night gospel team street meeting in Warsaw. No. 3, Mexicans, among whom gospel team members are working, come to witness a baptism (No. 4) by Prof. John Whitcomb. Members visit Alfran Nursing Home (5) regularly. Left to right: Mrs. Don Girton, Ruth Hall, Jane Hose, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gingrich, and Don Girton. No. 6, Aged patient. No. 7, the Alfran Home. The gospel team ministers (No. 8) to a Negro section crew along the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks. Don Locke and Max Fluke (9) witness to men in Warsaw jail. Richard DeArmey (10) conducts an evangelistic service for fellow student, James Hammer. No. 11, Herman Hein's station wagon and Ivan Ritzert's car with speakers are used in gospel team work. Left to right: Robert Griffin, Gilbert Hawkins, Ernest Lee, and Ivan Ritzert. Herman Hein speaks to children and young people (No. 12) at Saturday evening service in nearby Claypool.



Student Sibley Edmiston (above left) hands out tracts at homes in Winona Lake. Center photo shows him handing tract to milkman. On right is Mr. and Mrs. William Male with Carryall car they purchased for children's work.

done by the Catholic priests who hold them in fear, but several have been baptized already from this work.

Right next door to the seminary, at Warsaw, we find much to do. Each Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the gospel team is represented at the McDonald hospital. Thus far this year 3 young people have been saved. One was a young man, and the other 2 were a young woman patient and her husband who had come to visit her. They are the parents of 5 children, and the case is being followed up by one of our student pastors who works in their home community.

In the Kosciusko County jail we have 2 young men of the collegiate division who are busy for the Lord each Sunday afternoon. Since last June at least 12 men and 1 woman have been saved in the county jail.

Two other important works of the gospel team are the house-to-house visitation and the follow-up work of those who are saved at the various places. Recently the students joined with the people of the local church in visitation for the Christ for Everyone campaign. Every home in Winona Lake and hundreds in Warsaw were visited personally. In each case a gospel tract was left.

The students do not go out to these places without equipment. The Practical Works Department has a public-address system, a portable organ, and songbooks. Several of the students themselves own public-address systems, field organs, accordions, and various other instruments. In some places where the work is of a more permanent nature, we have located pianos and have placed them there for our use.

A last word has been put in the final place of this report for a purpose. I have in mind another task in which we need to be getting more experience—that of going out to our churches within reach of the seminary to hold services on week ends. Already this year 4 churches have opened their doors to us for services in which we have supplied the speakers, the pianist, the

instrumentalists, and the vocalists, such as solos, duets, trios, and quartets. Also we send a leader who usually directs the entire service. To us this work is of utmost importance. Grace Seminary has an unusual amount of talent this year, and this is the way our young people actually get experience in conducting meetings in churches. It means that to the classroom teaching is added the experiential knowledge of the church laboratory in learning better how to preach, how to lead song services, how to teach Sunday school classes, and how to do all the work that a pastor or Christian worker must do. It is also a better way for us to become acquainted with you, and you with us.

Do you want us to visit you? If we may help you, let us know, and we will be there. Grace Seminary is your school, and we are thankful for the place that you have given us. We want to do all we can to show ourselves approved in the sight of the Lord because He has loved us and called us to do the work of an evangelist (herald of good news) while here on earth.

THE SEMINARY LIBRARY

Here at the seminary we are justly proud of our growing library and the ever-increasing number of valuable books that are being made available to the students for general study and research courses.

The faculty and staff are extremely grateful to the Women's Missionary Council at the beginning of this school year when the pressing needs of a new semester with new courses require many new books. It gives us a heart-warming feeling to know that because of the very generous gift of the WMC we can purchase the library additions which we need. Each book purchased from the fund given to us by these ladies is being marked as being a gift from the WMC.

Grace Seminary is also happy to add to its library valuable books which we receive from time to time from friends of the school. We are especially glad to know that we have friends among many Christians who are not members of the Brethren Church. Quite recently we received a gift of 300 volumes, many of them in large sets in almost perfect condition, from the library of Judge John A. Sloane and other members of his family. For this very substantial gift from this local Warsaw family who desire to see their books being put to use, we are indeed grateful.—Mrs. Ben Hamilton.

CAN YOU USE A GOSPEL TEAM?

Churches within a radius of 250 miles desiring the week-end services of a gospel team are invited to write the Practical Works Director of the student body, Mr. Herman H. Hein, Jr., Box 175, Winona Lake, Ind. The young people are happy for the privilege of assisting you, as time permits.

Our new editor for the page devoted to student activities and campus life is Bro. Bill Burk, a Middler in the seminary and a member of the Third Brethren Church of Los Angeles, Calif. We are sure that our readers in general, as well as students and alumni, will appreciate his contributions each month.—Ed.

HONK! HONK!

A waving of crepe-paper streamers, a honking of horns, and 80 cars rolled off the seminary campus. With the help of police at intersections the caravan speedily made its way to Camp Alexander Mack and another seminary fall retreat was under way.

After the usual morning of baseball—there was a girls' game as well as boys' game—volleyball, horseshoes, etc., we settled down to a hearty meal followed by a devotional period.

The retreat always offers many blessings including the renewing of friendships which lapsed over the summer, meeting the new students and their families, and fellowshiping with the faculty outside the classroom.

CHAPEL MESSAGES

Sept. 30—Especially applicable to ambassadors for Christ was the chapel message by Evangelist Patrick Henry. From Job, chapter 2, we listened to a timely exhortation on the work of Satan in undermining the Christian's testimony.

Oct. 1—Two hours before his final departure from Winona Lake, Bro. Charles Taber addressed the student body, not only educating us on Brethren educational expansion in Africa, but also challenging us to be faithful in prayer. May God bless you, our classmates, Charles and Betty Taber!

GRAND OPENING

September 30 the SEMINARY SNACK SHOP was officially declared "open for business." An announcement in chapel by Dr. Bauman informed the student body that coffee would cost but 8 cents, including "real" cream. Everything from breakfast to a midafternoon chocolate sundae is to be found on the menu and will be promptly served by our fellow students, Mr. and Mrs. William Male. The students of Grace express their sincere thanks to those who have had a part in furnishing the room which formerly was just "the kitchen," but which today is one of the outstanding attractions before, after, and 'tween classes.

MORE "HAMS" IN THE MAKING

This year's Seminary Missionary Amateur Radio Class—otherwise known as the "Ham Club"—includes not only seminary students but also such high-school notables as the sons of both our seminary dean and vice president. They're out to show the older fellows how to learn the Morse code and get on the air. This program is not only interesting but, as the seminary snack shop, fills a need. Christian schools throughout our nation are finding radio a practical course, especially in the missionary realm, teaching not only theory, but maintenance of all electronic equipment including radio transmitters such as are used for communications on many mission fields.

NEWS FOR THE CENSUS TAKER

He's here. His name is Mark Wesley. He arrived September 30. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Crosby Englezian.

The list grows! The newest Miller is Miss Kathy Marie. She arrived October 8 with a head of red hair and weighing 6 pounds 14 ounces to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Miller.

It was "Buenos días, señor" to Sibley Edmiston when he greeted his 9-pound-1-ounce son, Daniel Edward, October 11.

SEMINARY SPORTS

Or more accurately this month, collegiate sports! The scores are incidental because not only did the college boys tromp on the scholars of the seminary division in both the football and baseball games at the retreat, but also in each of the games of the Friday afternoon classics! 'Nuff said for this month!

WOMEN IN THE NEWS

The Seminary Women's Fellowship began their year with a shivery and authentic halloween party. This group which usually meets for the serious business of discussing the problems of the wives of pastors and missionaries abandon their slogan of "Short and Sweet With Nothing to Eat" for the first meeting of each year and have a get-acquainted party instead. This organization, which is beginning its third year, has been a tremendous help to those women who are or soon will be pastors' wives.

WELCOME BACK

It is a belated but hearty welcome we extend to our much-missed student body president, Ivan French, who arrived here October 19. The Frenches were delayed by an automobile accident which seriously injured Mrs. French, who is now slowly convalescing in the home of loved ones in Oregon.

Last year's student body president, Bill Smith, visited a couple of days this month. Pray for his evangelistic meetings. Can your church use him?



Evangelist William Smith

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

Edited by Rev. Wesley Haller, Vice President of Grace Seminary Alumni Association

We are pleased this month to introduce to our readers the new editor of the page devoted to news from our alumni. He is Rev. Wesley Haller, pastor of the Ankenytown, Ohio, Brethren church. Brother Haller was a member of the class of '51 and is the recently elected vice president of the Grace Seminary Alumni Association. He desires to make this page as interesting as possible, not only to the alumni of the school, but to our readers in general. News concerning the activities of alumni and other former students, especially that which has not been reported in the Herald already, should be sent to him. If you have interesting information about any of them, Brethren or non-Brethren, please send it to Rev. Wesley Haller, R. R. 1, Bellville, Ohio.—P. R. B.

WINONA ECHOES

The annual meeting of the Grace Seminary Alumni Association was held during national conference. Since some of you were probably in board meetings, or were unable to attend for some other reason, here are some of the items of interest from this meeting. This session was held in the Music Temple at Winona Lake, Ind., on Thursday afternoon, August 22, 1952.

The following men were elected to serve as officers until August 31, 1953: Phillip J. Simmons, Altoona, Pa., president; Wesley Haller, Ankenytown, Ohio, vice president; Edward Lewis, Middlebranch, Ohio, secretary; Clair Brickel, Clayton, Ohio, assistant secretary; and Paul Mohler, Listie, Pa., treasurer.

In order to incorporate, it is necessary to have trustees. Since we as an alumni association plan to take this step at some time in the future, the following were elected as trustees: term ending 1953: John Burns, True Hunt, Homer A. Kent, Jr.; term ending 1954: John Aeby, James Dixon, Harold H. Etling, Clyde Landrum, Lester Pifer; term ending 1955: Phillip J. Simmons, John Stoll, and Harry Sturz.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. The reason for mention of this is to remind you that all graduates of Grace Seminary are considered members of the alumni association. The dues are \$1 a year. If you were successful in evading the "reception" committee that awaited you and your money at each door of the Auditorium on Thursday evening of conference, let this serve as a notice that we are still desirous of your dollar to assist us in our work of binding the alumni together in a bond of mutual interest. If you were not present at conference, please send your money immediately to the treasurer, Paul Mohler, Listie, Pa.

A discussion was held as to the advisability of having an "alumni day" (including a banquet) each year at the time of our national conference. This resulted in the executive committee of the association being empowered to plan for such a day whenever practical.

A motion that the vice president edit the alumni page

that appears in the Brethren Missionary Herald was passed. That is the reason for the present labors of your editor. The purpose of this page is to keep you informed of the activities of our alumni, so that we might pray more intelligently for our former classmates and friends. Most of us are kept well informed, through the pages of the Herald, as to the activities of those alumni who are serving within the Brethren Church. Therefore, it is the plan of your editor to feature each month a short sketch of one of the alumni who is serving at some other place in the Lord's vineyard besides the Brethren Church. Many of us miss the fellowship that we once had with these brethren, and possibly we have also lost contact with them. Look for the first of these features next month.

At this season of the year, especially, we salute the 27 alumni who are working on Brethren home mission fields. Among these are Rev. Evan Adams ('52), who last summer became superintendent of the Brethren



Rev. and Mrs. Evan Adams, Brethren missionaries to the Navaho Indians in New Mexico. Rev. Adams, a 1952 graduate of Grace Seminary, is in charge of the mission station. Below—Angie Garber ('51) teaches in the mission school there.

Navaho Mission at Cuba, N. Mex. Working with Brother Adams and his wife is Miss Angie Garber ('51), who has been teaching school at the mission for the past year. Pray for the Adamses and for Miss Garber. The work is of such a nature that it taxes their physical strength sometimes almost beyond endurance.

One of the newest home mission works has begun without outside help in Phoenix, Ariz., under the direction of Rev. J. C. (Bill) McKillen ('52). The people have been meeting so far in the McKillen home. A recent letter brings the news of real interest already. We quote: "Do pray with us for the solution to our problems. We are expanding in attendance, and the house won't stretch. We had 49 present in Sunday school yesterday—an increase of 10 over the previous Sunday. As the weather changes we will have less use of our barbecue tables out-of-doors. Also we put up tables and chairs in our car port at present for the primary class. We had 12 Juniors in our backyard yesterday. There were 9 teenagers in the kitchen. Beginners take the living room, and the adult class meets in the study. This week we begin child evangelism for 2 age groups. There are so many here to reach, and the people of the neighborhood are asking when we are going to build a church. We continue to investigate property possibilities. As we see it, the need is urgent." Pray for the McKillens in this pioneer mission venture. Your dollars given to home missions at this time will help to open up such fields throughout America.

In the monthly news folder of the Akron Bible Institute comes word of the silver wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Gingrich, observed on August 31. Dr. Gingrich, who received his Th. D. degree from the seminary in 1946, was pastor of the First Brethren Church of Akron when the church opened its doors to a healthy infant which had received the name, Grace Theological Seminary. His help and encouragement in those first 2 years before the school moved to Winona Lake will never be forgotten. The alumni association and the school join in their congratulations and prayer for God's choicest blessing upon the Gingrichs as they begin their second 25 years together.

A proud trustee these days is Bro. F. B. Miller, treasurer of the board! And why shouldn't he be proud? A telegram arrived at his home from Brazil announcing the birth of Edward Douglas Miller on October 7. His father, now distinguished as Edward Miller, Sr., was a member of the class of '49. Congratulations to the parents and the grandparents!

Rev. Harold Etling ('39) was the evangelist at the Winona Lake Brethren Church during the Christ for Everyone Campaign there. Expressions of gratitude for his ministry have come from both the church and the students of the school.

A new missionary for Brazil, Jonathan Lee Teeter, was born September 21, 1952. He is the 6-pound-4-ounce son of John ('52) and Maurine Teeter, missionary candidates for Brazil.

LATEST REGISTRATION INFORMATION

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Registrar

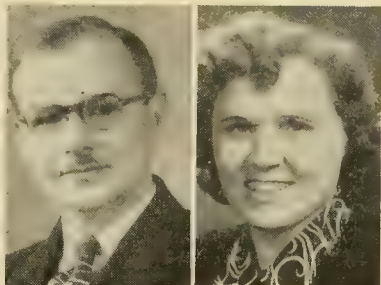
The fall registration total at Grace Seminary now stands at 186. Three of these found it necessary to leave school soon after registering, thus we have in school at the present time 183, which is a short advance over the record number reported in the last educational number of the Herald. Last year the total fall registration was 174. In 1950 it was 165, and in 1949, 145. Five years ago (1947), at the comparable time, there were 74 registered, and 10 years ago (1942), the number was 51. Of course, the latter 2 figures represent the number of students in the seminary prior to the establishment of the collegiate division in 1948.

From the figures given above it will be seen that our enrollment has increased by approximately 250 percent in 10 years. Surely this is an abundant evidence that the hand of the Lord has been upon us for good.

It may be of interest to our readers to know that in the new entering class of the graduate division there are 36 college graduates and practically all the rest have had at least 2 years of college or their equivalent. Some of the latter will be completing their college work before completing their seminary work, while others are expecting to care for this work soon after finishing their 3 years at seminary.

In the student body this year there are 61 Juniors, 31 Middlers, 35 Seniors, 11 women who are working on the 2-year Christian education course, 4 post-graduate students, 14 first-year collegiates, 18 second-year collegiates, and several auditors and special students.

In the graduate division there are 135 men students and 16 women, or a total of 151. In the collegiate division there are 23 men and 12 women, or a total of 35. Altogether there are registered in both divisions 158 men and 28 women. This will doubtless be the last report from the registrar's office until the spring semester opens the middle of January, at which time there will probably be several more students who will be coming our way.



Dr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Gingrich

AUDITORIUM TO HAVE ACOUSTICAL CEILING

From time to time gifts come to the seminary for special purposes not outlined in the regular budget. We are grateful for such extra gifts because they have made possible certain improvements and added equipment that are vitally necessary to the school. Anyone who has attended a service in the lower auditorium, especially when the room is not filled to capacity, has realized the need for acoustical tile on the ceiling. When the building was erected the ceiling was given only its first coat of plaster. This was troweled smooth for the sake of appearance until such a time as the permanent covering could be applied.

The need for installing the acoustical tile has become apparent sooner, however, than we anticipated because the auditorium is being used frequently and it has become necessary to move Dr. McClain's systematic theology class from the social lounge to larger quarters. Also, there has been a growing need to finish the student lounge room and use it only for its original purpose. This, too, we expect to do as funds come in, so

that our students may have an attractive and comfortable place for their social recreation. Any individual or group interested in helping us provide the necessary davenport, chairs, lamps, and drapes for such a room should write the seminary.

Meanwhile we take this opportunity of acknowledging \$418.55 in special gifts received for the auditorium ceiling:

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| A local friend | \$200.00 |
| A member of the faculty | 100.00 |
| A chapel speaker | 25.00 |
| A seminary student | 68.55 |
| Pleasant View Community Sunday School,
Charles Horne, student pastor | 25.00 |
| Total | 418.55 |

COURAGE AND WATER

(A BOOK REVIEW BY DR. ALVA J. McCLAIN)

By Roscoe Sheller

This is not primarily a book about religion. It is the story of the founding of a town and the development of a semidesert valley into one of the most beautiful and fruitful areas in the Northwest. The town is *Sunnyside*, located in the Yakima Valley of the State of Washington. The author tells the story of the hardships which the early settlers endured as they struggled against adverse conditions in the fight to change sand-hills into irrigated fields. And he tells the story well. I suppose that any book written by Roscoe Sheller would be of interest to me personally, for we have been friends since 1900, playing together on the now almost legendary Sunnyside High School football team of 1903-07, which for 4 years was undefeated, although its schedule included even a state college. His brilliant and successful business career was cut short about 1930 by serious illness, and for 20 years he has fought a never-ceasing battle for life and health. He knows what "courage" is.

There are several reasons for this review of his book in the Brethren Missionary Herald. In the first place, the town of Sunnyside was founded by members of the Brethren Church. The 3 men who over 50 years ago bought the townsite when it was almost wholly sagebrush and sand were well known in Brethren circles: Rev. S. J. Harrison, a Brethren minister who was at one time editor of the denominational paper; H. M. Lichty, an early member of the faculty of Ashland College; and Christian Rowland, a well-to-do layman of the Brethren church at Lanark, Ill. These 3 men launched their project at Sunnyside primarily for the purpose of founding a Christian and Brethren center in the great Northwest. It was named the "*Christian Cooperative Colony*," and every lot in the townsite was sold under strict conditions forbidding the use of the property for such vices as gambling, prostitution, and the sale of liquor. The project began in 1898, and my father, Walter Scott McClain, an ordained minister of the Brethren Church, came with his family from Los Angeles, Calif., to join the group in 1900. As far as my knowledge goes, such a project has no parallel in the history of the Brethren Church. Therefore this book by Roscoe Sheller should be included in the bibliography of any complete history of the denomination.

While the author of "Courage and Water" is not a member of the Brethren Church, he nevertheless pays high tribute to the founders of Sunnyside and the church to which they belonged. "These founders," Mr. Sheller writes, "picked up the pieces of a defunct townsite, gathering them from the wreckage of a previous attempt to tame a desert from among the discouraging evidence of abandoned shacks and animal skeletons. They selected a uniform type of people who possessed an integ-

rity of purpose, an avowed belief in the principles taught by the Christian religion, and a not-to-be-denied determination to make a home of their own with their own hands and of their own choosing, and who wanted to live among people of the same stamp" (p. 253). The rather unique "Federated Church," composed of 6 Protestant denominations, among which the Brethren held a position of influential leadership, is given considerable space in Sheller's book, from the year of its organization in 1900 to the time of its dissolution in 1910 when the building was sold at auction to the Brethren Church, represented by my father, who secured it for a bid of \$4,825. This amount would hardly build a respectable summer cottage these days, but it secured for the Brethren the largest and best church building in the town of that day, one in which the congregation still worships.

In the second place, this book will be of deep interest to the considerable number of Brethren and others who either lived at Sunnyside once or had relatives and friends there. Since I happen to be one of the former class, as I read the book for the first time I found myself reliving those early years as a boy. They were not easy years for our parents in many respects, but even the hardships rested lightly upon the shoulders of the youngsters. Mr. Sheller tells about the hardships, but these are relieved by numerous amusing events, some of which involved the writer of this review! For example, he relates the incident of the boy whose foot crashed through the ceiling of the old Federated Church, and I am grateful to him for setting the facts straight. For it was not my foot, but that of H. M. Lichty's son, that startled the good people in the church on that memorable evening, although the story has been told all over the country making me the culprit. Of course, I must admit that I was just behind the boy who did slip through. And I might add that the reason the author of "Courage and Water" knows the facts is that he was the third boy in the prank, but he was too fat to crawl through the little hole leading to the church attic! (See pp. 40-41.)

Finally, the book has already won a place of distinction in the historical literature of the American Northwest and its pioneering days. The author himself lived through those years, having arrived at Sunnyside as a boy in 1899. A great many books of this character have only an antiquarian interest. This book is different because it is much more than a bare recitation of historical events. Although this is his first published book, Roscoe Sheller writes like a veteran reporter, making the years live again even for those readers who were not there.

(The book can be ordered at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind., at \$3.75 a copy.)

EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE

By Mary E. Dukeshire, M.A., Senior in Christian Education

"And Samuel said unto the people . . . Turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; and turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain" (I Sam. 12:20-21).

Samuel was not predicting something here which only the eyes of a prophet could see. He was stating a simple fact—if the people turned from God they would automatically turn to senselessness and futility, because that is all there is left. To serve God is to live in reality, with one's thoughts and emotions bearing a sensible relation to what really is. To turn away from God is to turn away from the only One who can give our lives any meaning at all.

Although we frequently underestimate Satan's power, we are apt to overestimate his wages. Somehow we think he must have something to offer, that behind the attractive façade of all the temptation, there must be something real besides death. But "there is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord" (Prov. 21:30). If we want learning we must come to God, for in Christ "are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3). If we want love we must come to God, for "love is of God" (I John 4:7). If we want power, Satan has none to offer us, for Jesus said, "All power is given unto me" (Matt. 28:18). It is a testimony to Satan's character as the archliar that he has managed to deceive so large a part of the human race into thinking he has something to offer which is of profit. Actually all his coins are counterfeit. The search for any good becomes futile if it is not sought in God, just as our own lives become futile if we decide to live outside His will.

In the natural realm we make a distinction between those who live in accordance with reality and those who do not. One man who claimed to be Napoleon was loved and hated with the respect generally accorded an emperor. But none of the rest of those claiming to be Napoleon have been treated with any respect at all; on the contrary, they have been scorned or pitied. Since everyone knew there was no reality behind their claims, no one took them seriously, except to try as far as possible to rescue them from their delusions.

In the spiritual realm, living apart from truth, which might also be regarded as a kind of insanity, is less obvious. It is, of course, not recognized by those who are under the delusion, and this is what we might expect. But, strangely enough, even those who have been given spiritual understanding through faith in Christ, instead of recognizing futile lives for what they are, sometimes are led into a kind of half envy, and then participation.

The Israelites fell into a similar situation, influenced to their harm by their neighbors. Nothing could be more futile than worshiping idols, and no people had better reason to know this than they did. Yet despite experiences of Jehovah's miracle-working power on their behalf, and in spite of numerous warnings such as the one we are considering from Samuel, they fell into idolatry with astonishing rapidity. With the idols unable to deliver, their confidence could only be vain.

With part of our minds we know that our own neighbors outside of Christ are lost, "having no hope, and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12). But when we

see them busily engaged in commonplace activities which we ourselves share, we wonder if their state could really be as dangerous as we had thought. The clucking of hens, the clang of a trolley, the baby's crying—any familiar sound—"recalls us to reality," as we say. Unfortunately, the familiar and commonplace, far from being a safe guide to reality, is frequently just the opposite. Not what we see or hear, but what God has given us in His Book, must be our standard. A deluded person may carry on all kinds of socially accepted activity from day to day without ever getting anywhere.

The Book of Judges gives us two excellent examples of men most actively engaged in vanity. Let us look first at King Abimelech. The first thing to notice is that we have never heard of him. Yet in his own eyes and in the opinion of his supporters, he was the first king of Israel. "And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king" (Judg. 9:6). As far as Abimelech was concerned, he was king; he had paid the necessary campaign money to his "vain and light" followers, and he had murdered the brothers who stood in his way. But Abimelech was not God's choice, and his being made king was of no consequence. Saul remains Israel's first king. Abimelech turned aside from following the Lord, and went after vain things. "Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commanded it not?" (Lam. 3:37).

A man named Micah also turned aside (Judg. 17), and from that time nothing in his life made sense. First he made some images and started on a career of idolatry. This must have had serious effects in clouding his mind, because next he thought that a Levite as a priest for the images would secure him added blessing. He was probably heartbroken when the men of Dan took away his images and priest, but by this time his emotions had no more relation to reality than his thoughts. No doubt his neighbors and the Danites were all greatly exercised about the stolen images, everyone excitedly accusing or defending. None of this made any sense. There was no point in either side's wanting the images; there was no point at all in the Levite's being involved with either side. Activity went on, but there was nothing behind it; nothing was worth while.

The lesson here for the Christian is of great importance, for we live in a world where we are continually being influenced to turn aside to vanity. We tend to trifle with God's will for our lives, as though to make our own choices instead of submitting our wills to Him were a light matter. Our lives are robbed of usefulness and joy because our service is half-hearted. The marriage not in God's plan, the business to which He has not called, the various time-consuming projects He has not even been asked to bless—these result in nothing but futility. "In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete [i. e., made full] in him" (Col. 2:9-10).

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?" (Isa. 55:2). "Turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; and turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain."

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The Northwest Fellowship WMC will hold a rally at the Albany, Oreg., church on November 7 with afternoon and evening sessions. The men are invited and meals and lodging will be furnished.

Bro. William Jones, a long-time member of the Spokane, Wash., church, died September 28.

The Waterloo, Iowa, church broke previous records with 287 people present for Rally Day on October 19.

The Los Angeles, Calif., Second church has agreed to pay the Charles E. Trapp heirs \$6,500 for conveyance of clear title to the real property of the church. This church had 611 as total attendance and \$555 as total offering for rally day on October 5.

"The Glendale, Calif., church regrettably has honored the earnest request of their pastor, Rev. Archie L. Lynn, to be released at the termination of this calendar, fiscal year. (Signed) James C. Martin, clerk."

Born to Rev. and Mrs. John Mayes, Long Beach, Calif., a daughter, Sharon June, October 3.

Bro. S. D. Lovegrove, the 77-year-old father of Rev. Paul Lovegrove, pastor of the Ozark, Mich., church, died of a heart attack on October 12.

The retreat planned for the ministers of the Central and Northern Ohio ministers October 12-13 was postponed to December 8-9. This retreat is scheduled for Berne, Ind.

The members of the North English, Iowa, church, now pastored by Rev. Clarence Lackey, recently leveled the ground around and redecorated both the church building and the parsonage.

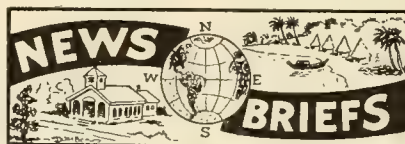
Prof. John Whitcomb, of Winona Lake, was the special speaker at the homecoming services at the Pleasant Valley Church, Warsaw, Ind., October 5. Rev. Paul Miller, Jr., is pas-

tor of this church, and the Dayton Cundiffs help in the work.

Dr. Herman Hoyt, Winona Lake, is holding a Bible conference at the Baptist church, Dubois, Pa., October 26-November 2, and will hold a conference for the Princeton Evangelical Fellowship, Princeton, N. J., December 7-12.

Do you know anyone in Front Royal, Va., interested in having a Brethren testimony in that city? If you have any information along this line send it to either Rev. Paul Dick, Winchester, Va., or Rev. Walter Lepp, Hagerstown, Md.

The Hopewell, Pa., Yellow Creek church has in its membership 3 couples who have been married more than 50 years: Mr. and Mrs. James Zimmerman, 50 years in October; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Koontz, 55 years in August; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manspeaker, 57 years in March.



Miss Elaine Polman became the bride of Maxwell Brenneman at Los Angeles, Calif., October 3.

Mrs. Lewis H. Crofford, member of the Johnstown, Pa., First church, died October 8.

Mrs. Elnora Schultz, member of the Dayton, Ohio, First church, died October 9.

A night letter to the editor: "Pastor Harry Sturz, of the Harrah Brethren Church, has resigned effective November 12 to further his studies. Pastor interested in filling his vacancy write availability, etc., by airmail to the Harrah Brethren Church, Box 203, Harrah, Wash."

The Clay City, Ind., church observed its homecoming October 12 with a program in charge of Mrs. Rose Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Meyers, of Winona Lake.

Rev. Foster Tresise has resigned as pastor of the Fillmore, Calif., church effective December 31.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. John Burns, Johnson City, Tenn., a son, Stephen John, on October 12. Note, the Burns family has a new address: 876 Pardee St., Johnson City (change annual, p. 67).

Mrs. Mary Lou Best, a long-time faithful member of the Los Angeles,

Calif., First church, sister of Mrs. Ralph Rambo and daughter of "Daddy" Cassel, died on October 3.

Rev. Robert D. Crees has been elected to continue as pastor of the Leamersville, Pa., church. The congregation voted to pay his car expenses when it is used in the work of the church. Brother Crees spoke to the Mifflin County Child Evangelism Rally on October 4.

Keep your Brethren Annual. You will need it throughout the year. Make changes of address as they are listed in the News Briefs.

The La Verne, Calif., church will observe its homecoming on November 9, with Dr. Kenneth Monroe and Chaplain Donald Carter, former pastors of the congregation, as speakers.

The National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church has designated November-December as training months—training Sunday school pupils to be personal evangelists.

Dr. Alva J. McClain will speak twice at the International Congress on Prophecy being held in New York City November 9-16. His Friday evening theme is, "What Is Meant by the Millennium," and the theme for the closing Sunday afternoon is, "Significant Signs of the Times."

The Peru, Ind., church had 250 people in Sunday school on October 12, a record for recent years, and there were 210 in the morning service.

Rev. Charles Bergerson is available to help in special meetings—evangelistic, revival, or Bible conferences. He is especially equipped to help with all phases of the musical program. He has had much experience in this field of work in congregational and city-wide campaigns. His address is 253 East St., Wadsworth, Ohio (Tel. 45871).

The Waynesboro, Pa., church observed its anniversary and homecoming on October 19. Mrs. Lutie I. Koontz, who was 85 years old on October 22, is a charter member of this congregation. She now lives with her son, Herman, at Winona Lake, Ind.

The Hagerstown, Md., church observed its Rally Day and 10th anniversary of "Family Altar" radio broadcasts on October 5 with 594 people in Bible school, 403 in morning worship, 225 in afternoon radio rally, and 340 in evening service. Special speakers for the day were Rev. Phil Saint and Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum.

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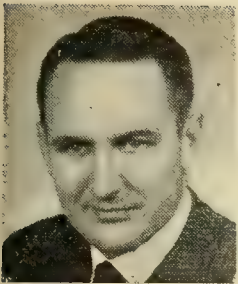
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TO THESE MEN HAS BEEN COMMITTED THE TASK, UNDER GOD, OF DIRECTING THE UNITED EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE IN OUR BRETHREN CHURCHES.

EVERY ONE OF THESE MEN IS KNOWN FOR HIS BURDEN FOR LOST MEN AND WOMEN.

EVERY ONE OF THESE MEN IS ON THIS COMMITTEE BECAUSE HE WANTS TO BE THERE—BECAUSE HE WANTS TO SEE A GREAT REVIVAL SWEEP OUR CHURCHES.

BUT THEY CANNOT MAKE BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW. PROMOTING REAL EVANGELISM REQUIRES FUNDS. EQUIPPING EVANGELISTIC TEAMS TAKES FUNDS. SENDING TEAMS INTO THE NEEDY PLACES REQUIRES FUNDS.

IF YOU BELIEVE THE BRETHREN CHURCH NEEDS A GREAT REVIVAL, THEN GET BACK OF THIS COMMITTEE WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR GIFTS, AND DO IT NOW!

PASTOR—IF YOU BELIEVE THIS, ASK YOUR CONGREGATION FOR AN OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY, AND SEND IT IN. THE NEED IS NOW.

Sign your church up for a campaign as early as possible.

THIS CRUSADE CANNOT SUCCEED with only part of the churches cooperating. Make it a success from the start—enter into it today—let the revival fires burn high in your church and community! Write in and tell us you are praying for us! We believe God wants to send real revival to our Brethren churches—will you open the door that you control? Better not let Him see you close it! Put your shoulder to the wheel for revival today!

THE BRETHREN UNITED EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

BOX 28, BERNE, IND.

PROGRESS SHOWN IN BRETHREN KENTUCKY MISSIONS



Miss Evelyn Fuqua at one of the schools near Hell-for-Certain that she visits each week. This one is at Mosley Bend, and she is also conducting a Sunday school each Sunday afternoon there. The school teacher is a faithful attendant at our chapel near Dryhill.



Upper Leatherwood school, one of the 1-room schools that Brother Landrum visits every week. About 30 boys and girls, most of whom have no opportunity to attend Sunday school, are reached here with the Gospel. The school teacher is the former Miss Edith Combs, a member of the Clayhole church, who has been to Bethany Camp often. She changed her name recently—in marriage.



Part of the crowd at one of our evening services.

It was recently my privilege to spend 3 weeks in Kentucky—1 with Misses Evelyn Fuqua and Patty Griffith at Dryhill (Patty is visiting with "Miss Evvie" a few weeks and helping), and 2 weeks with the Landrum family at Clayhole. At both places we held services every night and visited schools in the daytime. I counted it a wonderful opportunity, and really had a good time.

One of the greatest privileges in this work is the visitation in the schools. Both at Clayhole and Dryhill our workers have the opportunity of getting into 4 or 5 schools

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By Ralph Colburn



each week and presenting a gospel program. All the schools visited by Miss Evelyn, and 2 of those visited by Brother Landrum, are 1- and 2-room schools, in places where you're thankful you have a Jeep for transportation! But some of the schools visited by Brother Landrum are consolidated schools, right on the highway.

Here is good news! The chapel



The present meeting place at Hell-for-Certain, a little house way up on the side of a hill. And the path is narrow and steep.

METAMORPHOSIS

By Rev. Arthur F. Collins, Berrien Springs, Mich.



Rev. Arthur Collins

Miss Evelyn has been looking forward to for so long is now under construction! And it is needed, as you can see from the pictures of the inadequate building they have been using. As high as 73 people have been crowded into the 1 room, which is about 12 feet by 26 feet. Nearly 50 were present the night I took this picture. We don't know just when the building will be finished, but the foundation is in, and the progress will depend much on the number of volunteer workers who will go down for a few days to see it through.

While I was in Kentucky I had the privilege of visiting some Brethren students, too. Three Kentucky girls are attending a Presbyterian high school at Frenchburg, and I had a chance to talk with them while they were supposed to be in study hall



Betty and Sally Huff, of Dryhill, and Josephine Lovely, of Clayhole, in front of their dormitory at Frenchburg, Ky.

and cooking class. Then I dropped by to see Bobby Humphries, of Covington, Va., who was excused from part of chemistry lab at Berea College so he could see me. And I had a fine visit with Trumond Haddix, who is teaching piano at Southland Bible Institute, near Pikeville, from which school he graduated last year. Trumond is from our church at Clayhole, and has been at Bethany Camp several different years.

The Lord is working in both of these fine mission points, and our workers there certainly deserve a place in your prayers. The ministry in both places is predominantly among children and young people, who are our hope for tomorrow.

In Matthew 17:2 we read these words in connection with the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus, "And [He] was transfigured before them." In the one word "transfigured" there reposes a little story, for the original language records for us the word *metamorphose*, from which we derive the English equivalent, "metamorphosis," or a "change of body."

Scriptural Declarations

When the Holy Spirit performed through the mind and pen of Matthew in preparing this gospel record according to the publican, the description of the change that took place in the body of the Son of God was a real change since the same was glorified. This, we believe, was simply a foretaste of the kind of a body that would be given the Lord Jesus when He would break the bonds of death and burst the bands of the grave to arise in a glorified, resurrected body, entirely changed in one sense and yet peculiarly recognizable in fashion and form, in another sense. And when these feeble tabernacles of flesh of ours are suddenly elevated from a wooden box or "changed in the twinkling of an eye" we anticipate the adorning of a glorified body which may be recognizable to our loved ones yet capable of penetrating the pure realm of heaven without fear of expulsion.

This same word *metamorphose* appears in only one other passage of Scripture in the New Testament. That is in Romans 12:2, where the Apostle Paul beseeches the believer to "be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Here the original word is reflected in the English word "transformed." When the Holy Spirit breathed through the mind and heart of Paul to record this portion of Scripture, He must have intended to reveal the implicit need of a complete change of body in order to enjoy the experience of transformation in the fullest sense, as the apostle records for us. Then, once a person experiences a genuine transformation he can never return to the original condition from which the change took place.

Scientific Illustrations

There are at least 2 scientific illustrations that properly illustrate

the fact of a metamorphosis. One is the change of the body of the elusive tadpole in becoming an equally lowly frog. The other is the complete change of form of the silkworm in becoming a beautiful moth.

Certainly these two biological changes are typical transformations of the truest types, for the frog can never return again to be the tadpole that he once was, and the moth can never return to the bodily form of the cocoon of the silkworm.

Even though the Apostle Paul and Matthew, the tax collector, may not have had in mind specifically either one of these two scientific illustrations just presented, there certainly was something comparable in the mind of the Spirit of God to portray such a complete change of body, condition, and affairs that the believer in Christ should experience when a genuine work of grace is accomplished. Thus, having been born again in order to become a child of God, the saint can never return to the former condition in any way, shape, or form.

Undesigned Coincidence

These, to me, are classical illustrations of an undesigned coincidence that guarantees to the redeemed child of God the singular fact that once the heart and mind have been born again, once a definite transformation has taken place, there can never be a return to the former way of life and condition, unless grace should fail, and such can never be. The intention of these two passages of Scripture is not essentially to instruct the believer in the permanency of our salvation, but the very fact that there is resident that implication is the strongest of proof.

Hallelujah for the plan and purposes of the Word. Praise God for the glorious heart and mind of our wonderful Saviour who provides such an eternal salvation.

Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

By Conard Sandy

Joyless Success

Dr. Albert Edward Wiggam, newspaper columnist, was asked: "Do people ever lose the power to enjoy success?" Here is his answer:

"Yes." Many men struggle for money, power, success, and when they are 'successful' and no longer have to struggle, find they have lost their zest for life. As Jesus said, they have gained the whole world and lost their own souls."

Upon one occasion the Lord Jesus told of a man who had much of this world's goods and in need of larger barns in which to store these things. His decision was to build these barns and then say to his soul: "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." God also had a message for that man: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:19-21).

That man had come to the place where he could no longer enjoy the success that had come to him.

Love Found a Way

The Apostle Paul wrote to the saints in Galatia that "when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Gal. 4:4-5).

By the special act of redemption God can now take sinners into His family. Even so, though in a much lesser degree, the government of the United States of America made a special law that permitted a young couple to adopt a little girl of another nationality.

One day Mrs. Reuben King, wife of an army captain in the occupation forces, found a little 2-day-old girl, Hiroko Takahashi, in a bamboo grove in Yokohama, Japan. When Captain King finished his 14-month "hitch" in Korea, he and Mrs. King made formal application to adopt Hiroko. Before this could be done

Congress had to pass a special law, which was done under the direction of Sen. Robert Hendrickson of New Jersey.

The little girl, now called Janice Justina King, is beginning a new life in new surroundings as the daughter of the Kings. When a sinner is made a son of God he is given a new name, lives a new life, with his citizenship in heaven.

The Curse of Covetousness

Mrs. Carmen Rodriguez kidnaped an 8-day-old girl from the Bellevue Hospital, New York City, so that she would be eligible for more relief money.

The 32-year-old Puerto Rican mother of 8 children took little Gloria Hernandez from the hospital on October 12. She told the officers of the law who found her with the baby that her own newborn child was ill at the hospital and "I wanted another one." Reason for the kidnapping: she wanted to have a new baby in the home so she "would be eligible for a relief check."

Indeed, the Apostle Paul was right when he wrote: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men [people outside of Christ] shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous" (II Tim. 3:1-2).

Mrs. Rodriguez was both a lover of self and covetous of this world's goods. To gain her own end she gave no consideration to the rights and welfare of other people. This attitude is a sign of the times.

Longing for the Word of God

World Outlook tells of an atheistic society that persuaded the management of a certain 600-room hotel to remove the Gideon Bibles from the rooms of the hotel. During the first night following the removal the night clerk had to answer more than 200 inquiries as to the whereabouts of the Bibles. The next day the manager had them returned to their places in the rooms.

One day the sweet singer in Israel declared: "I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy com-

mandments. . . . Mine eyes prevent [anticipate] the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word" (Psa. 119:131, 148).

Miracle Waters

Thousands of persons, according to a recent Associated Press dispatch, seeking a cure-all for various ailments have converged on a Philippine village north of Manila in central Luzon. They are seeking help in the waters of a spring that was discovered by a sick woman who claims she dreamed that the village's patron saint told her to look for the spring near a chapel and use its waters to cure herself. She found the spring, bathed in its waters, and was cured 4 days later, according to the report.

These thousands need the washing of regeneration rather than the washing in a Philippine spring. The washing needed is that of which Paul wrote to Titus: "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour" (Tit. 3:4-6).

NAE PLANS CRUSADE

The National Association of Evangelicals has planned an international crusade to continue at least 2 years and to reach into many countries. The purpose of this crusade is "to present Christ and His Gospel as the only answer to Communism and other subversive ideologies, and the only hope of peace."

The first phase of this crusade is to be a series of city-wide rallies in 36 cities of the United States of America, beginning October 31 and continuing through December 9. The speakers for this first series are Lieut. Gen. Sir Arthur Smith, of London, England, and Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of Peoples Church, Toronto, Canada.



Temple City, California

The Temple City Brethren Church received 13 new members—8 by letter and 5 by baptism.

With the prayers of all, and many willing hands, the buildings were moved to our new location and made ready for school. The San Gabriel Valley Academy started on time with 112 students enrolled.

We set a new record on Rally Day with 135 in Sunday school. After the morning service many enjoyed a basket dinner in the city park.

Two classes in child evangelism have recently been started by Mrs. Blakley, which show much promise.

Our Sunday school has entered the national Sunday school contest sponsored by the Christian Life magazine.—Mrs. Elsie Dilley, reporter.

Ashland, Ohio

Rev. Robert Ashman was the evangelist at the West Tenth Street church September 28 to October 12. In addition to preaching every night and 3 Sunday mornings, Brother Ashman helped out in special music, song leading, direction of the choir, and he conducted a daily Happy Hour for the children and spoke several times on the radio.

Attendance during the week rose from 100 to 217, with an average of 131. Sunday evening attendance increased from 179 to 231, averaging 201. On Sunday mornings the attendance ranged between 363 and 405, with an average of 378. The over-all average attendance was 184.

One of the outstanding features of the meeting was the Happy Hour. Beginning with an attendance of 90 the group increased to 213 children on the closing day, averaging 201 for the second week.

Visiting delegations came from Wooster, Middlebranch, Ankenytown, Rittman, and Mansfield Brethren churches and from several non-Brethren churches in the local community.

The total number of decisions was 73, most of them being first-time confessions of faith.

It is impossible in a brief report to

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

| Church | Dates | Pastor | Speaker |
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| Harrisburg, Pa... | Oct. 20-Nov. 2... | Russell Weber... | Michael Walsh. |
| Hollins, Va..... | Oct. 20-Nov. 2... | John Patterson... | Chas. Ashman, Sr. |
| Peru, Ind..... | Oct. 21-Nov. 2... | Ronald Robinson. | John Neely. |
| Dayton (N. Riv.) | Oct. 26-Nov. 2... | Clyde Balyo..... | A. J. McClain, et al. |
| Phila., Pa. (1st)... | Oct. 26-Nov. 2... | John Aeby..... | John Aeby. |
| S. Pasadena, Calif. | Oct. 26-Nov. 2... | Thomas Hammers | Archie Lynn. |
| Leon, Iowa..... | Oct. 26-Nov. 7... | Marion Gates.... | Ward Miller. |
| Akron, Ohio..... | Oct. 26-Nov. 9... | Harold Etling.... | Russell Barnard. |
| Compton, Calif... | Oct. 26-Nov. 9... | Norman Nelson... | Paul Arthur. |
| Martinsburg, Pa. | Oct. 26-Nov. 9... | Gerald Teeter... | Gordon Bracker. |
| Los Angeles (1)... | Oct. 27-Nov. 2... | Glenn O'Neal.... | Vincent Bennett. |
| New Troy, Mich.. | Oct. 27-Nov. 9... | Richard Jackson.. | Lee Jenkins. |
| Fremont, Ohio... | Oct. 28-Nov. 9... | Lester Pifer..... | Kenneth Ashman. |
| Waynesboro, Pa.. | Oct. 29-Nov. 2... | Dennis Holliday.. | Clyde Landrum. |
| Altoona, Pa. (Gr.) | Nov. 2-14..... | Phillip Simmons.. | Bern'd Schneider. |
| Flora, Ind..... | Nov. 2-16..... | Charles Turner... | Mason Cooper. |
| Rittman, Ohio.... | Nov. 2-9..... | Charles Ashman... | Conard Sandy. |
| R'noke, Va. (Gh't) | Nov. 2-16..... | Robert Miller..... | Walter Lepp. |
| Altoona, Pa. (1)... | Nov. 3-16..... | Mark Malles.... | John Aeby. |
| Leamersville, Pa. | Nov. 11-23..... | Robert Crees.... | Arnold Kr'gbaum. |
| Hopewell, Pa.... | Nov. 12-13..... | Sheldon Snyder.. | George Meadows. |

acknowledge the faithfulness of all who contributed to the success of the meeting. There was a constant prayer vigil night and day for a period of 3 weeks, the day being divided into 96 15-minute prayer periods. The Seventy Group made

nearly 200 calls a week. The choir, ushers, and many others were very faithful.

During the past summer we have enjoyed the ministry of Dr. Paul Bauman, Mrs. Rose Foster, Harold Morr, Don Farner, Dr. Robert Culver, Dr. Floyd Taber, Rev. James Dixon, Evangelist Eddie Wagner, Rev. Bruce Button, Dr. C. W. Mayes, and Don Bishop.

Our vacation Bible school enrolled 365 children and had an average attendance of 295. There were 44 decisions for Christ. Farmers left their fields to help.

The men's fellowship farmed a piece of land last summer, with a net profit of several hundred dollars for foreign missions.

Forty-five members have been added to the church this year prior to the revival meetings. We praise the Lord for His grace.—Miles Taber, pastor.

RECENT DECISIONS IN BRETHREN CHURCHES

Public Confessions

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| Whittier, Calif. (1st) | 40 |
| Winona Lake, Ind. | 3 |
| Leesburg, Ind. | 2 |
| Berrien Springs, Mich. | 1 |
| Findlay, Ohio | 5 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. (2d) | 13 |
| San Bernardino, Calif. | 1 |
| Johnson City, Tenn. | 18 |
| Ashland, Ohio | 74 |
| Johnstown, Pa. (1st) | 1 |
| Peru, Ind. | 1 |

Additions to Membership

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| Whittier, Calif. (1st) | 9 |
| Leamersville, Pa. | 6 |
| Winchester, Va. | 6 |
| Martinsburg, W. Va. | 1 |
| Johnstown, Pa. (1st) | 2 |
| Limestone, Tenn. | 13 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (2d) | 13 |
| Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) | 6 |

Baptisms Not Included in Additions

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| Berrien Springs, Mich. | 1 |
| Martinsburg, W. Va. | 2 |

CONCORDIA PRESIDENT DIES

Dr. Louis J. Sieck, the 68-year-old president of Concordia Theological Seminary of St. Louis, Mo., died on October 14. He had been in ill health since he returned from the Lutheran World Convention held in Hanover, Germany, in August. He served as pastor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod from 1905 to 1943, at which time he was elected president of the seminary.

Browsing Among The Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

GOOD TIMES FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, by Marion Leach Jacobsen. Zondervan Publishing House. c1952. Cloth. 282 pp. \$3.95.

Does the problem of "what to do" ever bother you, whether alone, or with your own family, or with an outside group? If it does, here is the answer to your difficulty, for the author has attempted to meet all 3 of these situations.

Realizing that too often young Christians are confronted with a negative program of how to conduct themselves, the author has set about to outline a positive course of action. After an introductory chapter on the spiritual basis for good times she has proceeded to set forth a vast array of helpful and interesting suggestions to meet your immediate need, regardless of the circumstances.

Whether you are entertaining a guest in the home or a house party, whether you want an indoor or outdoor program, whether you want active or "quiet" games, you will find something in this book from which you can draw. We heartily recommend it to our young people's groups and trust that every one of them will secure a copy and put it to use.—Blaine Snyder.

NEW WORKERS GO TO JAPAN

The Pocket Testament League is celebrating the commencement of the fourth year of its campaign of evangelization and Scripture distribution in Japan with the appointment of 2 members to its permanent staff in Japan. This campaign was launched in 1949 at the invitation of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Copeland, of Los Angeles, Calif., the new workers, sailed for Japan on September 29. They are to work particularly among the college students. The Copelands have had wide experience in Christian work among youth groups in this country.

FOUNDER'S HALL BURNS

The 74-year-old Founder's Hall on the campus of Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio, was destroyed by fire on October 20. The fire burned more than 6 hours and only the brick walls were standing when day dawned.

A citizen of Ashland, living on Grant Street, across from the college, discovered the fire at 11:50 p.m. Sunday, which apparently started on the third floor. Firemen from 5 cities in addition to Ashland were called, but they were hindered in their work by a strong wind, low water pressure, and the many people who gathered to witness. Only a few things were saved from the first floor of the building.

Founder's Hall, the oldest building on the campus, was built in 1878. It was insured for about \$100,000.

The departments of science, education, business, language, speech, radio, art, and home economics were housed there. Also the offices of some of the faculty and of the alumni association were located there.

Many fond memories of Founder's Hall live on in the minds of alumni and friends.

WINTER CONFERENCE PLANNED

Under the joint sponsorship of Grace Theological Seminary and the American Association for Jewish Evangelism the second winter Bible conference will be held in the seminary building, Winona Lake, Ind., December 7-14. There will be evening sessions Sunday through Sunday, 2 morning sessions and 1 afternoon session Tuesday through Friday.

The Bible teachers for the conference will be, the Lord willing, Dr. Frank J. Neuberg, head of the department of Old Testament and Hebrew in the graduate school of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.; Dr. Ralph Stoll, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Altoona, Pa.; Dr. Nathan Stone, professor of Hebrew at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.; and Dr. Frank C. Torrey, pastor of the Calvary Independent Church, Lancaster, Pa.

DALLAS ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

The Rev. John F. Walvoord, A.M., Th.D., was elected president and professor of systematic theology of the Dallas (Texas) Theological Seminary by the seminary boards at their annual meeting on October 12.

Dr. Walvoord, graduate of Wheaton College, Texas Christian University, and Dallas Theological Seminary, joined the faculty of the school in 1936 as associate professor of systematic theology and registrar. In 1945 he was elected assistant to Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, founder and president of the school. Since the death of Dr. Chafer on August 22 Dr. Walvoord has been acting president.

In addition to his duties at the school, Dr. Walvoord served as pastor of the Rosen Heights Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth, 1934-50. He is widely known as a Bible teacher and as author of the book, "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit."

GRAHAM LISTS 5,988 DECISIONS

The Billy Graham Greater Pittsburgh, Pa., Evangelistic Campaign closed on October 5 with a reported 5,988 decisions. About one-half of these were first-time decisions. The average nightly attendance for the 4-week campaign was 10,134 persons and an average of 230 public decisions were made at each service.

SONGWRITER McKINNEY DIES

Dr. B. B. McKinney, who was widely known as a writer of gospel songs, of which he composed more than 700, died September 7 at Bryson City, N. C. He had been injured 5 days before in an automobile accident while returning home from a music conference.

RENEWS EXPIRED SUBSCRIPTION

"My subscription to the Brethren Missionary Herald expired quite a while ago and I have missed its weekly visits, which was, of course, my own fault. You may find enclosed \$2 for a year's subscription. (Signed) H. M. Oberholtzer, Cincinnati, Ohio."



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard
Editor, Foreign Mission Number

"A New Church Every Four and One-Half Days!"

This is the progress reported by a very active fellowship of churches in the United States. I do not know the record of our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches for the past year, but I am greatly pleased and greatly challenged by our home mission opportunities. We could more nearly meet the "one every 4½ days" if each interested person gave sacrificially for home missions. Thanksgiving time is home mission time—give extravagantly! "They . . . went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:4).

"Christ for Everyone"

Revival efforts in the "Christ for Everyone" campaign have numbered into the thousands in Canada and the United States during October. We have been so thankful for all these efforts. Possibly half our Brethren churches have cooperated. But 2 things are crying to be said: first, "Christ for Everyone" is the continual goal of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church in her testimony in 5 lands on 4 continents; second, if this campaign is good for October, let's stay at it from November until October again. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season" (II Tim. 4:2).

The Gutenberg Bible

At Mainz, Germany, the first printed volume of the Bible was produced in 1452 A. D.—500 years ago. The Library of Congress has arranged a Bible exhibit as a tribute to this great Bible. All of you have seen the new 3c postage stamp commemorating the event. The Revised Standard Version of the Bible has been presented to the public on this 500th anniversary of the Gutenberg Bible. Whether or not we approve the new translation of the Bible, our prayer is that careful Bible reading may have a great revival during this 500-year anniversary.

Vote! Vote! Vote!

As I write these editorials, this is the cry in the press and on the radio. It is right; we have the franchise—we should vote. But another cry, "Vote, vote, vote," seems to be ringing in my ears. "Vote to get the Gospel out to the dying millions." With every heartbeat, with every tick of your watch a soul goes out into a Christless eternity. Our cry, "Vote, vote, vote to get the Gos-

pel out," is an empty cry unless we back it with prayers and gifts.

Thank You, Pastors and Churches

For ourselves and on behalf of our missionaries we want to thank the many who have helped the missionaries. Some have had "showers" of various kinds; some have purchased supplies. Many others have boxed, banded, stored, and shipped boxes and barrels of supplies. Again, thank you!

"It Won't Be Long Now!"

Soon after you read this, Rev. Fred Fogle will be preparing his recommendations to the board of trustees of our society with respect to the permanent location of our first Brethren testimony in France. We do not want to make a mistake. Pray for Brother Fogle and for the board of trustees as these decisions are made. At least 30 and possibly 35 million people in France are without personal faith in Jesus Christ. We want to help them to know the Lord.

Use More Prayer Booklets!

We still have quite a supply of the missionary prayer booklets. They are yours for the asking and the using. Write us your needs.

More Missionary Residences

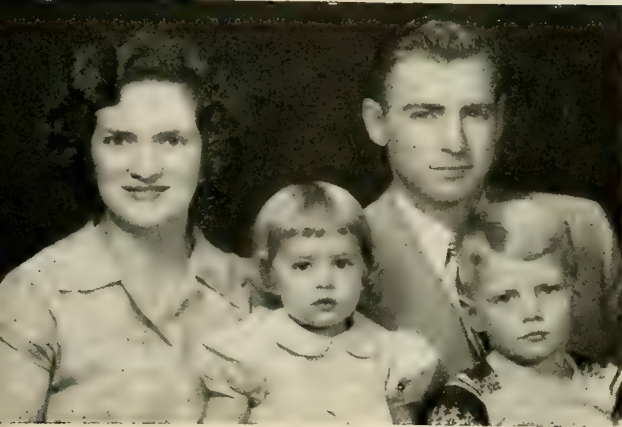
We are looking to the Lord to supply 2 more missionary residences in addition to the 1 we now have at Winona Lake, Ind. We need one on the east coast and one on the west coast. At the proper time we believe the Lord will prompt some of God's people to supply these needs by gift or bequest. Pray with us—won't you?

Annuity Investments

Annuity investments are a very happy solution to the investment problem, at least for older people. Income at an interest rate higher than that to be received in regular investments is always available. Our foreign missionary society believes it can offer a very attractive proposition to you. We can guarantee to you, first, an attractive rate of interest payable as you desire; second, that your money will be invested in building Brethren churches while you live; third, when you are promoted to your heavenly home the money will continue in foreign missionary work.

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The Zielaskos



Jean Ann "Jack" Johnny

Rev. and Mrs. John W. Zielasko and their 2 little children, John Robert and Ann Lenore, arrived in Belem, Brazil, October 24. They sailed from New York October 10. Brother Zielasko was born in Minersville, Pa., and Mrs. Zielasko in Schuylkill County, Pa. He is a graduate of Millersville State Teacher's College and of Grace Theological Seminary. Through the recommendation of his pastor, Dr. Frank Torrey, a good friend of Grace Seminary, Brother Zielasko chose this school for his graduate training. It was during seminary training that Brother and Sister Zielasko became convinced of the rightness of our Brethren position in the presentation of the Word of God, and so united with the Brethren Church.

For a number of years both had recognized the challenge of serving as foreign missionaries, but it was only after hearing Rev. Edward Miller speak of the needs and opportunities in Brazil that they were certain of the field where God would have them serve. Upon making this decision they immediately presented themselves to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church for that service.

It was agreed between the board of trustees of the Society and the Zielaskos that they should have some practical experience in the homeland before going to the foreign field. They were called to serve the Lord and the Brethren Church in the pastorate of the Sunnymede Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind. The blessing that came to the church during the 2 years of their pastorate demonstrated the blessing of the Lord upon their work.

Few, if any, have presented themselves for foreign missionary service who have demonstrated a greater zeal to serve or a greater constancy of purpose as they have looked toward that service. We bespeak for the Zielaskos many happy and fruitful years in Brazil.

Missions are the special work of the Holy Spirit. No one may expect to be filled with the Spirit if he is not willing to be used for missions. No one wishing to work or pray for missions need fear his feebleness or poverty; the Holy Spirit is the power that can fit him to take his divinely appointed place in the work. Let everyone who prays for missions and longs for more of a missionary spirit in the church, pray first and most that in every believer personally, and in the church and all its work and worship, the power of the indwelling Spirit may have full sway.—Andrew Murray.

Your Help Is Needed—Now!

JOIN A MISSIONARY OUTFIT CLUB. Such clubs have been authorized and are being formed in every Brethren church. The purpose of these clubs is to enlist missionary-minded individuals who are willing to give at least \$1 for each single adult missionary or missionary family toward their large outfit equipment needs. The individual missionary or missionary family must have sufficient equipment with which to "keep house" in a foreign field. To "set up housekeeping" on the foreign field costs twice as much per item of equipment as it would cost in the United States. Transportation and customs cause this.

These clubs will function through the local church. A local club chairman has been appointed or will soon be appointed in each church. This chairman will receive and distribute missionary information in relation to the outfit needs. He will also be instrumental in helping to gather the funds. In the churches where the club chairman has not yet been named, the information and materials will be sent to the pastor.

The first appeal is now being made. Full information will reach the club chairman or pastor within a few days. *This first appeal is in behalf of Rev. and Mrs. John W. Zielasko and family, and the need is twofold:*

1. Pray for the Zielaskos as they begin their missionary service.

2. Join with the thousands of others in making the \$1 investment in outfit equipment for the Zielaskos.

The funds given by the members of the Missionary Outfit Clubs are to be gathered in the local church and sent by the church treasurer to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Special report blanks are being supplied to list the contributors. Every dollar given for the Zielaskos will be used exclusively for them.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED—NOW!

A MINORITY MOVEMENT

Always missions have been carried on by minorities. The total annual contributions to missions, home and foreign, of all evangelical churches would not build and equip one modern battleship. The entire Protestant foreign missionary force is scarcely as large as an army division. Yet through these Gideon's bands, millions have heard the Gospel, parts or all of the Bible have been put into more than a thousand tongues, schools have been established and conducted for scores of tribes and nations, hundreds of thousands have been given physical healing, hundreds of churches have come into being in almost every land, and millions have been won to Christ.

This seems to be God's way. In times when sin seems to be triumphant, God's grace, that love which He has shown in the incarnation, the cross, and the resurrection, which none of us ever deserves or can deserve, is at work and much more abounds.—Congo Mission News.

"There's a holy, high vocation
Needing workers everywhere;
'Tis the highest form of service;
'Tis the ministry of prayer."

—Selected.



Bekoro, Africa—

"How we praise the Lord for the increased interest we can see and feel here at the station chapel. Two weeks ago they had communion and there were 194 present. This far exceeded expectations. Before communion several of our workmen fixed up affairs with Jake and the girls (Marybeth Munn and Mary Cripe), and quite a few didn't take communion after the warning not to take it unworthily. All these things show that the Spirit is working—and, oh, how we are praying that He will continue to work until a real Spirit-sent revival breaks out among the believers. When this happens, and we believe it will, then we can expect another great ingathering of those who are still outside, and a returning to the Lord of those who at one time made a profession but left the way. Do pray with us for this to happen soon in Kabba and Laka land.

"We have a heavy program outlined that will take us into the month of May 1953. It will start with the Junior Bible School sessions November 3. Just now we are all busy getting our lessons and lesson materials ready for these sessions, and also for the classes which will be taught at all the churches on Sunday."

—Mrs. Jake Kliever.

M'Baiki, Africa—

"I just got back from a trip down the Mongoumba road. Near Mongoumba we now have 2 places of witness started. One of my stops was at the sawmill. The work is going ahead there nicely; they now have 7 baptized. Recently Mobagaina held a communion service for them. During the week end 137 people accepted the Lord. The Catholics are not happy about this, and Joseph (the native pastor) is undergoing testing right now. Pray for him.

"On this trip we made use of the phonographs and records. They proved quite a help. It has been difficult to get a hearing in the villages, and these records helped. One place the records made quite a hit—in a village of Sango people. When we first went there they were very cold, being Catholic. When they heard the records in their own language, it made quite a difference. They were really enthused. The chief rounded up everyone and told them that this was the truth and that all should believe it. Some were ready to tear off their Catholic medals. On the road to Bangui, where the response has been zero, the records have attracted lots of hearers—in some places 100 and 150."

—Harold Dunning.

Bozoum, Africa—

"Now we are in Africa, so may we greet you in the African way—"Balao! mo yeke sengue"? We are home at last! For a number of years we have been looking down a long road at the end of which was our goal of Africa. The Lord has abundantly blessed along the way

and He has brought us here. We offer, humbly and humanly, our praises to our great and guiding God.

"What were our first impressions in Africa? May we take you back to our flight in the plane that brought us from France? We were traveling along when a fellow missionary said, 'This is Africa.' We shall never forget the thrill that rang through our souls when we heard these words. What did we see? In reality we saw grass, trees, stretches of barren land; but also we saw, with our heart's eye, the first glimpse of our land to love for Him. God was close up there in the clouds and our lives were dedicated anew to Him that He would make us fit to be a testimony to the people in the land many feet below us.

"How good it was to see Brethren Kliever and Beaver, who met us at the airport. We were in Bangui for several days and then went on toward Bozoum. We were able to stop at Bossembele to see the Hills and at Yaloke to see Miss Tyson and Miss Mishler. We saw Mrs. Kliever and the Williamses on the hill at Bozoum, and then we arrived at the Bible Institute where we were greeted by another scene for our permanent memories. A large welcome sign was stretched across the road and, after being received by the missionaries on the station, we were greeted by the students of the Bible Institute, who came up the road singing. Our cup of joy ran over and it continues to bubble with Christian fellowship, for we already have had the privilege of fellowshiping with all but 3 of our missionaries on the field.

"We had been here just 2 weeks when we partook of our first communion service with the natives. The full sacred meaning of this service came to us anew and we all thought of the time when our communion would be complete with Christ in heaven.

"Recently we witnessed our first service out in the village. There was no chapel, so the service was held out in the open. The natives gathered before us on the ground and listened to Brother Beaver as he presented the gospel story. As our eyes fell upon them, our hearts were filled with compassion for them as we realized that our Saviour had died for them as well as for us. While Brother Beaver was preaching there were many people walking down the road past us. They would glance toward us but they continued their walk. Where were they going? From a physical point of view perhaps they were going to the next village, but spiritually toward a Christless eternity unless they are reached for Christ. Pray for us that He will use us in winning many of these precious ones to the Lord Jesus."

—Donald Miller.

Bossembele, Africa—

"The native children's school is in session now. It meets for 2 hours each afternoon. The aid-catechist teaches the boys and I have a woman helping me with the girls. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays I have a 1-hour class with the women; Bob teaches the men.

The program is mostly reading and teaching those who don't know how to read. It is no easy job. When one has learned to read as a child, it is hard to conceive how they could be so ignorant.

"The interest here and at Yaloke, too, is growing. We are thrilled to see the increase in attendance. For a long time the Sunday morning attendance has been around 500. Sunday before last it went up to 837—not many churches at home could beat that, could they? The Lord is blessing and in it all we pray for many real conversions.

"Sylvia and Roberta are settled at school again. They have some very happy times there with all the others. There are 9 children in the school at Yaloke this year—the largest the school has been. Our 2 youngest surely do miss their sisters, and we all notice an unusual quietness for awhile after they are gone."

—Mrs. Robert Hill.

Honolulu, Hawaii—

"There is indeed joy in leading souls to the Lord. At this time we would like to share with you the results of our past and only quarter of Sunday school work. We have 66 enrolled, with an average attendance of 32. The total conversions number 21. These 21 are children who have come forward at the close of the Sunday school hour; all are very sincere and range in age from 6½ to 13 years. So we have much to thank Him for, and with such encouragement we press on to double it this coming quarter if the Lord so desires.

"My husband also had the joy of leading one of his marine sentries to the Lord the other evening—our first convert at this new duty station. Continue to remember us in prayer."

—Mrs. Edwin Jones.

France—

"Despite the fact that we don't know the language as yet, we are all happily settled here. At the Institut Biblique (where we 4 nurses are living) they are so very patient and gracious. There is 1 couple here during the summer to take care of the place. They don't laugh at my errors in speaking, and they know that I make enough of them, but they kindly correct me and we merrily go on our way. This couple desires to learn to speak English and, as I desire to learn French and must learn it, we get along fine.

"One of the first questions they asked me was if I was also a believer. After giving them an affirmative answer they asked me if I would consent to say grace at the table, which I did in English. When I had finished praying they expressed their appreciation of having another believer to fellowship with them.

"The Lord is so good to us all, and He has taken care of every detail all along the way."

—Mary Ann Habegger.

Baja California—

"After being away all summer in language study, we arrived home just in time to welcome the new baby in the Haag home and to take our share of the mission responsibility. How we praise the Lord that we are now able to say more than 2 words. Both Roy and I can now teach (in Spanish) and it seems almost too good to be true.

"It's wonderful to see the growth of the Mexican chil-

BAJA CALIFORNIA



Brother and Sister Walter Haag and a group gathered for a meeting in Colonia Libertad.



Mrs. Roy Howard teaching a class of girls.

dren. It's hard to believe they are the same unkempt, unruly ones we started with, because now they sit and listen and are clean and never miss a prayer meeting. This is all the work of the Spirit. It is wonderful to sit on the sidelines and watch, let alone have a little part in the work. We can't thank the Lord enough for sending us here."

Mrs. Roy Howard.

France—

"The Lord was good in giving us a nice, sunshiny day to enter Paris. How strange things seemed to me! We were very aware that we were the strangers in a strange country. That is my first and greatest impression. Coming from a city where many foreigners live and ride the busses and streetcars and classifying them as foreigners because of their speech, I felt myself being looked at in the Metro and then came the feeling of strangeness. The people are so gracious and kind, especially at the Institut Biblique, that some of the strangeness has left. There is here that bond of Christian fellowship, even though we do not understand what they say around the table. I am anticipating the arrival of my French roommate.

"We registered at the Alliance (for language study), which was quite an experience. We had the statement

all prepared to express to the lady in charge. I got it out all right and she seemed to understand, then she answered quickly and we were in a daze. After telling her that we did not understand, she called a lady over to us who spoke English and everything was settled. It is the realization that if I say a line in French there will be an answer in French, requiring more conversation, which hinders me from entering into the conversation at the table. Pray that we will get over our shyness and try to speak the language."

—Edith Geske.

Macapa, Brazil—

"The work here is going along slowly but steadily. We seem to have weeded out most of those who were not sincere in their profession and so we have about 15 believers who seem to be really interested and come regularly. We plan to open up a work in the "Creek of the Women" in the near future. This is a poorer section down on the river front, but there are hundreds of people living there. I have had several meetings there, and just this past week we had about 75 out for a special service. The Lord has indeed been blessing us here in Brazil, for which we are very thankful."

—Edward Miller.

Rio Cuarto, Argentina—

"There is great enthusiasm about the possibility of the national church being able to become autonomous in a reasonable length of time. All seem to feel that NOW is the time to take the drastic steps necessary. There is a wonderful spirit of cooperation, such as I think I have never seen before. The folks seem to realize, as they never have, that it is not a North American problem or a South American problem, but a MUTUAL problem, and it makes such a difference! We are in agreement about the thing that needs to be done, and pretty generally as to HOW it is to be done."

"You will be interested to know that here in Rio Cuarto our national missionary offering went above 700 pesos in August and over 400 in September—the usual offering ranged from 80 pesos to 200 pesos a month, with an average of probably about 150. In August there was a special gift of 400 pesos, but in September the offering was the regular one."

—Johanna Nielsen.

Don Bosco, Argentina—

"I believe we have some wonderful months ahead. The people about us seem to be so neighborly and open. From what little I've observed thus far this section seems to be made up of young families."

"Right now our work is almost entirely house-to-house work. We have had some interesting experiences and trust that soon we'll see some "pass from death unto life." We're anxiously awaiting the opportunity to have some tent meetings, trusting the Lord to use this effort mightily to the saving of souls."

—Solon Hoyt.

Rio Cuarto, Argentina—

"We're getting ready for the summer activities, and how we long to see a harvest of souls for the Lord. We are trusting that the Lord will bless us to that end."

"Our tape recorder is here and Lynn has already put it to use in the work. He made up the explanations for

one of the Moody filmstrips for use with the young people. It worked nicely and they enjoyed it. One of the doctors here wants to come and see it when Lynn shows it in one of the evening meetings. He's known as one of the best doctors in the country, and this will be another opportunity to give him the Gospel."

"The twinnies are busy having school and will soon be finishing up their first grade. Bertie (Miss Abel) teaches them their numbers and writing. Miss Nielsen is also helping me with the teaching. Their help means a lot. Rio Cuarto being what it is with so many interruptions and company, I'm sure I would have a time trying to get all their lessons in each day."

—Mrs. Lynn Schrock.

FROM "TOP O' THE ROCK"

By Rev. Charles Sumey, Bassai, Africa

"Now we *know* the Gospel is the true way of God," said the little wrinkled black woman as she looked at a young man walking past her house. What strange thing about him brought her to this conclusion? Were not the words of the missionary upon the hill sufficient to bring this conviction to the old woman's heart? Was it the light on this black man's face? Was it something special he had said at the service Sunday morning? The answer lay not in what he said but in his identity. We didn't know anything about Noe Baguene's family background when we insisted on his becoming the preacher here at N'Doll. We only felt that he was the man to do a job that needed to be done here, where for 30 years the Gospel has been preached."



Charles Sumey

When we were first assigned to Bassai station we were surprised at how few of the folks from the native village were attending services at this spot hallowed by the memories of the founders of our mission. This should be one of the healthiest churches in our work, but it certainly wasn't and still isn't. Was it the long hill they had to climb that kept them away? That was their prime excuse and a legitimate one from the old and infirm, but not enough to keep the crowds away. Was it something in their thinking that kept them indifferent? I believe so. Through the years the feeling has grown up and, nursed by Satan, borne much fruit, that "up there on the hill at Bassai is just a little bit of heaven. If one works for the mission or if he is a white man, he is all set, but we had better stick to our way."

This false line of thought, coupled with a few unhappy incidents that have taken place, has done much harm to the work. To remedy this we have set out to do 2 things—first, to get a good man in here, a graduate of the Bible Institute, who will live down among the people that he might better visit and minister to them; second, let them build a good brick native chapel down in the village so that they can feel that it is *theirs* and not the missionaries'.

The first we have done—Noe Baguene is the Lord's choice. His was the first family to settle in this immediate section and many are the stories told about his forefathers. His family were the priests of the tribe. When the blood of a chicken was to be offered, his fathers slew the chicken and offered it to their gods. It



"The Old Man's Face"—Bassai.

was they who presided at the religious ceremonies. So, you see, when the old woman spoke those words about Noe they had real significance. Here, in their eyes, was a man qualified to speak on religious matters and he spoke of Jesus, confirming what the white man has spoken these many years. A number of the old folks have started coming since Noe has been called as local pastor. Project number 2 is in the offing. It is up to them to build their own church. The brick machine is here and at the end of this rainy season we will see if their enthusiasm has lasted these several months to inspire them to build a nice-looking native chapel on the edge of their village, just at the bottom of Bassai hill. They have already lifted several offerings to pay the mason to lay the bricks. We are looking for things to happen at this station.

A CHRISTIAN WOMAN IN AFRICA

"A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:30).

A short time ago, during a tour of several forest villages, I reached the place where one of our evangelists, a lame man, is stationed. His wife, Martha, welcomed me. I had not been in her house very long before I was conscious that it was *different*. True, the type and the materials used in the building were the same as every other house in the village, but this was a *home*. It was clean and orderly in the sense of being habitually so, and I felt that all my needs had been considered. When her husband came, we were soon talking about the things of God and the work in their village. Here was the basis—they are *one in the Lord*. Like the other Martha, she had much to do in the home, and in the field, too, but she evidently got it done sufficiently and then sat down with the Word of God in her hand. With great perseverance in her heart, she slowly and painstakingly read the words, for she was not young and learning to read is not easy. There is no child in this home, but they have many children coming in and out. Not a few have learned to read in their school. The girls needed no pressing to bring pots of water for my use. They hear much about the children's Friend from these servants of His and a few have trusted Him.

Martha's husband is respected in the village, and this has brought jealous wrath upon him. She privately told me that she had often wept when her husband was being badly treated. They are faithful in dealing with Christians who yield to temptations and at night there were

Horse-and-Buggy Days

By Mrs. J. Keith Altig, Icoraci, Brazil

Recently we were driving along the main street of our little town when we noticed ahead of us a new kind of vehicle—perhaps I should say an old kind. It was what I would call a one-horse shay. Really, though, it was a little more modern than the ox-carts we see daily. Our town is sort of a "one-horse" town, too, not having its own mayor, and only one main street. Almost all of the other streets are not passable by car.

We even started a daily vacation Bible school on the same order—one person to be the superintendent, one to be the teacher, one to be in charge of recreation, and, last but not least, one to be in charge of the food, but in this case all to be the same one. With all your highly organized daily vacation Bible schools, I know you could call mine a "one-horse" school.

At about 8 a. m. we met together in our dining room, bowed our heads in prayer, and asked God's blessing on our day. We also asked Him to teach us each moment how to be good Christian boys and girls, how to play together in harmony, and how to get the most out of our Bible study. The Bible hour which followed was taken from a book for new believers by Keith L. Brooks and is in the form of questions. We all searched the Scriptures for the answers. In the 5 days of our school we attempted to learn the names of the books of the Old Testament, which seemed rather easy for these young people. This type of study gives practice in finding these books.

Our recreation was sometimes a good game of volley ball in our backyard, with the net a string tied between 2 trees, and the ball a regular large rubber ball. In the class there were 5 boys, 2 girls, and the teacher, so the girls played the boys and we won most of the time. Every time a side scored, and sometimes when it didn't, someone ran to the side to make a big mark in the sand. Occasionally we went swimming. One day Mr. Altig took us out into the country to a farm where there is a spring which runs into a crudely built swimming pool. It is made of large logs piled on top of each other for the sides and fairly white sand on the bottom, but the water is crystal clear and surprisingly cold. These kids act just like fish in water; truthfully, it seemed to me as though they had their heads under as much as on top.

Our "one-horse" D. V. B. S. ended on Friday with a trip to the zoo in Belem. Maybe next time we'll have someone to help us. We could use a nurse to great advantage and a school teacher would be a tremendous asset to the work of the Brethren Church here in Brazil. When you young people pray about the Lord's leading for full-time service, think of Brazil.



Mrs. Altig

those who voluntarily came, convicted because they had grieved the Lord and seeking to be restored.

I came away thankful to have met a simple African woman who was a *helpmeet* for her husband (Gen. 2:21), "a virtuous woman . . . her price is far above rubies" (Prov. 31:10). The influence of such women in any home, any town, any country, is beyond calculation, although they remain in quiet corners.—Anonymous (from *Congo Mission News*),

NURSES FOR THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

(Editor's Note—In the group now engaged in language study in France, preparatory to missionary service in Africa, are 4 registered nurses. Each one is also a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary. It is our happy privilege to present these 4 to you: Miss Edith Geske, of the First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.; Miss Mary Ann Habegger, of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Miss Gail Jones, of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.; and Miss Marian Thurston, of the Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa. Miss Habegger sailed from New York on August 20 and the other 3 sailed on September 19, and at this writing each one is settled in France and engrossed in studying the language. The following messages from each of the 4 were written just prior to their sailing.)

"THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINETH"

"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again" (II Cor. 5:14-15).



Miss Edith Geske

It seems almost too good to be true that after these years of preparing and anticipating, the Lord is sending me to Africa. How I praise the Lord for counting me worthy to represent Him in that land and for the privilege of taking the message of reconciliation to those in darkness!

It has been wonderful to see the Lord's leading in my life since He saved me and called me into His service. I praise Him for the many lessons that He has taught me along the way, thus preparing me better for the tasks ahead. In the past year especially the Lord has taught me to trust Him more. He has done the "exceeding abundantly" in supplying my every need and has fitted me to go in His own good time.

The constraining love of Christ for those lost souls in Africa is sending me forth to make Him known to them, that they might come out of the darkness into His marvelous light. As I go, I claim Jeremiah 33:3—"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." As God has proved Himself faithful in the past, I know that He will continue to work in my behalf for His glory. I am indeed grateful to God for the many prayers and gifts of His people, making my going possible.

Nursing for the Great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ, will be a privilege. My aim is not only to relieve physical suffering, but to win the lost, through love, to the Great Physician, in whom there is healing for their souls. It will be worth going for Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth to see the lost come into the fold. Will you pray for those precious souls yet outside the fold?

—Edith M. Geske,

STEPS AND STOPS

The day for which I have longed has finally arrived. It is not a case of desiring to leave our wonderful land and deciding to see the world, but while in grade school I presented my life to the Lord for full-time service on the foreign field. Now—14 years later—it is actually becoming a reality.

I praise the Lord for guiding day by day and step by step. The steps were all taken one at a time, for most of the time the Lord did not reveal or permit me to see further ahead than a single step. The steps turned out to be stops at intervals, but He ordered them also, so I praise Him for the stops as there were lessons to be learned in each one.



Miss Mary Ann Habegger

The days of preparation for the field are not over as there is much that needs to be learned, especially in language study. However, the formal days of preparation in the homeland have drawn to a close. How good the Lord was to permit me to enter Grace Seminary—the blessings received there cannot be numbered.

A blessing for which I shall never cease to praise the Lord is the privilege of going out under the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. It means so much to go out under a board whose members are behind you as you go on the battlefield for the Lord. A "thank you" seems so feeble at this time, but I want to express such and sincere appreciation to all those whom the Lord has used in aiding me in getting ready to go to the field.

Do pray for all of us as we study French and then go on to the field to which the Lord has called us. The knowledge we have been permitted to receive in God's Word makes our responsibility that much greater. As you pray daily for us, we will be able to go ahead in His strength. Nothing is impossible with God.

—Mary Ann Habegger.

"WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST"

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

We are living in an age in which truly the fields are white to harvest, and I praise the Lord for this wonderful privilege which He has given me in taking the message of salvation to the people in Africa. With world conditions as they are in this our day we look with great expectation for our Lord's soon return, hence the urgency in winning the lost today!

The Lord has commanded us to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into His harvest. May the Lord lay this particu-



Miss Gail Jones

lar burden of prayer on the people of our church. The measure of service that we will be able to perform for Him will largely depend upon the measure of prayer which God's people take to the Throne of Grace in behalf of their missionaries.

As I leave this country for foreign shores to serve Him, it is with full confidence in Him. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

—Gail Jones.

READY TO GO

Through the channel of experience I have learned that there is much work involved in getting ready to serve the Lord in Africa. I can praise the Lord for all who have given toward my outfit, and for those Christian businessmen who have given me supplies at discount. Portions of the Bible that were only promises to me 4 months ago are now actual facts and experiences in my own life. God has supplied all my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



Miss Marian Thurston

"Who will go?" I praise Him for every way that He has led—sometimes through green pastures, sometimes

I can only marvel at the guidance of the Lord. Almost 8 years have passed since I heard the call,

through great floods—but always have I been able to turn to Him who shed His blood for me.

After saying good-bye to loved ones and friends in the homeland, I look forward to the trip across the ocean to Paris. Then, after a period of language study in Paris, I'll be going on to Africa to serve in a land where I feel that God has a work prepared for me.

I covet your prayers as I share the responsibilities that will be mine, and it is my prayer that many souls may be won to Him because you have prayed and given that I might go. As I go, I know that I do not go alone, for He has said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20).

—Marian Thurston.

IT CANNOT BE HID

When I was a boy working for the missionaries I used to see a small bottle on the table in the bedroom. The bottle had a small rubber bulb on the top (an atomizer) and I wondered much what was in that bottle. One day I pressed the bulb and to my surprise something like water was sprayed all over the room, and I "heard" a very nice odor. Just then Mrs. Missionary came into the room. She knew at once that I had been meddling because there was absolutely no way that I could hide the fragrance of that perfume. So with the sweet savor of Christ: if you have it it cannot be hid and others are sure to know about it.—A Congo Pastor.

"WHO IS GOING TO TAKE THEIR PLACE?"

By Rev. William Samarin, Bozoum, Africa

"Where are you going after you get through with learning Sango?" one of our students asked me the other day.

"I don't know," I answered. "That will be decided at the conference at Bassai in the month of December."

"Yes, but can't you come out to help Monsieur Sheldon? There are many villages he has not yet reached. There aren't enough missionaries."

I answered him: "I want to go to preach the Word of God among your people, but the Kabba in Monsieur Kliever's area have asked me why I can't go up there. They need a missionary, too. In fact, missionaries are needed all over. Monsieur Goodman has gone home because of the illness of his daughter. *Who is to take his place?* Mademoiselle Snyder, who teaches in the school, is going home in December. *Who is to take her place?* Monsieur Sumey and Monsieur Snyder are going home on furlough next year. *Who is to take their place?*"

He shook his head as if to say, "Yes, *who* is going to take their place?" But then he remembered that I had already told him that quite a few missionaries were coming in 1953. He brightened up a little as he asked questions about them. Then a thought flashed through his mind. He said, "Monsieur, the missionaries that have been coming, how long will they be coming? I mean, *will they keep on coming year after year?*"

"Ita," I answered, "there are many men and women

who want to come to help you reach your brothers and sisters for Christ, but *there may not be enough money to send them*. You see, it costs an awful lot to bring a missionary to Africa."

"Yes, I understand," was his answer. "But may God help them to send more missionaries."

"May the Lord help them," I answered back the prayer.

HELPING TO ANSWER ITA'S PRAYER

(Editor's Note—We are sharing with you the following letter which came to our office recently. Truly this one is helping to answer Ita's prayer, as are many others. We praise the Lord for His goodness and provision.)

Marion, Ind.

October 1, 1952.

Dear Workers for Christ,

Am sending a check of \$500 to help a little toward those awaiting for help to go to the foreign fields.

I am 90 years old, but glad to help as the Lord has cared for me these many years. Although very lame, I am thankful I can read and write—so time soon passes.

May others help soon so all can go that are ready and waiting is my prayer.

Yours in His name,

Mrs. Seltha Dawson.

IN PRAYER REMEMBER THESE

HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray that the attendance contests held in home mission churches will result in new members for our Sunday schools and churches.

2. Pray that Victor Rogers will be blessed as he begins his ministry with the Jenners, Pa., church, that the church will continue to grow, and that the building will soon be completed.

3. Pray that the Beaumont, Calif., church will soon be able to complete its building and that the sacrificial giving of the people will continue so the building can be dedicated free of debt.

4. Pray for Bro. Thomas Hammers as he moves to Seattle, Wash., to become the first pastor of that congregation, and that he and the people will be given wisdom in locating their building.

5. Pray that the victories won in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during the ministry of God's Invasion Army will result in members for the church.

6. Pray that the new people attending services at the Cleveland, Ohio, church will be led to unite with and help the church.

7. Pray that the 1952 Thanksgiving home mission offering will be sufficient and be backed by the prayers of God's people.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for a great home mission offering sufficient to meet the many needs and to build new churches in the areas which are waiting.

2. Pray for the John Zielasko family, now in Brazil, as they begin their missionary service.

3. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber, who have joined those engaged in language study in France. Pray that all may grasp the language readily.

4. Pray for Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, who has returned to the field in Africa for another term of service.

5. Pray for the 2 missionaries returning to the States on furlough in December—Miss Johanna Nielsen from Argentina and Miss Ruth Snyder from Africa.

6. Pray for the native and national believers in all fields, that they may maintain a consistent Christian testimony and win many of their own people to the Lord.

7. Pray for the expansion pro-

gram in Argentina, as it looks toward the establishment of a strong and effective national Argentine church.

8. Pray for the health of our entire missionary family on all fields and those on furlough. Pray definitely for Anne Goodman, that the Lord will direct those who are caring for her.

9. Pray for the workers and the work in Baja California. Continue to pray for a native-born Mexican pastor with the proper qualifications.

10. Pray for Brother Fogle in France as he makes recommendations regarding the location of our permanent testimony there. Also pray for the board of trustees in the making of a decision.



11. Pray for Brother and Sister Edwin Jones in Honolulu, Hawaii, that the Lord will continue to use them in the winning of souls and the establishment of a Brethren testimony.

12. Pray for the missionaries on furlough as they carry on a heavy program of visitation and deputation.

GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the largest student body in the history of the seminary and pray that the members of the faculty will be given wisdom in teaching these 184 students.

2. Praise God for the people who are helping through the monthly finance plan and pray that those who have money will be led to give to support the school and help train young people for God's work.

3. Praise God for the many jobs open to students and pray that the students will be given strength to do the work necessary to support themselves and their families and still be able to do their school work.

MISSIONARY HERALD—

1. Pray that this company will always be a servant of Christ and His church.

2. Pray that each employee will

have the strength needed to do the extra duties that come to them at this season of the year.

3. Pray that the subscribers will read and benefit from our Brethren publications and that the number of subscribers will be greatly increased.

WMC—

1. Pray that our women will give generously for our part in the home mission program.

2. Pray for the churches in Portland, Oreg., and Baltimore, Md. These are our WMC home mission projects.

3. Pray for our WMC sisters in Argentina and Africa.

4. Pray that our WMC women will promote child evangelism and personal witnessing in a greater way than ever before, especially in their local communities.

SMM—

1. Pray for Pat Griffith, national president, as she begins her missionary endeavors at Dryhill, Ky., working with Miss Evelyn Fuqua.

2. Pray for the new Sisterhood organization at Portland, Oreg.

3. Praise God for the faithful women who are willing to serve as Sisterhood patronesses.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray that our writers of BYF and BBC material will have wisdom to produce practical, interesting, and usable programs and aids.

2. Pray that the youth director's ministry will be a real blessing among the Iowa churches in November.

3. Pray that the Lord will continue to supply every financial need of our youth program.

4. Pray that the tracts and Gospels provided for our Jewish and Spanish-American missions by national BYF will be used of God for the salvation of many souls.

ENJOYS LEARNING OF GOD'S WORKERS

"Enclosed you will find payment for the paper this coming year. It has proved a great encouragement and help, and I enjoy hearing of our missionaries and ministers and the work they are doing for our Lord. (Signed) Marie Fraley, Morgan Hill, Calif."

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Lt. Col. Floyd W. Shiery, chaplain in the United States Army, has returned from his second tour of duty in Korea. His address is Chaplain's Office, Hq. Fort Hood, Fort Hood, Tex. (add to Annual, p. 77).

The *Clayhole, Ky.*, church will observe homecoming November 9 with Rev. John Neely as speaker.

Rev. Russell Williams was surprised with a birthday party and gifts from members of the Yakima, Wash., church October 15.

Miss Estella Myers, missionary to Africa, visiting churches in the Northwest, spoke at the Northwest High School, Spokane, Wash., October 10.

Rev. C. Wayne Croker has been called to serve another year as pastor of the Cheyenne, Wyo., church.

"The Grafton, W. Va., church is without a pastor. Anyone interested in the pastorate please write to Mrs. L. C. Dennis, 335 W. Frances St., Grafton, W. Va."

The *Leamersville, Pa.*, church observed homecoming October 19 with Rev. Randall Rossman, Rev. Clair Gartland, and Rev. James Kurtz as speakers.

The *Waynesboro, Pa.*, church observed homecoming October 19 with Rev. Herman Koontz, Rev. Mark Malles, and Rev. Robert Crees as speakers.

At the *Osceola, Ind.*, church 20 families recently agreed to establish family altars in their homes.

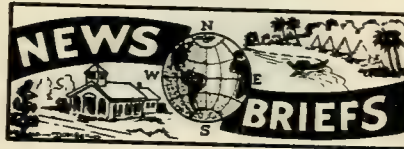
Elaine, the 4-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Burton Hatch, Seal Beach, Calif., has been very ill, but is now reported considerably better.

At the *Long Beach, Calif.*, First church 7 babies were dedicated to the Lord October 5. Dr. Hyman Appelman spoke there October 19,

the last Sunday of his 3-week tent campaign in Long Beach. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Auge, of this church, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary October 8.

Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind., spoke recently at Youth for Christ, Charleston, and Baptist Church, South Charleston, W. Va.; Asbury College and Seminary, Wilmore, and Hearts Harbor, Louisville, Ky.; and God's Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio. His November schedule: 12, First Church of the Brethren, Des Moines, Iowa; 14, Omaha, Nebr., Bible Institute; 16-21, Calvary Bible Church, Wichita, Kans.; 23-26, First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans.; 28, First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa; and 30, Manheim Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Katherine Miner, of Hagerstown, Md., died October 19. She lived just 24 days less than 91 years.



Rev. Walter Lepp, pastor of the Hagerstown, Md., church, has been ill. Neither the nature or seriousness of the illness is known to the writer of this page, though it is understood he spent some time in the hospital.

The *Berrien Springs, Mich.*, church received a member October 26. The church gave her a Bible at that time for memorizing and reciting the names of the books of the Bible.

The new *Phoenix, Ariz.*, church is experiencing growth. On October 19 there were 58 in Bible school, 27 in morning worship, 14 in youth fellowship, and 24 in evening service. This church is pastored by Rev. J. C. McKillen. In addition to the services on Sundays the McKillens conduct the following: Tuesday night—Teen-agers; Wednesday night—Prayer meeting; Thursday afternoon—2 Love Your Neighbor clubs, night—Adult Night. Mr. Robert Wilkerson, member of the church, formerly of the Seal Beach, Calif., church, preached there October 19.

Dear reader, if you want this page and the Church News page to be worth while, then you must send in the facts to be included. This week a new table is included—the list of

churches with their Sunday-school attendance records. Let the list challenge you to increase the attendance in your Bible school.

Is your subscription paid up to date? Don't let it cease! During December a series of articles on the incarnation of the Lord Jesus, written by Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr., will be printed in the Brethren Missionary Herald. In addition to keeping your own subscription, why not subscribe for other people who need the message of this magazine.

Miss Marian Watt and Mr. Elmer Tamkin, both of the Washington, D. C., church, were married Saturday, October 18, in a ceremony performed at the parsonage.

The doctor believes that little Anne Goodman will probably have a permanent weakness in her left knee. This may mean that she will always have to wear a brace. The doctor hopes she will make a good deal of progress as soon as she starts walking. We do know our Lord can undertake and surprise even the doctors and restore Anne completely.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber and Mrs. Minnie Kennedy arrived in France October 22. Mrs. Kennedy was to leave Paris October 29 and arrive in Africa October 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Tressler, faithful members of the Meyersdale, Pa., church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary October 29. They are the parents of Rev. Ward Tressler, pastor of the Chico, Calif., church.

The *Philadelphia, Pa.*, First church had 207 people in Bible school October 19. This is a 17.6-percent gain over the year before.

Speakers at the overnight youth rally of the *East Fellowship*, scheduled for the Waynesboro, Pa., church November 7-8, are Rev. Leslie Moore and Rev. James Reese.

Members of the *Meyersdale* and *Summit Mills, Pa.*, churches attended the Billy Graham meetings in Pittsburgh, traveling in 3 busses. A similar trip was made to the T. W. Wilson meetings in Johnstown. A young people's choir was organized by these churches with 30 members.

Rev. Leslie Moore, Meyersdale, Pa., spoke at the Youth for Greater Johnstown meetings 4 times in September. He also spoke at the Bible School Association's Bible dedication at Greenville, Pa. He has been elected to the Somerset County Child Evangelism Committee.

Was the First Pope an African?

By Rev. Ben Hamilton, Winona Lake, Ind.

Recently a radio quiz contestant was disqualified for not saying Peter was the first pope. So widespread has that notion become that millions accept as fact the thesis that Peter was the head of the papal line.

In the third volume of "Radio Replies," by Dr. Leslie Rumble and Charles Mortimer Carty (this volume is prefaced by Fulton J. Sheen), page 82, it is pointed out that the term "pope" did not become the specific name of the Roman bishop until the fourth century. If Peter was not the first pope and the name "pope" was not applied to the Roman bishop until the fourth century, was some fourth century bishop of Rome the first pope?

Testimony of Benson

There is an interesting answer in Edward White Benson's book on Cyprian, the prominent early Carthaginian bishop. Benson, "sometime archbishop of Canterbury," was an accurate church historian whose book, "Cyprian: His Life, His Times, His Work," is still the greatest work in English on the subject. On pages 29-31 Benson brings out the following interesting points:

(1) The term *papas* (pope) was first applied to the bishop of Alexandria (Egypt, that is, Africa), Heraclas, by Dionysius the Great, who succeeded Heraclas. Heraclas was bishop of Alexandria in 234 A. D., and again 247-248 A. D. In addition to Benson's statement on this, Eusebius' church history, book VII, chapter 7, further confirms this. However, in this instance the term *papas* was used only by the Egyptian Copts to address their own bishops.

(2) In the third century Roman clergy repeatedly addressed Cyprian, bishop of Carthage (North Africa), as pope (*papa*, *papas*) of Carthage. This is interesting since Cyprian died as a martyr in 258 A. D. On this Benson makes this interesting observation:

"If Papa was originally then of Carthaginian usage, this is but one of many instances in which the African Church led the Latin forms.

"Lastly, we may observe that if the Roman letters to Cyprian were not genuine, but belonged to the fifth century, or even the fourth, and were written in the interests of the papal see, we should not have had the name Papa carefully attributed



Rev. Ben Hamilton

by the Romans to Cyprian and entirely withheld by them and by all the letter-writers from the bishop of Rome."

Writings of Cyprian

That Cyprian, an African bishop, was recognized as a pope by Roman bishops before the bishop of Rome was called pope is interesting for another reason. In order to support the Roman view that Peter was the first pope, the Catholic Church appeals to Cyprian's work, "The Unity of the Catholic Church," especially to a text of that work which makes it appear that Cyprian claimed, by inference, Peter was the first head of the Catholic Church. The manuscripts, editions, and citations of the passage in Cyprian's work which the Catholic Church uses as its appeal have been proved to be interpolations deliberately made centuries ago and are not genuine versions of Cyprian's work. Benson's book, already cited, gives ample and amazing proof of this on pages 200-221.

Importance to Believers

What has all this to do with Brethren—indeed, with any born-again Christian? We do not have to place our confidence in a church leader whose claim to be a descendant of

Peter is wrong. We do not have to worry as to whether the head of the true church was African, Roman, or what have you, in origin. We are able to say with Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Tim. 1:12). Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, arose from the grave, and is soon coming to receive His own, is the only true Head of the church, His body.

The question that really matters is not, "Was the first pope an African?" but rather the important question is, Is Jesus Christ, the true Head of the church, the One who has complete control of you—body, soul, and spirit? "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (I Tim. 2:5-6).

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RAYMOND E. DONALDSON APPRECIATION

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake, Ind.



R. E. Donaldson

(Bro. R. E. Donaldson died at Washington, D. C., October 23. This article of appreciation was written by Dr. Homer A. Kent, who was at one time Brother Donaldson's pastor. —Ed.)

The writer had the privilege of knowing Bro. Raymond E. Donaldson since 1925, at which time he went to Washington D. C., to assume the pastorate of the First Brethren Church at that place. Bro. Donaldson was not then a Christian. His wife, Anna, and daughter, Mabel, were faithful members of the Washington church and were much burdened that the husband and father should come to know the Lord. Earnest prayers were continually offered by both his family and the church for his salvation. For a good many years he resisted the Spirit. But finally, in connection with an evangelistic service under the leadership of Rev. W. C. Benshoff, he made his profession of faith. He testified that he made his decision to accept the Lord at his place of business. Immediately following this he publicly confessed Christ in the church.

A Printer for the Lord

From this time on there was a complete break with the past and a full yieldedness to the Lord Jesus Christ. At once there began a steady growth in grace and a life of service in which, as he testified, he tried as best he could to make up for the years he had lost in the service of the Evil One.

Being a printer by trade, he determined that he would give himself to the ministry of the printed page. He procured a small press of his own, set it up in the basement of his home, and for many years printed church bulletins, tracts, Christian calendar cards which were used all over our brotherhood as well as outside, and many other items of literature. In a steady stream this high-quality literature went forth from his press without profit to himself and for the benefit of many Christian workers. As his pastor for many years this service was of inestimable value and for which he was profoundly grateful. Only eternity will reveal the final results of this quiet but most

efficient ministry. He especially delighted in printing thousands of copies of the tract entitled, "Salvation as Simple as A B C," which were freely distributed in gospel missions, hospitals, churches, and elsewhere.

A Man of Conviction

Brother Donaldson was a man of deep convictions. Throughout his Christian experience he faithfully sought to abide by these convictions

even at the cost of sometimes being misunderstood. He believed the Book and endeavored earnestly to order his life by it. He sought every opportunity to hear it preached and taught. He himself was a faithful teacher of the Word in the Sunday school in which for many years he taught a class of men.

He had an unceasing passion for the evangelization of the lost. This manifested itself in numerous ways such as the publishing of salvation tracts, frequent attendance at the gospel mission in the heart of Washington where he dealt personally with many of the "down-and-out" unsaved men, service for many years on the board of trustees of the Brethren Home Missions Council, and as superintendent of the Sunday school in the Washington church for a number of years, in which office his constant desire was to contact more people for the Gospel.

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A Tribute to Mrs. Sylvester Lowman

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard, Winona Lake, Ind.

Sister Alva R. Lowman, wife of Rev. Sylvester Lowman, was on October 22, 1952, released from her weakened temple of clay, and went home to be with her blessed Lord. On March 20 of this year Brother and Sister Lowman had completed 55 years of the journey of life together. For the last 21 years Sister Lowman had been an invalid, but in the home especially prepared for her by Brother Lowman she moved about freely in her wheel chair and cared for many of the responsibilities of the home, even serving as the hospitable hostess that she was for many of us as we had the privilege of visiting in the Lowman home.

Sister Lowman was born at Oxford, Ohio, on June 16, 1873. In her early teens she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour, and since that time lived a faithful and earnest Christian life. After the Lowmans dedicated their lives to the work of the ministry they served in Brethren pastorates in Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, and California. Before those years of hindering illness Sister Lowman

had been very active in the women's missionary work of our Brethren churches.

The funeral services were conducted in the Camden, Ohio, Brethren church and the burial was in the beautiful cemetery at Eaton, Ohio. The church was completely filled with sorrowing friends at the services, and many of the visiting ministers came as an encouragement to Brother Lowman and as a testimony of their respect to the one who had gone home. The funeral services were in charge of Rev. Robert Betz, pastor of the Camden church. He was assisted by Rev. William Steffler, Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, Rev. Charles Flowers, and the writer.

All who knew the Lowmans will share the sorrow with Brother Lowman and other relatives and friends, and will join in prayer that Brother Lowman may be comforted, encouraged, and strengthened that he may be preserved yet for many years of faithful ministry in winning many precious souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOD'S SECRET SERVICE AGENTS

By Rev. Paul Mohler, Listie, Pa.

Several weeks ago many of our newspapers and those of other countries carried glowing headlines and articles telling of an incident in Stockholm, Sweden, involving Margaret Truman and her 3 U. S. Secret Service bodyguards. Swedish newspapers and photographers declared that Miss Truman's Secret Service agents were "gorillas" and "three tough guys with their left armpits bulging with artillery."

Miss Truman, commenting on the affair, said, "It was really silly." She thought it was entirely a result of misunderstanding. When she was asked why armed guards, American Secret Service agents, had to travel with her, she declared that it was not her wish, but United States law stipulated that members of the President's family must be supplied with a bodyguard, when they travel, to watch over, keep from danger, and protect them.

Back in Washington, at the time, her father, the President of the United States, said, "Those Secret Service agents were right." In other words, Margaret's Secret Service agents were just doing their inescapable duty.

Grandma's Day

When I read those newspaper articles and heard the radio comments, my thoughts went up to my God, to the Bible, and back a number of years to my grandma's living-room walls. I remembered the high value that God places upon His children. So highly does He prize His family, and so wonderfully does He cherish His loved ones, that He provides secret service agents to minister to them, to assist and support them, and to watch over and protect them. He would save His children from ruin and keep them from harm.

Who are these unfailing secret service agents of God? The Bible says they are God's angels, they are

God's special messengers, and they minister to Christian believers. You can read, with me, about them in the Book of Hebrews. God there asks: "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (1:14). He clearly answers His significant question for us with these words, in effect: They are ministering spirits (angels) ministering to heirs of sal-



Rev. Paul Mohler

vation (ministering to the saved), to Christians!

Thirty years ago, when I would go to Grandma's house, I was always very deeply impressed with the pictures of angels hovering over baby cribs and Christian homes and lives.

On Grandma's living-room walls there was a testimony, in pictures, of a belief in the Bible and in God's secret-service angels. Today any such angelic art in a home is unusual and rarely seen. How times have changed! Rather, we might exclaim, how people have changed!

Today

In these busy days we are too self-sufficient and independent to want angels around us. In these godless days the materialist, the naturalist, and the modernist, scoff at the idea of supernatural, protecting angels. They do not believe in, nor expect to see God's angels work. They do not hope to feel the presence of these heavenly creatures. And, certainly, they do not expect to hear the rustle of angelic wings, as it were. Too many men and women think of angels only as superstition. Many good people are so busy making a living, being socially popular, and are so

enraptured by the glow and the glamour of this sin-cursed age, that God's angelic helpers, God's ministering spirits, are forgotten. And little wonder! Too many people forget God Himself too much of the time. Too many are not heirs of salvation—are not God's children—and so they cannot, in their present state, appreciate God's angels who are sent forth to minister to the members of His family, the saved.

A Dream

A dear child of God once told of a remarkable dream he had. He dreamed that he was in the vestibule of heaven waiting for admittance. Certain pictures on the walls seemed strangely familiar to him and so drew his close attention. He found those pictures to be representing incidents in his own life on earth. One showed him falling from a horse, and just above him, as he fell to the ground, was an angel following him and breaking his fall. He saw there picture after picture of events in his life and always there was an angel near, protecting and keeping him from danger. That experience gave him a new appreciation of God's nearness and concern for him. Oh, I want you to see the wonderful, precious, angelic provision God has made for those who love Him and who know His Son, Jesus Christ, as personal Saviour!

Bible Examples

If we read the story of the life of David, we cannot help but see the *delivering power* of heavenly angels. David, over and over again, points to the protection and deliverance he received through the ministry of God's secret service angels.

In the life of Jesus on earth, we clearly see how angels ministered to Him. When He was in need angels were always near to help. When He was tempted in the wilderness, angels ministered to Him. And so, angels *minister to needy children* of God today. During His ministry, Jesus told how near angels are to little children (especially see Matt. 18). One thing is sure, Christians

*A Radio Message Given Over WVSC,
Somerset, Pa., September 28, 1952*

may not always be conscious of their presence, but they are ever near to help in time of need. Someone once said: "If you woo the company of angels in your waking hours, they will be sure to come to you in your sleep."

The Bible tells us, too, that angels *strengthen the weak*. When Elijah was weak, weary, and about to give up, the old prophet heard a whisper. An angel touched him and said: "Arise and eat" (I Ki. 19:5). It was the weakest moment in his life, but an angel was by his side to help and strengthen him.

As you read on in the Bible, you are warmly comforted when you see clearly that angels not only strengthen the weak but they *weaken the strong*. Over and over again, strong enemies of God's people are made powerless through the ministry of His angels.

The Secret of the Service

Many of you know nothing of God's secret service because His secret service agents only minister to those who fear the Lord (Psa. 34), and who are heirs of salvation (Heb. 1:14). You cannot have angels near you, delivering, ministering, protecting, strengthening you until you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and join the family of God.

Will you own Jesus now, today? He loves you. He wants to keep and protect you. Give Him your heart and life. Then you will know the preciousness of the care of God's secret service agents. May God help you know that blessing, is my prayer. Amen!



Tracy, California

We had a wonderful week of special Good News revival, October 5-12, here at the First Brethren Church with Dr. Vincent Bennett, of Pasadena, Calif., as Bible teacher and evangelist. This series was the best-attended of any meetings ever held in the Tracy church, with an average of 100 for each service. Best of all, there were more than 50 decisions for Christ.

We began with Rally Day in our Sunday school, which was attended by 132 people, an all-time high for us. The following Sunday there were 109 present.

Delegations were present almost every night from various churches. Many friends have been made for the church and a number of prospects have come to us.

This meeting truly proved to be a revival within the church, resulting from the powerful preaching, in which Dr. Bennett exalted Jesus Christ.—William Clough, pastor.

Cleveland, Ohio

The pastor baptized 3 young people Sunday afternoon, October 19. The unusual feature was that each one of these people was married to members of Brethren churches, though at the moment not one of them was a member of the Cleveland

church. That evening the 3 families (6 persons) were received into the membership of this church, which membership now totals 75 people.—Russell Ward, pastor.

Hagerstown, Maryland

Here is good news from our rally day services October 5. There were 594 people in our Bible school and 425 in the morning worship service. Both of these are new highs! Over 1,800 people attended the 5 services of the day, with 225 in the afternoon and 340 in the evening.

This day also marked the 10th anniversary of the church building and the "Family Altar" radio broadcasts and the first anniversary of the Bible school building.

The speakers for the day were Rev. Phil Saint, who began that day a 3-weeks campaign at our church, and Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, who was holding evangelistic services in our church in nearby Martinsburg, W. Va.

The offering goal of \$2,606.90 was missed by only \$30.—Walter Lepp, pastor.

Everett, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Nora Feight Crawford, wife of Frederick Crawford, Sr., and charter member of the Everett Grace Brethren Church, died suddenly October 18. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Homer Lingenfelter, in the church building October 22.

At the conclusion of the service an invitation was given and 3 persons received Christ as Saviour. That evening at the midweek service 3 more decisions were made.

Sister Crawford glorified her Lord in death as in life.—Fred B. Bucher, secretary.

Los Angeles, California (Third)

September 21 was Men's Sunday at the Third Brethren Church of Los Angeles. The men were in charge of every part of the service, with special music by our assistant pastor, Rev. Robert Kliever. A gold cross was given to each child whose father accompanied him to the service. The visible results were 4 re-consecrations.

Our rally day services were held September 28 with 164 people in Bible school and 140 in morning service. Our pastor, Rev. James Beatty, preached the morning sermon and the young people were in

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

| Church | Dates | Pastor | Speaker |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Leon, Iowa..... | Oct. 26-Nov. 7... | Marion Gates..... | Ward Miller. |
| Akron, Ohio..... | Oct. 26-Nov. 9... | Harold Etling.... | Russell Barnard. |
| Compton, Calif... | Oct. 26-Nov. 9... | Norman Nelson... | Paul Arthur. |
| Martinsburg, Pa.. | Oct. 26-Nov. 9... | Gerald Teeter.... | Gordon Bracker. |
| New Troy, Mich.. | Oct. 27-Nov. 9... | Richard Jackson.. | Lee Jenkins. |
| Fremont, Ohio... | Oct. 28-Nov. 9... | Lester Pifer..... | Kenneth Ashman. |
| Clayhole, Ky..... | Nov. 5-9..... | Sewell Landrum... | John Neely. |
| Altoona, Pa. (Gr.) | Nov. 2-14..... | Phillip Simmons.. | Bern'rd Schneider. |
| Flora, Ind..... | Nov. 2-16..... | Charles Turner... | Mason Cooper. |
| Rittman, Ohio... | Nov. 2-9..... | Charles Ashman.. | Conard Sandy. |
| R'noke, Va. (Gh't) | Nov. 2-16..... | Robert Miller.... | Walter Lepp. |
| Altoona, Pa. (1).. | Nov. 3-16..... | Mark Malles..... | John Aeby. |
| Leamersville, Pa. | Nov. 11-23..... | Robert Crees..... | Arnold Kr'gbaum. |
| Hopewell, Pa.... | Nov. 12-13..... | Sheldon Snyder.. | George Meadows. |
| Clayton, Ohio.... | Nov. 17-30..... | Clair Brickel..... | Lester Pifer. |

charge of the evening program of music and drama.

Recently Pastor Beatty spoke to a meeting of the Jewish Youth Organization of the East Los Angeles Synagogue. He presented the Protestant orthodox position in relation to Jesus Christ. The rabbi then gave Brother Beatty an invitation to be his special guest at the Jewish Yom Kippur activities September 20.

The Third church now has an organized Boy Scout troop. Ed Vandiver is scoutmaster and he has several able assistants. They center the scout work in Christ and the church.

This past summer Third church has witnessed several weddings—those of Rev. and Mrs. James Beatty.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

(Latest Available to Editor)

| | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Phoenix, Ariz. | 58 |
| South Pasadena, Calif. | 180 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (Second) ... | 1036 |
| Clayhole, Ky. | 378 |
| Beaumont, Calif. | 163 |
| Temple City, Calif. | 135 |
| Compton, Calif. | 262 |
| Leamersville, Pa. | 286 |
| Osceola, Ind. | 217 |
| Covington, Ohio | 90 |
| Uniontown, Pa. | 223 |
| Altoona, Pa. (Grace) | 192 |
| Glendale, Calif. | 162 |
| Fort Wayne, Ind. | 194 |
| Winchester, Va. | 215 |
| Berrien Springs, Mich. | 54 |

Public Confessions

| | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Covington, Ohio | 2 |
| Cheyenne, Wyo. | 2 |
| Osceola, Ind. | 29 |
| San Bernardino, Calif. | 3 |
| Winchester, Va. | 50 |

Additions to Membership

| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Long Beach, Calif. (Second) ... | 3 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 6 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (First) | 17 |
| Berrien Springs, Mich. | 1 |

Baptisms Not Included in Additions

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Covington, Ohio | 3 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (First) | 1 |

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Kliever, Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Yerian, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson. Two engagements have been announced. Seven babies have been dedicated to the Lord.

This church has 5 students in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and the Bill Burks in Grace Seminary in preparation for foreign missionary service in Brazil. Four of our young men are in the service of the country.—Mrs. Mary Shipley, publicity chairman.

Homerville, Ohio

The West Homer Brethren Church of Homerville, Ohio, concluded 2 weeks of meetings on October 19 with Rev. Ralph Neighbour, pastor of the Church of the Open Door, Elyria, Ohio, as the evangelist.

There was an average attendance of 85 people for the 2 weeks. There were 3 first-time decisions for Christ and a number of rededications. Four people united with the church October 19.—Robert Holmes, pastor.

PASTOR NOWAG RETIRES

Rev. H. W. Nowag, of 759 Grove Ave., Johnstown, Pa., retired from the active ministry October 1. This action followed 37 years in the ministry of Christ in the Brethren denomination.

Brother Nowag was ordained at the Second Brethren Church, Moxham, Pa., in 1915. He served a congregation in Maryland for 5 years, and then returned to the Moxham Second Brethren Church for a 4-year ministry. His longest pastorate was the 18-year term at the Listie, Pa., church, which was followed by a pastorate of 10 years' duration at the Conemaugh, Pa., Singer Hill congregation, which church he was serving at the time of his retirement.

Rev. H. W. Nowag is the grandson of Elder Henry R. Holsinger, the man who more than any other must be considered the founder of the Brethren Church which was organized in 1882.

The Singer Hill congregation held a reception for the Nowags and presented them with a reclining chair, a lamp, a table, a purse, and flowers.

Brother Donaldson was honored in his local church by numerous offices being given him. His value as a layman was recognized in our denomination by his being asked not only to serve on the board of the Brethren Home Missions Council, but also on the board of trustees of Grace Seminary from its beginning, and for a time on the board of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

Brother Donaldson practiced the grace of Christian hospitality. His home has always been a place where the welcome sign has been hanging for the blessing of countless servants of the Lord who have been passing through Washington for one reason or another. Many who read these lines will remember the "prophets' chamber" in the Donaldson home where they were entertained so graciously.

The Lord has seen fit to take Brother Donaldson unto Himself. He has gone to join his good wife, who preceded him by many years and whose faithfulness had much to do with her husband's being ready to enter "the land that is fairer than day." His going is our loss but heaven's gain. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21).

BIOLA PROFESSOR DIES

Dr. Reid McCullough, for many years a member of the faculty of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, died from a heart attack September 25. He was a teacher of Greek, Hebrew, and Bible doctrine.

In addition to his teaching at the institute Dr. McCullough was teaching this semester in the Long Beach branch of the institute's evening school which was holding classes in our Long Beach Second church. Prior to his teaching career he was a pastor in the Baptist denomination.

CATHOLICS TO UTILIZE TV

According to Religious News Service an International Center for Catholic Television has been opened in Paris. It will centralize information on the use of TV for religious purposes, and publish a weekly bulletin and a quarterly review in three languages.—The Pentecostal Evangel.

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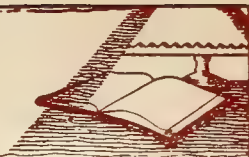
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As the Editor Sees It

By L. L. GRUBB



HOME MISSION HEARTBREAKS

Many and varied problems attend any aspect of Christian service. No service for the Lord is easy. Our Lord prophesied this before He ascended into heaven.

The children of God who know how to trust Him expect these things and meet them through the effective working of God's grace.

However, the real heartbreaks in carrying out the great commission of Christ come in the failure of believers to meet the spiritual needs of lost men.

When men are calling for the Gospel and the ministry of the Word of God and the means are not available to answer that call fully for the glory of Christ—*this is a heartbreaking situation!*

We have faced such situations multiplied times in Brethren home mission work during the past few years. God has opened doors for the establishment of Brethren churches in unprecedented numbers. Letters from all sections of our nation, requesting help from the Council in starting a new Brethren church, are still in our files with the request unanswered except to say, "We cannot help you now because the means are not available."

It is a heartbreaking thing to say "no" to human souls hungering for the Word and knowledge of God. Indeed it is more heartbreaking to the heavenly Father Himself, for He has provided adequate means to meet the spiritual needs of lost souls through the praying and giving of His children. It is when those fully blessed children of God fail to see the vision of the task to be done and fail to meet the need for evangelization that God's great heart must be sorely grieved.

Nor would the pain in the heart of our blessed Lord Jesus be any less knowing that He has provided complete redemption through His finished work on the cross while His own followers who have received of this grace sit idly by and unconcernedly watch men go to eternal hell.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

What would you do if you were in the home mission office and received a letter from a group of people somewhere in the United States requesting help in starting a Brethren church? The letter states that *now* is the time to strike! The group is ready to go, to sacrifice, giving of their time and money. Absolutely nothing stands in the way but your ability to put out a little money. WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You say you would pray? We have! And further we have repeatedly requested prayer for Brethren home missions in all our Brethren churches. Only God knows the weight of prayer which has ascended to His throne.

You say you would also make the need known? To the best of our ability we have tried to do this even at the risk of seeming to be overenthusiastic. Constantly

we have stressed the fact that the growth of the Brethren Fellowship is limited only by the gifts God's children are willing to lay on the altar for home missions. We have used every available means of publicity in putting forth the challenge before the Lord's people.

You say the Home Missions Council ought to have more faith—strike out and spend the money and then expect the Lord to send it in?

The Brethren Home Missions Council is strictly a "faith mission." Our budget is made before we ever see a penny of the funds to meet it. That budget is always expanded annually by faith. But where does intelligent faith end and sinful presumption begin? The members of the Council are men of real faith else the advances seen in our work would have been far more limited. However, our faith involves the faith of *every member* of the Brethren Church. We cannot meet the challenges without *your help*. We are inseparably joined as a unit

OUR COVER PICTURE

After years of prayerful waiting, the faithful Brethren home mission group in Denver, Colo., are beginning to realize their goal—a church building of their own. The first step in that direction is seen on the cover of this issue, during ground-breaking services. Pastor Lowell Hoyt is lifting the first shovelful of soil. Let's remember them—and other needy Brethren groups—in our Thanksgiving offerings.

in this great work and if the faith of one falls down the entire program suffers.

Do you begin to see what we mean by "home mission heartbreaks"?

ONLY ONE REMEDY

There is only one remedy for this heartbreaking situation. The children of God must give themselves wholeheartedly in meeting the challenge. By prayer, by sacrificial giving, by life dedication, we can help those spiritually dying and starving souls across the length and breadth of our great land.

LARGE INCREASE IN OFFERING NEEDED

The opportunities to start Brethren churches are so numerous that unless we have at least a 25-percent increase in our Thanksgiving offering very little can be accomplished in establishing new churches this coming year. But if each individual and each church will help us to at least this extent we will be able to show the greatest denominational advances in our history. Each year most of our churches have increased their offerings

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to home missions. Unfortunately each year also some churches allow their offerings to decrease which to a great extent nullifies the increases of others. *We are praying that there will be an increase this year in the offering of each Brethren church.*

INFLATIONARY SPIRAL IN HOME MISSIONS

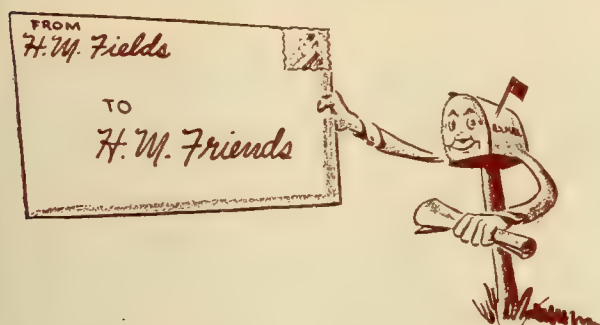
Have the children of God forgotten that inflation hits and severely affects the work of Christ? While paying higher prices for clothing, food, homes, etc., have we forgotten that it costs more to buy lots, build churches, pay preachers, and conduct the work in general? Unfortunately many of the Lord's people have forgotten this fact!

A church that was constructed for \$10,000 15 years ago now would cost approximately \$30,000. Operation costs have risen 200 percent. It costs more for men and their families to live these days, therefore salaries must

be higher. All along the line the costs of doing business for Christ have skyrocketed.

There have indeed been increases in our offerings, but these increases have not even kept pace with inflation. What we are actually doing today is building much more expensive churches for less money and operating on a thinner shoestring than ever in our history. If our offering had kept pace with inflation and increased proportionately at the same time it would have been \$250,000 instead of near \$115,000. Actually, for the past 5 years there has been an average increase of *only 1 cent per capita* in our home mission giving. Increases in the offering have come largely from increased membership! This is a sobering and compelling fact and one worthy of very careful consideration by all Brethren.

REMEMBER, ONLY IF YOU INCREASE YOUR HOME MISSION OFFERING OF FORMER YEARS ARE YOU VOTING FOR AN ADVANCE IN SPREADING THE GOSPEL AND WINNING SOULS TO CHRIST!



lieve this is of the Lord, for we were to vacate the building when cold weather arrived.

Johnstown, Pa. (Ralph C. Hall)—

The Lord is really blessing here in the past few weeks for which we praise Him. Several decisions have been made and I am sure others are forthcoming soon. Our attendance has grown and we have seen financial growth as well as spiritual growth in the lives of our people. It's almost a must that I quit working so much and spend more time in the field, preferably all of it, and I trust that it will soon be possible.

Johnson City, Tenn. (John J. Burns)—

Our evangelistic services closed on Sunday night, October 12, in which we cooperated with the Christ for Everyone campaign. Rev. Ding Teuling was the evangelist and the Lord blessed with 16 first-time decisions and 2 rededications. The highest attendance was on the last Sunday with 250 crowded in an auditorium seating 130. We entered the Christian Life Sunday School Contest with an average of 58 for the past 12 months. The first Sunday the attendance reached 86 and the next 103. Our people are enthused with these increases in attendance.

Jenners, Pa. (Victor Rogers)—

The rally day goal of \$100 for the building fund was exceeded by \$31.23. The attendance in the Sunday school reached 150 with 13 of our pupils attaining a perfect attendance record during the year ending September 30.

Findlay, Ohio (Forest F. Lance)—

You will be pleased to know that the Lord blessed us in an abundant manner last Sunday evening when 5 people accepted the Lord as their Saviour. Four were adults and one a young girl about 16 years of age. There were 50 present in the morning with 3 families absent for various reasons. Had these been with us we would have exceeded our record. The board of education has given us the use of the old school building and the state fire marshal has given his okay for heating it. We be-

Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Clarence Gutierrez)—

We just want you to know that we have had some very definite spiritual victories in our work. We had 5 first-time confessions and 2 rededications in recent days. They included 2 ladies, 4 young people, and 1 small lad. Our attendance in Sunday school reached 42. An increase has been seen in our BBC and SMM organizations with as many as 40 attending these meetings. Isn't our Lord wonderful!

Jewish Mission (Isobel Fraser)—

Since returning to Los Angeles, the door-to-door calling has been very encouraging. There have been just a few days when I haven't had several good conversations. Several former contacts have also brought about conversations of an hour or two. We have some amusing contacts, too. The other day I had a good talk with a Jewish man 73 years young who is interested in phrenology. He gave me a test and said I had a good reception for faith and belief in miracles, and I had a chance to tell him about the miracle power in the Gospel.

A HOME MISSION NEED

The new chapel at Dryhill, Ky., is well on the way to completion and there will be a need for some pews. Do you know of a place where 22 good used pews would be available for the work? Write the Brethren Home Missions Council, Winona Lake, Ind.

GROUND-BREAKING IN DENVER!



The location and the group present for the ground-breaking service at Denver, Colo., with a glimpse of the city in the background.



The congregation enjoying a special instrumental trio number during the ground-breaking program.

By Rev. C. Lowell Hoyt, Denver, Colo.

Thirty-nine people shivered through the hour-and-one-half service on October 5. But the cold wind was not able to chill the spirits of a small but courageous group. There was one unique feature about this service—the contractor was featured as the speaker! Dr. Thomas Murray, pastor of a large fundamental church in Denver, teacher in Rockmont Bible College, can't seem to keep busy without doing construction work during the week. Having just returned from a 3-months trip to Scotland and other European countries, he brought a rich message on "Building With and Without God."

When some of our neighbors heard about our proposed building there were 2 reactions. One family expressed gratitude that a fundamental group was planning to erect a building. Another lady said she was of a mind to get up a petition to have the church banned. She said, "They had better not build a crumby church!" She was promptly informed that ours would not be a crumby church, but one of which the community could be proud.

God has been supplying in a marvelous way so that our building can be a credit to the community. The decision was made several weeks ago to go ahead with the building, though our funds seemed small to us. Then, the next morning after the decision was made, I said to Mrs. Hoyt as I left for work: "Don't call me unless we get more than \$2,000 in the mail." I was jesting, of course. But God had seen our step of faith and meant to indicate His approval. At noon on the telephone Mrs. Hoyt reminded me of my words. "Five thousand dollars came in the mail today," she said.

God is supplying also in another way. Our contractor, being a Christian and a pastor himself, has both the motive and the experience necessary to real economy in construction. He knows what we need, and he shares with us the desire to make every dollar count for God. The efficiency of this man and his crew has been demonstrated already. The foundation has been dug, the footings poured, and a good share of the forms for basement walls erected in 2 weeks. In another week these walls will be poured and ready for brick work to begin.

God led us to this man who is doing his work as a service to his Saviour. He is giving up his right to the usual contractor's fee.

The beginning of construction has enabled us to take another step forward in our work. We have been able to obtain the use of a lovely school auditorium, and we are now holding our services in the immediate vicinity of the church rather than 5 miles away. We are now

expecting the Lord to reward our efforts with a more marked growth. A number of people have expressed interest in our group, even calling at our home to find out more about us.

Brethren home missions has made possible this beginning of a Brethren testimony in Denver. We pray, with every earnest Christian, that God may meet the need of our home mission effort in the Thanksgiving offering.

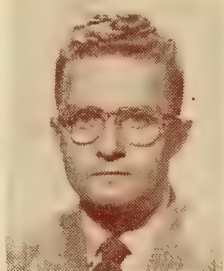
NEEDED—ONE MORE BED

By Rev. Evan Adams, Brethren Navaho Mission

The beginning of the semester at our Navaho school saw more requests for enrollment than we could house in our dormitories. Our New Mexico State Health Department license permits only 24 boarding students, 12 in the girls' cottage and 12 in the boys'. We were able to help a few additional children by admitting them as "day students" when their hogans were near enough that they could come to school each day, and return home at night. Still many parents had to be disappointed by not being able to enter their children in our school. Many of those enrolled had brothers and sisters who needed to be in school too. It was hard for the parents to understand why all their children could not come. Of course we wanted to re-enroll the boys and girls who had been in school last year. Their presence made it easier for the newcomers to become adapted to "school life" and its accompanying disciplines, something that these boys and girls had never encountered in their lives as yet. And they had last year's foundation on which to build greater things this year.

Many of the children who had been signed up during the summer months were late in coming to school. Indian fairs, sugar-beet harvesting, and sheep herding take precedence over such minor things as education. So we waited patiently and hunted over the reservation for the boys and girls who had been entrusted to us for the school year, by the authority of their mothers' thumb prints. One by one they began to come in. George Pinto finally came back from the Apache Indian fair and surrendered himself to the routine of school life. Alice Sala returned from the sugar-beet fields of Colorado and took her seat among her old schoolmates. And other boys left their herding duties in the hands of little sisters, to return for an advanced education. Finally all beds in the dormitories were filled. The last-awaited student had given up the freedom of the sagebrush for the confines of a school desk.

And that is where the sad story, "Needed—One More Bed," begins. Suzie brought one more of her children to the station hoping to enroll him in the school, too. His brother was in school, why couldn't he enter, too? He had already had 2 years of schooling in a government school and could read, write, and speak English. He was 13 years old and needed to get more education. Our only encouragement was to tell Suzie that if one of the other boys ran away, Bill could have his place in the



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dormitory. With this hope Suzie and her children camped on our property for 5 days under a cedar tree. Fortunately it didn't rain. On Sunday Suzie and her children attended 3 services at the mission: Sunday school in Navaho, preaching services in the afternoon and evening. Sunday afternoon Suzie accepted the Lord as her Saviour and stood before the other Indians at the front of the chapel in public profession of the fact. This isn't the sad story; this is one of the few bright spots in her life. Monday night, while several visiting Indians slept in our hogan for transients, 2 drunk men came in looking for a sleeping place, unknown to us. Before sunrise they took Bill and Jim, age 16 years, out over the hill and poured the rest of their bootleg wine down them.

When we were notified of the trouble Bill and Jim were nearly dead-drunk. They had been fighting for 2 hours and were dirty, bloody, and exhausted. Bill was leaning through the fork of a cedar tree trying to get at Jim on the other side when we arrived at the scene of the commotion. When he saw us he started to run over the hill, cursing as he went. After I had subdued him and held him to the ground I asked Suzie what he was shouting. Suzie replied: "He is saying, 'I am dying, I am going to hell, I am dying, I am going to hell.'" Apparently the 3 gospel messages of Sunday were still ringing in his head. But the cheap wine had him twisted in convulsions of body. We poured as much soda water and black coffee into him as we could force him to drink. The induced vomiting relieved some of his pain. Finally, after taking him to the shower house and giving him a bath, shampoo, delousing, and 15 minutes of cold water on his body, Bill began to return to his senses. The change of clothes and bath made a new man of Bill, on the outside. But he was still the same boy who was "dying and going to hell, dying and going to hell, dying, going to hell . . ." That afternoon Bill rode off in a truck, bound for the potato fields of southern Colorado, still "dying and going to hell. . . ." This is the story of "Needed—One More Bed." This story multiplied becomes, "needed—many more beds, buildings, shoes, clothes, workers, givers, and prayers."

NEW PASTOR AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Bro. Russell Ogden, student at Grace Seminary, has been acting as pastor of the church at South Bend, Ind., since the departure of Bro. John Zielasko for the mission field in Brazil.

We covet your prayers for this church and the ministry of Brother Ogden.

FREMONT, OHIO, CHURCH SPONSORS NEGRO SERVICES

By Rev. Lester Pifer, Fremont, Ohio

"Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it" (Psa. 90:16-17).

The Lord has given to the Grace Brethren Church at Fremont, Ohio, a real missionary spirit. We are grateful to Him that our people have constantly and consistently been willing to do missionary service wherever possible. The missionary offerings have steadily increased in spite of the tremendous building load that we are carrying. The women as well as the men are active in practical missionary work such as conducting services at the prison farm, Oak Ridge Sanatorium (TB), county home, and among migrant workers. These services are held weekly, often 2 or 3 being held in the same afternoon. They have responded encouragingly to personal soul-winning among the lost in this community.

More recently a new work was laid upon our hearts. A fine young Christian colored man, Granville Tucker, and his family, had been attending our services for over a year. During this time he attended the teachers' training class and was active as a good student of the Word, especially in the realm of soul-winning. He and his family were in attendance at all services. In recent months a great burden was laid upon his heart for the many colored people of this area. In his efforts at soul-



Rev. Lester Pifer

winning several members of different families were won to the Lord. Last year in his child evangelism classes there were over 60 in attendance. Brother Tucker's own words in describing the situation are: "The majority of my people in Fremont are not attending any church."

One morning while having devotions in the study, the Lord seemed to be showing us that there were great possibilities in this field. Here was a field "white unto the harvest." Here was a young zealous soul-winner who could be mightily used of the Lord. The matter was then taken to the official board where hearty approval was given and plans were laid for the work to begin. The deacon board met with Brother Tucker and with tears streaming down his face he replied: "I had been praying that God would lead me into full-time service." Following that meeting we were sure that Brother Tucker was ready to become a member of our church and was in complete harmony with the doctrinal position of the Brethren Church. Since that time he has been baptized by triune immersion and is a member of the church.

A meeting was held with those who were interested and plans were laid for the starting of the regular services October 19. On that Sunday 22 were in attendance for the morning services and 19 returned for the evening service. A fine prayer meeting is being held each Wednesday night, also. The meetings at the present time are being held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burel. They will continue here until such time as a suitable building can be found for their regular meeting place.

We trust that the Brethren folks across the nation will pray with us for this work that a fine testimony may be established here for the glory of God.

SERVING CHRIST IN THE BRETHREN CHURCH

By Mr. Granville Tucker, Fremont, Ohio

I came to know Christ as my personal Saviour 16 years ago in a little mission. After I accepted Christ there was a hunger in my heart for the Word of God and to tell others of Him. During the 10 years I attended this mission I was not satisfied because there was a longing deep down in my soul to know His will for my life. There wasn't enough interest in winning souls, for they believed in the people coming to them and for that reason not many were saved.

For about 6 months I attended another church where the pastor seemed to be more concerned about money than souls, and I made up my mind that I would never join a church of that kind. I wanted a church where the whole Word of God was taught.

At about this time my children began to attend the daily vacation Bible school where Rev. Raymond Blood was pastor, and they learned more in 2 weeks than in all the other churches put together. Two years later they attended Bible school again when Rev. Lester Pifer was pastor. During this time I was going to hospitals

witnessing for the Lord and often I would see members from the Brethren church. I did not know who they were, but I said thanks to God for those people, for they were interested in souls.

While at work one day I was invited to attend a Bible training class and cannot explain how much it meant to me. Then my family and I started to attend the church where my 2 oldest daughters accepted the Lord and were baptized.

In the following sermons it seemed as though God was talking direct to me, and I rededicated my life to His service. I spent 3 months in Rev. Pifer's new converts' class, and there I learned more about the Christian life, winning souls, and the church doctrine. In the meantime we were all praying concerning a work among the colored people.

About 3 weeks ago Rev. Pifer and 2 deacons came to my house and told me that they had felt the leading of the Lord to start a work among my people. That was the happiest moment of my life, for I had felt the calling

TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA, IN DESPERATE NEED

By Rev. Leo Polman, Temple City, Calif.

Brethren, it's now or we'll wish we had given to make possible a church in this growing community. Fifteen miles northeast of Los Angeles at the foot of the Sierra Madre Mountains, in the beautiful San Gabriel Valley, lies Temple City, 22 years ago only a name and a few chicken ranches. Though not incorporated yet, the area designated as Temple City is approximately 6 square miles, in the county of Los Angeles.



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Population in 1930, 8,100; in 1949, 24,000; 1952, it is estimated at 35,000. Why are we challenged? Approximately 90 percent of the homes are owner-occupied. This makes for a real substantial church, and not one constantly changing in membership as in the case of so many communities. A community of homes, and a place for family living, needs a family church home.

Temple City has 3 elementary schools, 3 private schools, one of which is none other than the San Gabriel Valley Academy, which is sponsored by your home mission church, Temple City Brethren Church, having an enrollment of 112, kindergarten through 8th grade. Some churches minister to boys and girls each Lord's Day. We minister to them 6 days each week. Here's a real investment for eternity.

Temple City being primarily a home community, very little of its area is given over to light industry. However, adjacent cities provide industry to support these families in the area.

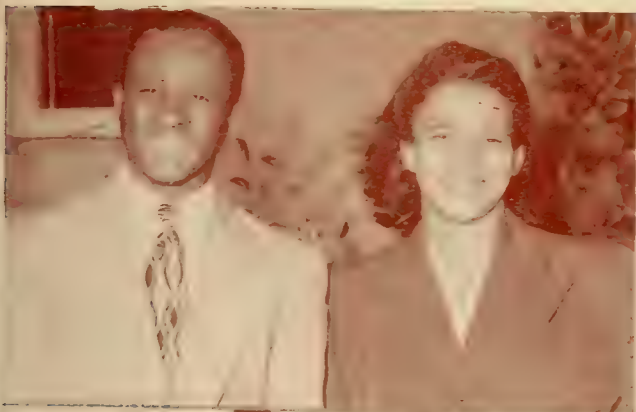
Ten denominations are represented in Temple City. One of these is our own Brethren church, not yet having a chapel for meetings. Our church here has a wonderful opportunity to be the fundamental church within the city. Our property, located within 2 blocks of the very heart of the city, places us within reach of the whole community.

Already our Sunday school and church services, in just 4 weeks in this our new location, have broken all previous attendance records, Sunday school averaging 111 per Sunday, top 135—and this accomplished without a church building. The need for a chapel and classrooms are OUR DESPERATE NEED if we are to grow and claim this city for Christ with His glorious Gospel.

Remember, when you give to home missions this Thanksgiving, you help Temple City to build a church that will be used every day and not just for Sunday and midweek services.

Brethren, we challenge you to make an investment in the Lord's business. We need \$30,000 NOW to build a church here. What part are you going to have in this?

Your help NOW will help us to help you in establishing more Brethren churches in the years to come, should the Lord tarry.



Top—Mr. and Mrs. Granville Tucker, the leaders in the new colored mission work sponsored by the Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio. The middle picture shows the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burel, where the meetings are being held until a more suitable location is found. Bottom—The group present for the first service on Sunday, October 19, 1952.

of the Lord for a long time. I was baptized in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Spirit, and the following Sunday I joined the Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio, to work and give my time and service for the winning of souls for the glory of Christ among my people.

GREAT CHALLENGE IN YORK, PENNSYLVANIA

By Rev. Gerald Polman, York, Pa.

Yes, there is a challenge to the Brethren Church to establish many new Brethren churches across the land. York, Pa., is one of many such places. Let me give my testimony as to why we felt called of the Lord to enter this field.

Our attention was first drawn to the city of York when the Knepper family of the Meyersdale Brethren Church moved to York. Two or three Sundays there were sufficient to convince them of the need for a Brethren church in York. They began praying for the establishment of such a work and wrote to their home pastor of the need.



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A Brethren Bible class was then started in the Knepper home with Rev. Russell Weber, of Harrisburg, as teacher. The East Fellowship mission board and the Brethren Home Missions Council, seeing the possibilities for the organization of a Brethren church in a fast-growing industrial city, called us to come to pioneer this work as part-time pastor.

It was not an easy decision, but these things challenged us. There was a good faithful group of solid Brethren families anxious for a church. At that time several other Brethren families were contemplating moving to York, and have since done so. The prospect of 30 or 40 Brethren people who would otherwise be isolated from a Brethren church was a challenge in itself.

On a visit to the community of York we found it to be unusual because of the apparent growth. On every side of the city new sections are developing. New factories and schools, as well as homes, are being constructed. Certainly there is a need for a new church as well.

After 6 months on the field is this still a challenge?

The Lord has led our little group from its original meeting place in the YMCA building to a rented store building in a strategic location. On one side lies a large housing development; in the other direction is a residential development of more than 200 homes. These homes are owned, for the most part, by young families with children. At the present time we have an option on some property just beyond this building in which we have begun meeting. If the Lord continues to lead in

THANKS, MINUTE-MEN

Your gifts for the York, Pa., home mission work now total \$2,503.15. This will be a great help in establishing a Brethren church in that city. We appreciate these extra little gifts you give during the year to these special appeals, and we pray the Lord will bless you real big for them. If you are one who is going to miss out on the blessing, you may still send in your gift.

the purchase of this land, our church building will be erected in this same community.

Opportunities are unlimited *now*. The challenge is for us to redeem them. People from the community are already attending our services. We are hampered by lack of funds with the result that the pastor cannot give his full time to the work. But our God is able to overcome every obstacle.

We are grateful for the offerings of our Brethren Minute-Men for York and now we appeal to all Brethren to increase your national home mission offering in order that we might develop this and the many other fields which challenge us!

THE BURDEN IN WASHINGTON HEIGHTS IS A BUILDING

By Rev. W. Carl Miller, Roanoke, Va.

We eagerly accepted the opportunity to set forth as best we could that which the Lord has done, is doing, and will continue to do as we are enabled, under God, by the help of home missions to meet this challenge in Washington Heights which is so far beyond our own physical resources to meet as fast as it should be met. We know that the Lord has given us 3 of the choicest lots in this section of the city. In fact, one other denominational group was very surprised to find that we had purchased them, for they wanted to buy them. There is no doubt that we have the prime opportunity. But we must have a building in which to put more people within the next 6 months or our great advantage will be lost.

Let us tell you about a few of the marvelous things God has been doing here. The husbands of 2 of our most



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faithful young women were gloriously saved recently. They have already expressed their desire to help in the boys club. One is a carpenter, and the other is an electrician and general mechanic combined. They have both pledged to help all they can on a new building. God answered many prayers and needs in their conversions. How we do praise God for these 2 homes that are now united in the Lord! God also saved the mother and 2 children of one of the families for which we had been praying. They are now praying earnestly for their husband and father that he will soon take Christ. We could tell you of more such blessings in this new home mission work, but space does not permit.

We must tell you of one man who rededicated his life and claimed God's promises over the hold that liquor and tobacco had on his life for 25 years. He is now a witness *with power* for Jesus Christ wherever he goes as a Greyhound bus driver. You have never seen a man so happy

in all his life. He, too, helps with the boys club whenever he can.

To sum it all up, we have been privileged to see 11 persons accept Christ in the last 6 months, and 7 rededicate their lives to the Lord. We give God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit all the praise, honor, and glory for what has been wrought.

Now for a few words as to the great challenge facing us in this section of a rapidly growing city. The multitudes of children unreached are perhaps our greatest burden. To give you a starter as to how many children there must be within easy reach of our lots, an actual count was made of 109 children on one of our streets only 3 blocks long.

God has been very good. On October 5 we set records for all our main services with 74 in Sunday school, 67 in morning worship, and 50 for the evening evangelistic service. It was on this same day that we were happily forced to divide the group for our opening exercises in

Sunday school because of the lack of space for all to meet in our largest room used for the main services. It also thrilled our hearts to have to take the newly formed intermediate class to the home of one of our members nearby, for lack of Sunday school rooms.

But now we face the grave problem of where to put the many more who desire to attend our services in which God has so richly poured out His blessings, because His people have claimed God's promise in Jeremiah 33:3—"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Because we do have a group of people who are earnestly seeking to prove God's power and blessing through prayer, we NOW plead with you, dear brother, as you read this that you will help to make this year's home mission offering the largest ever that we may very soon be able to say to those anxiously waiting around us: "Come, for there is now room for you, too, that you may hear 'the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible' as proclaimed by the Brethren Church."

PARKERSBURG BRETHREN SEEING PRAYERS ANSWERED

By Rev. Lester O. Smitley, Parkersburg, W. Va.

South of Parkersburg about 20 miles, on Limestone Ridge, stands a little white church. More than 100 years this little church has stood there, for it started out as a log structure. You may never have heard of Prosperity Brethren Church, for it never was officially affiliated with our Brethren group. However, it has been one of us in its belief.

Rev. V. H. Showalter, ordained there in 1903, served as pastor for 47 years and saw the congregation grow and then move away. During its better days it may have had a membership of 75 or more, but the last war caused many of its members to move to the cities. Its pastor, Rev. Showalter, died in 1950, and the church closed because nearly all its members had moved away.

This is by no means the end of the story, for although the church closed, it still lived in the hearts of the people. The members living in Parkersburg cherished the hope that some day a Brethren church would be started for them. In the meantime, each attended churches in their community but never ceased to pray for their own church.

About the first of the year a few of the people got together in their homes and started having prayer meetings, seeking the Lord's help in starting a church. The group grew and several more families added their prayers as Bible study was added to their meetings. Since there was no church to meet in, they decided to rent the Community Hall for their services. Rev. S. F. Hauser, pastor of our church in Grafton, came occasionally to encourage and help them in their study.

This past spring Mrs. Lockhart, who was chosen their leader, contacted Rev. L. L. Grubb, asking for a visiting pastor for their first service held Easter Sunday. I was

asked to take this service and was grateful for the privilege of helping. Their enthusiasm and sincerity greatly interested me. As I left that Sunday for Winona Lake the challenge of that group grew in my heart, for the Lord was answering the prayers of these people. There was no doubt in my mind what my answer should be when I received the call to become their pastor.

Since the middle of August we have been holding our regular Sunday services in the Community Hall, and the Lord has truly blessed. The prayer meeting and Bible study each Wednesday night is held in our home, as the Community Hall is not available except on Sundays. We are gradually getting organized and have started our BYF, 3 Sunday school classes, and junior church for the children.

We still are few in number, about 30 when we all attend. However, the faithfulness and enthusiasm is reassuring and heartwarming as together we plan our new church. It will not be easy, we are sure, but as we pray and work together, seeking the Lord's leading and will, we know that He will be ever near to direct.

Parkersburg is a community of about 60,000 with 53 churches, including our own. If one would divide the population among the churches, it could be compared in this way: If 1,000 people were members of each church not including ours there would still be 8,000 people in no church at all. You realize, as do we, that by no means are there 1,000 members in very many churches anywhere. We are not trying to take members from other churches to build ours, for we realize the need of reaching those who attend no church.

We plan to build as the Lord leads, but are especially interested in a new district where there is a need. All of us realize that our strength is in prayer. The Lord is our guide and we would appreciate your prayers united with ours, for we know that He has a work for the Brethren group to do in Parkersburg.



Rev. Lester Smitley

A GROWING BRETHREN TESTIMONY IN FINDLAY

By Rev. Forest Lance, Findlay, Ohio

Findlay, Ohio! We were impressed with the beauty of this small city in northwest Ohio as we were passing through on our way to national conference in August of 1951. Likewise, realizing that this city of over 25,000



Rev. Forest Lance

people, just a bit over 100 miles from Winona Lake, Ind., was without a Brethren church, we were caused to remark of the challenge which came to our heart—the challenge to come to this city, seek outside employment for support, and begin a Brethren church. Less than 1 week's time had expired when we were advised that in Findlay, Ohio, was a group of Christian people meeting and looking forward to becoming a Brethren church. The Brethren Home Missions Council was definitely organizing a new Brethren church in just the place that had appealed to us after driving across all the country between Ohio and Compton, Calif. We were asked by the home mission secretary if we would be interested in becoming the pastor of this new church.

So, now, here we find ourselves. We wish we had space to relate at this time all that the Lord has done for us and for our new work here in the last 5 months. He has provided marvelously both for our personal needs and for the needs of the church. Probably at least a score of interesting events and situations could be related, showing His bountiful hand of provision upon us; but let us, instead, tell you what we found when arriving in Findlay.

We found a group of sincere, sacrificing Christian people, tired and disgusted with the social gospel of compromising churches, praying and working hard to establish a Brethren church. Out of the 24 who became the charter members of this new church, apart from the pastor and his family, only 3 had been members of a Brethren church. The others had been members of various other churches. Bro. Russell Ogden had been traveling on week ends to pastor them and had won a place in their hearts for himself and for the Brethren Church. Services were being held in a small church building of another denomination on Sunday evenings only, with Sunday school at 7 and the preaching service at 8 o'clock.

However, upon arriving in Findlay we were informed that the congregation owning the building was asking us to vacate in 6 weeks. The Lord then gave to us an old abandoned school building to use and since the middle of June we have been having both morning and evening services. In these 14 weeks we have seen our regular morning attendance grow from a low of 32 to a high of 64, which was our attendance on the last Sunday of September, our last Sunday at this writing. We have as many as 40 often in our evening services. We have seen souls saved and families won into the work of the Lord. In a financial way, we have rejoiced to see our offerings triple in the past 5 months.

Our hearts are further challenged when we realize

that we have only begun to reach our community. New houses are springing up into being, but a great majority of the people of the north section of Findlay, attending church nowhere, offer to us our present challenge. Property has been purchased adjoining a new, modern elementary school located in a new housing addition to the city, within 4 blocks of our present location, where we expect, with the Lord's blessing, to construct our new church. The community is interested, folks are

HELP CHANGE THE FUTURE TO PRESENT



Will your Thanksgiving offering do it?

talking, many have expressed their intentions of coming to the services of the new Findlay Brethren Church.

Pray with us and for us that our Saviour and Lord will continue to bless us with a singleness of mind and spirit, continuing to lead and to provide and continuing to bring souls unto Himself through our testimony here. Pray that we might be kept humble and usable and that in His good time the pastor might be able to devote his full time to this work, and that for His glory we might have a church building of our own in which to meet and worship. We thank the Lord for His blessings upon us in Findlay and rejoice in knowing that He is with us.



JOHNSTOWN (RIVERSIDE) READY FOR FULL-TIME PASTOR

By Rev. Ralph C. Hall, Johnstown, Pa.

During the past 18 months it has been our privilege to be a "worker together with Him" here in Riverside, Johnstown, Pa., and it has been wonderful to watch the way the Lord has worked and blessed.

Immediately after our coming to Riverside in July 1951 the Riverside Brethren Church was organized and a full church program begun. Since that time we have seen the work grow. We now have our charter, and almost every month we see new folk begin attending our services. We praise God for it. Because of the vision of a faithful hard-working group of laymen a church is now established in Riverside proclaiming the Good News that Christ Jesus died to save sinners.



Rev. Ralph Hall

On September 28 we closed our first series of evangelistic meetings, with Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, of Altoona, as the evangelist. During this time we saw the greatest response and interest that we have ever experienced here. Many folk in the community who never attended our services before came night after night. On several nights the attendance was in the 70's and 80's with 87 present one night, most of whom were adults and residents of Riverside. On the closing Sunday 101 were present for Sunday school, and the following Sunday, which was rally day, 113 were present. A group this size

almost causes our building to bulge at the seams. During the evangelistic meetings the Lord blessed. A number made decisions for Christ, and some came for reaffirmation of faith and church membership.

The opportunities for growth of the work here are excellent. More than 150 families live in Riverside borough alone, many of whom do not know the Lord or attend church anywhere. No other church is close by in the well-populated adjoining boroughs with several hundred people. There is only one other church within a radius of a mile. Many of these people are interested in spiritual things and in this church. We are sure that God is going to continue to bless the work here and build it up into a thriving testimony for Him.

The immediate need is for the pastor to be able to give his full time to the Lord's work. The Lord has been good in providing a job for the pastor to support himself until the church would grow. The church has grown now until the needs and opportunities of the work are so great that only a full-time pastor can adequately meet these opportunities. Many more calls and contacts need to be made. Souls need to be reached and won for Christ. The field is truly white unto harvest. Won't you join us in praying that God will continue to bless and enlarge this work for His glory and that in the very near future this pastor will be able to give all his time to the Lord's work? If souls are to be reached for Christ and the work here is to grow, we must meet these opportunities NOW! Next year may be too late and the opportunity no longer present.

GOSPEL EXPANSION PLANNED FOR SEATTLE, WASH.

By Rev. Thomas Hammers, South Pasadena, Calif.

Seattle, the chief city of the State of Washington, and metropolis of the great Pacific Northwest, with its more than one-half million population, constitutes one of the greatest home mission challenges before the Brethren Church today.

Founded in 1852, this 100-year-old city lies above Puget Sound's Elliott Bay and borders on inland Lake Washington. Situated just 111 miles south of the Canadian border between 2 high mountain ranges, the Olympics and the Cascades, with a mild yet stimulating climate, it fairly hums with vast and varied industries. Hydroelectric projects make it one of the most highly electrified areas in the United States.



Rev. Thomas Hammers

Being the nearest United States port to the Orient and gateway to Alaska, it handles an immense volume of ocean commerce. It also serves as the principal outfitting point for the great fishing industry of the North Pacific, with more than 27 million pounds of salmon being landed in a single year, in addition to the many other kinds of fish and seafood.

Its educational system provides no less than 100 differ-

ent public schools in addition to its colleges and universities, headed by the University of Washington, with an average enrollment of more than 14,000 students.

With the Pacific Northwest expanding into an industrial giant, the city of Seattle is keeping pace, opening new housing developments, building new schools and business centers to care for the ever-increasing population.

Already the Lord has within this growing city a number of Brethren families and individuals who have caught the vision of the need for getting the Gospel of Christ to these people in these new areas. Within their hearts there is a burning desire that, under God, the Brethren Church may buy up some of these golden opportunities for evangelizing the lost for Christ while there may yet be time. Our own heart has been challenged by the possibilities for establishing what we trust will be a new outpost for the Gospel and for the Brethren Church.

The Lord willing, along with Mrs. Hammers, Janet, and Danny, we are looking forward to being used of the Lord in this great venture for Christ. Needless to say, we earnestly covet your prayers to the end that we shall have the clear leading of the Lord every step of the way. Pray for souls in Seattle.

I PROTEST!

By Bruce L. Button

One of the more popular theological theories of the day is that which maintains something happened to Adam's blood when he sinned, thus necessitating a Redeemer be born who would be "partaker of Adam's flesh but without Adam's sinful blood."¹ The blood of this Redeemer would be derived from the Holy Spirit, thus it would be "sinless, supernatural, and divine," and Mary would "give to Jesus His human nature and His human body of flesh and bone."² I protest against such an erroneous teaching regarding the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

On the surface this theory seems harmless and even attractive. But upon serious consideration one arrives at the conclusion it tampers with and destroys the perfect humanity of Jesus, the Messiah.

In presenting this theory its proponents have ignored Scripture which teaches to the contrary, and they have disregarded every sound rule of Biblical exegesis. The keystone of this theory is comprised of 3 sections of Scripture: Genesis 2:7, Genesis 9:3-4, 6; Leviticus 17:11, 14. Genesis 2:7 states that God breathed into the nostrils of man the "breath of life." Leviticus 17:11 states, "The life of the flesh is in the blood." Genesis 9:6 states, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by him shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." From these 3 passages of Scripture these men conclude God breathed the breath of life into man; the life is in the blood; thus God's image "had something to do with the breathing the life blood into the body of man."³ Man sinned, his blood became tainted with death as a result of the penalty for sin. In order to redeem him from this death it was necessary for God to provide a new blood, free from sin and acceptable for sacrifice. Thus Jesus came in virgin birth and made such a new bloodstream possible because of the Holy Spirit.

In the first place Scripture (Gen. 9:6) does not say that "blood constitutes the image of God."⁴ It simply states that man was made in the image of God, and it does not say what that image is. Any further statement about this passage is simply eisegesis or reading a meaning into the sense of the passage.

The error in this theory is strongly revealed when one compares the Genesis 2:7 passage with the Genesis 9:4 and Leviticus 17:11, 14 passages. Here the theorists failed to consider the Hebrew for the words translated "life" in the phrases "breath of life" (Gen. 2:7), "flesh with the life" (Gen. 9:4), and "life of the flesh" (Lev. 17:11, 14). In the Genesis 2:7 passage God is said to breathe into the nostrils of man "the breath (or spirit) of life." The word translated "life" is *chayim* in the Hebrew. It is used in Genesis 3:14, 17; 7:15 to portray *conscious existence or life*, and is here well translated. The fact that the Hebrew word is in the plural indicated something more than mere physical existence.

A superficial reading of the remaining passages would lead one to believe each time the English word "life" is

rendered for a Hebrew word, that Hebrew word would be the same as the one used in the Genesis 2:7 passage, i. e., *chayim*. But such is not the case! In every other passage the word rendered "life" is the word *nephesh*. This word is also in the Genesis 2:7 passage and is translated "soul" in the phrase "man became a living soul."

The Old Testament sets forth the various renderings of the word *nephesh* under 2 possible headings. First, the *nephesh* or soul is the *animating principle of the body*. Compare Genesis 1:21, 24, where it is rendered "creature," and Leviticus 2:1, where it is rendered "any[one]." Secondly, the *nephesh* is also represented as the *personality and person of a man*, rather than his life! Compare Ezekiel 27:13, reading, "They traded in the persons of men," and Deuteronomy 24:7, reading, "If any man be found stealing any of his brethren." Thus in Hebrew, as in most other languages, the shedding of a man's blood was and is a phrase used to represent the taking of his life, for the "blood is [i. e., represents] the soul."

To say the blood is the *nephesh* or soul is further complicated when one realizes the *nephesh* must include bodily appetites and desires. In Proverbs 23:2 *nephesh* is translated "appetite"; in Ecclesiastes 6:9, "desire"; in Exodus 15:9, "lust"; in Psalms 105:22, "pleasure"; in II Kings 9:15, "mind."

Thus the *nephesh* or soul, according to the Old Testament, is the *personal center of desire, inclination, appetite*, and its normal condition is to be operating in or through means of a physical organization. From the statement in Genesis 2:7, that Adam "became a living soul," we are to understand that the structure which had been formed from dust became the habitation and the servant of an *ego*, or *conscious center of desire or appetite*. In no conceivable way could the blood contain such an entity.

As I have said, this "sinless blood" theory, if accepted, tampers with and destroys the perfect humanity of Jesus, the Messiah. To theorize about His blood or His flesh, to hold that it was different from ours in any way, is to deny He was "in all points tempted like as we are" (Heb. 4:15). However, Scripture guards the great truth of Christ's perfect and full humanity when it states: "For as much then as the children [i. e., men] are partakers of flesh and blood, he [Christ] also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14). Thus we may say with the fourfold emphasis of the writer of Hebrews that Christ, *He also likewise Himself*, partook of the same flesh and blood as all men partake. If this be not true then He failed to destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the Devil, and Paul should have cried, "O death, there is thy sting; O grave, there is thy victory!"

It is not the blood that receives the punishment for guilt incurred because of sin. It is the soul that is condemned to death for sin (Ezek. 18:4, 20). The New Testament upholds this statement also as well as other passages in the Old Testament. The fact that the desires

(1) "The Virgin Birth of Jesus," by M. R. DeHaan, M.D., p. 19.
 (2) *Ibid.*, p. 30.
 (3) *Ibid.*, p. 17.
 (4) *Ibid.*, p. 17.

to which the *nephesh* or soul gives birth are often counter to the will of God fixes sin upon the soul, not upon the blood; accordingly we read "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). Hence the need for atonement for the soul (Lev. 17:11) and of conversion and restoration of the soul to a life of conformity with God's law (Psa. 19:7; 34:22). Many great men have tried to reconcile the humanity and deity of Christ. All have failed or fallen so far short as to render confusion. This theory regarding the blood of Jesus has not bettered the record. Let us be content with the statement of Scripture that He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15).

The hate groups of our day and age have gathered the "sinless blood" theory into their arms and are using it to support their "big lie" wherein they claim Jesus was not a Jew. This writer realizes that these enemies of the Jews will grasp at any straws in order to support their contention, and their Jew-baiting. They even pervert Scriptural *truth* to support their anti-Semitic declarations. But this should not be an excuse for prominent Bible teachers to present and lend the authority of their prestige to erroneous theories concerning the person of the Lord Jesus. This is particularly so when they *fail to exhaust* every means of sustaining or disproving their theory, as has been the case with the theory presented in "The Chemistry of the Blood."

We Want a Brethren Church!

My dear Brethren and colaborers in the Lord's work,

This letter is an appeal from the Wheaton, Ill., area for the Grace Brethren to enter a new mission field.

A small number are seeking a closer fellowship and are withdrawing from the Church of the Brethren and modernism.

This is a big field and ripe unto harvest. Pray the Lord of the harvest for reapers for "tomorrow may be too late." Wheaton is growing very fast. It is on the main highway 30 to Chicago, only 24 miles out by railroad and electric line. Many commute to Chicago daily. It is strictly a residential city and is the home of the famed Wheaton College. It also has a Christian grammar school and an academy in connection with the college, hence making this an ideal location and center for our Grace Brethren to locate.

A large number of Brethren students attend college here. They represent mostly the Grace Brethren, but others come from other Brethren movements. We therefore feel these ought to have a church home here. Many of these students could be of great value to witness for Christ and the church. The entire State of Illinois is a great challenge to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

This isn't an appeal to ministers only, but to laymen who are now in overworked and large churches to "come over into Macedonia and help us!"

Will you pray for us here and that our work already started may grow and lead many hungry souls who have lost their way and are longing for Spirit-filled messages from the Word!

The King's business requires haste. The coming of our Lord may not be as far off as many would think.

Many people are moving out here from Chicago to get



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GALATIANS

I. It presents the truth concerning liberty. It is the Magna Charta of Christian freedom. It deals with legalism from first to last.

II. Key Words.

- A. Law, 2:16, 16, 16, 19, 19, 21; 3:2, 5, 10, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, 21, 21, 23, 24; 4:4, 5, 21, 21; 5:3, 4, 14, 18, 23; 6:2, 12 (32 times).
- B. Faith, 1:23; 2:16, 16, 20; 3:2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 12, 23, 23, 24, 25, 26; 5:5, 6, 22; 6:10 (22 times).
- C. Gospel, 1:6, 7, 8, 9, 11; 2:2, 5, 7, 7, 14; 3:8; 4:13.
- D. Truth, 2:5, 14; 3:1; 5:7.
- E. Liberty, 2:4; 5:1, 13, 13.
- F. Bondage, 2:4; 4:3, 9, 25; 5:1.

III. Key Proclamations.

- A. The fact of Life, 3:5—"He therefore that ministereth [supplieth] to you the Spirit."
- B. The fact of Law, 5:17—"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other."
- C. The fact of Love, 5:22—"But the fruit of the Spirit is love."

IV. Key Verses.

- A. 2:16.
- B. 3:11.

V. Key Outline.

- A. Personal, chapters 1 and 2.
- B. Doctrinal, chapters 3 and 4.
- C. Practical, chapters 5 and 6.

VI. Key Thought for Today.

- A. The essential demand, II Tim. 2:15.
- B. That we might be able to try the spirits, Gal. 1:9; cf. I John 4:1.
- C. In our denunciations let us be sure to enunciate clearly the truth that lies behind them.
- D. Let us be in bondage to the Spirit so that 5:22-23 will be said of us.

away from "the city," and that makes this a vast missionary field.

We hope that Brethren will help us get started here in the Wheaton-Naperville area this year by increasing their home mission offering.

Pray earnestly for this field.

Yours in the service for the Master,

Clark C. Myers.

P. S. We would like to be informed of students coming to Wheaton College or anyone living in this territory who holds to the Grace Brethren.

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The *Jackson, Mich.*, church held a communion service October 26 with 18 people at the tables and 21 observers. Pastor Robert Bates was assisted in the service by Rev. Lee Jenkins, of Lake Odessa, and Rev. Earl Funderburg, of Alto.

Rev. Orville Lorenz has resigned from the pastorate of the *La Verne, Calif.*, church effective December 31.

On October 8 the *La Verne, Calif.*, church elected Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyen, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hay to the office of deacon.

The *Sterling, Ohio*, church held dedication services for the new annex to the church building October 26 with Dr. Russell Barnard, Winona Lake, Ind., as the special speaker.

Rev. Miles Taber has accepted the call of the *Ashland, Ohio*, church to continue as pastor, with a generous increase in salary.

The *Washington, Pa.*, Laboratory church held special meetings October 26-November 2, with Rev. Robert Crees, of Leamersville, as the evangelist.

The *Bell, Calif.*, church extended a call to Rev. Harry Sturz, which he accepted, effective about December 1. Rev. Jesse Hall, of Lakewood, is supplying the pulpit of the Bell church several Sundays prior to the coming of Brother Sturz.

For the *Findlay, Ohio*, church October was a good month, with 64 people present on the 5th, a record. Four people accepted the Lord on the 12th and 64 people were again present on the 19th. The last Sunday of the month the attendance went to 65. The pastor, Rev. Forest Lance, has begun a prebaptismal class for the new converts.

The new address of Dr. Elias D. White, dean of Brooks Bible Insti-

tute, is Box 114, Fenton, Mo. (change Annual, p. 78).

Rev. Forest Lance, of Findlay, Ohio, spoke at the Wooster, Ohio, church on November 2.

Rev. Clyde G. Balyo has been called to serve another year as pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church at an increase in salary.

The *Whittier, Calif.*, First church held a Youth for Christ meeting on November 8. Dr. Charles Walkem, humorist-composer was the messenger and pianist.

A son, *James Todd*, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vanaman on October 10. Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Ogden, Johnstown, Pa., are the grandparents.

Mrs. Rose Foster was the speaker at the morning and evening services at the Berrien Springs, Mich., church November 2. Pictures of Africa were also shown at the evening service.



The fall rally of the Northern Ohio District WMC will be held at the Mansfield, Ohio, church November 27. Mrs. Bernard Schneider will be the special speaker.

The *Johnstown, Pa.*, First church heard Rev. James Dixon October 26.

At the *Glendale, Calif.*, church on November 2 the messenger in the morning was Dr. John C. Page. The evening worship service was in charge of the young people.

The Men's Bible Class of the *Waynesboro, Pa.*, church voted to purchase Bibles to be placed in the hymnbook racks.

The *California District WMC Rally* was held at the Second Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., on October 28. Mrs. Albert Balzer, recently returned missionary from Africa, was the guest speaker.

The *Los Angeles, Calif.*, First church has as a homecoming day project the purchase of a school bus for the use of the church and day schools. This church is cooperating in the missionary outfit club plan.

The *Central District WMC* presented a communion set to the Jackson, Mich., church on October 26.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
RECORDS**

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Ashland, Ohio | 393 |
| Berrien Springs, Mich. | 51 |
| Camden, Ohio | 107 |
| Canton, Ohio | 105 |
| Clayhole, Ky. | 378 |
| Clayton, Ohio | 109 |
| Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) .. | 269 |
| Fort Wayne, Ind. | 170 |
| Glendale, Calif. | 141 |
| Hagerstown, Md. | 428 |
| Jackson, Mich. | 23 |
| Kittanning, Pa. (First) | 221 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. (First) | 286 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. (Third) | 164 |
| Middlebranch, Ohio | 117 |
| Osceola, Ind. | 193 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. (First) | 215 |
| Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights) .. | 67 |
| Uniontown, Pa. | 245 |

Public Confessions

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| Albuquerque, N. Mex. | 7 |
| Ashland, Ohio | 3 |
| Camden, Ohio | 5 |
| Canton, Ohio | 34 |
| Findlay, Ohio | 5 |
| Hagerstown, Md. | 20 |
| Johnstown, Pa. (First) | 1 |
| Kittanning, Pa. (First) | 1 |
| Martinsburg, W. Va. | 2 |
| Middlebranch, Ohio | 34 |
| South Pasadena, Calif. | 2 |

Additions to Membership

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Ashland, Ohio | 4 |
| Johnstown, Pa. (First) | 2 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (First) | 4 |

Baptisms Not Included in Additions
Uniontown, Pa. 5

Dedication of Babies

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| La Verne, Calif. | 1 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. (First) | 9 |
| South Pasadena, Calif. | 3 |

Mrs. George Smith, of Dayton, Ohio, showed pictures of our mission work in Clayhole, Ky., November 9 at the church in *Clayton, Ohio*.

Rev. Charles Bergerson acted as assistant pastor at *Hagerstown, Md.*, November 2-16, while Pastor Lepp was in a meeting at Roanoke, Va.

Rev. Earle Peer, student in Grace Seminary, brought the messages at the Osceola, Ind., church on November 2.

Miss Grace Byron, missionary to Africa, spoke at the *Waterloo, Iowa*, church on the morning of November 2. The evening service was in charge of the WMC.

"THE GRACE OF GOD . . . HATH APPEARED"

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Chairman of Book Club Review Committee

In the Good Book it is written, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men" (Tit. 2:11). With this theme in mind the committee is selecting books for your December reading that deal with grace—that grace which appeared in Christ Jesus. Nothing before nor since has ever equaled that event which took place in the advent of Christ and the reign of grace which he initiated. Since this is true, nothing less than the greatest emphasis should be given to this fact, and especially during the month of December when we celebrate the coming of our blessed Lord into this world.

Two good books are presented this month by the book club committee. The second-choice book, the Christian novel, is by Fred John Meldau, entitled, "Lost Canyon." The review, by Rev. Blaine Snyder, follows. The first-choice book for the month is by Sir Robert Anderson, a man of some eminence in days that are past as a Bible teacher as well as a great jurist. He lives on today in the many excellent volumes of Christian literature from his pen. "The Silence of God" is the title given to the volume which the committee recommends for December reading.

The first-choice book will be sent to club members unless they notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company otherwise before December 1. In case members desire the second-choice book, or some other book listed previously in these columns, as a substitute for the first-choice book, all you need do is write the Herald Company your desire.

As a premium for joining the club, we offer you your choice of the following books: Dr. Florence Gribble's "Stranger Than Fiction," "Dr. Andrew Bonar's "The Biography of Robert Murray McCheyne," Dr. John R. Rice's "Prayer: Asking and Receiving." By ordering one of the two books offered for the month of December you become a member and are entitled to one of the above premium books.

To members of the club who will be purchasing books December through March, a new dividend book

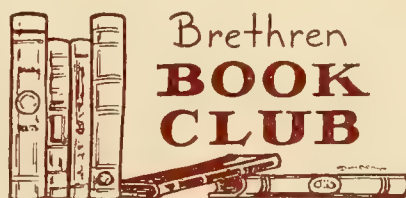
will be sent—"The Potter and the Shepherd," by J. C. Brumfield.

THE SILENCE OF GOD

By Sir Robert Anderson

"A silent heaven is the greatest mystery of our existence." With this sentence Sir Robert Anderson launches upon one of the most interesting and intriguing themes in Christian literature. In this book he seeks to give the Biblical answer to a problem which has confronted thinking people everywhere, and especially those who believe the Bible and own Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

This book is now a standard work in the field of Christian reading. It ran through 11 editions in the British Isles alone, the second one being issued within a few weeks of the



first, and the sixth coming from the press in 1903. It is now being issued by an American publishing house in the year 1952. This alone is clear evidence of the appeal this work has to the Christian public.

"The most distinctive truth of the Christian revelation is grace enthroned," says Dr. Anderson. But this truth was lost in the interval following the close of the New Testament. Except in some circles it remains lost to this day. It is the purpose of the writer to help men and women of Christian faith to rediscover this truth, and in so doing to understand why now for more than 1,900 years God has not spoken in judgment upon a wicked and gainsaying world.

Here is a 200-page book for the price of \$2 that offers far more than any price could cover in the comfort it provides to souls seeking the solution to certain perplexing problems of life. As you have looked at the wickedness rampant in the world,

the hazards that abound and the atrocities that are perpetrated, you have asked the question, "Why doesn't God do something about it?" Here is the answer in this book.—*Herman A. Hoyt.*

LOST CANYON

By Fred John Meldau

Somewhere in the area of the Grand Canyon was a rich gold mine, but its location was only a myth except to a few isolated individuals who refused to reveal their secret. How this mine came into the hands of the heroes of the story is a great adventure in reading.

The search for a kidnaped Indian child and Miss Cheryl Wilton, who had started out in the family plane but who failed to arrive at her destination, provide the focal points about which the activity centers. It was the outworking of the latter which led to the recovery of the lost mine.

Of action and thrill there is no lack in this book. Kidnapings, thrilling escapes from the Feathered Foxes (an outlaw band), a crash landing in the rugged terrain, make reading which you can't lay aside till you know how it all turns out! The descriptions are so well drawn that you will imagine you are looking down into the great gorge or unto the heights beyond.

One of the largest religious book clubs used this work last month, which speaks for its worth. We are sure our own readers will be delighted with our selection for this month.—*Blaine Snyder.*

SUBSCRIBES FOR SOLDIER SON

A mother in subscribing for her son wrote: "My son is in Kitzingen, Germany, and he told me he would very much like to have the Brethren Herald. He is a Christian young man, and I know he will get an abundance of very fine Bible teaching, wonderful helps for Christian living.

"It would be hard for me to express the warm feeling I have for the Brethren Herald and all it stands for. (Signed) Mrs. Frank B. Yeigh, Cleveland, Ohio."

HARRISBURG, PA., BOYS CLUB MAPS PROGRAM FOR YEAR

On a recent evening 14 boys club counselors met in a restaurant just outside Harrisburg to plan for the coming year's club program (see cut). The boys will be divided into groups so that there will be 2 counselors for every 5 boys, and there will be different handwork projects for each rank, taught by counselors who are specialists in those projects.

Earl Cassel will lead the nature study; Henry Setinsek and Harry Yohn, model planes; Samuel Grubb, Alva Stauffley, and Rollin Sandy will handle woodwork; Jeremiah Kauffman and Dale Landis, plaque painting; and Allen Zook, photography. Donald Moore and Thomas Toms will help out where necessary, Albert Custer will serve as treasurer, Charles Stoner will be in charge of games, and Pastor Russell Weber will counsel the boys.

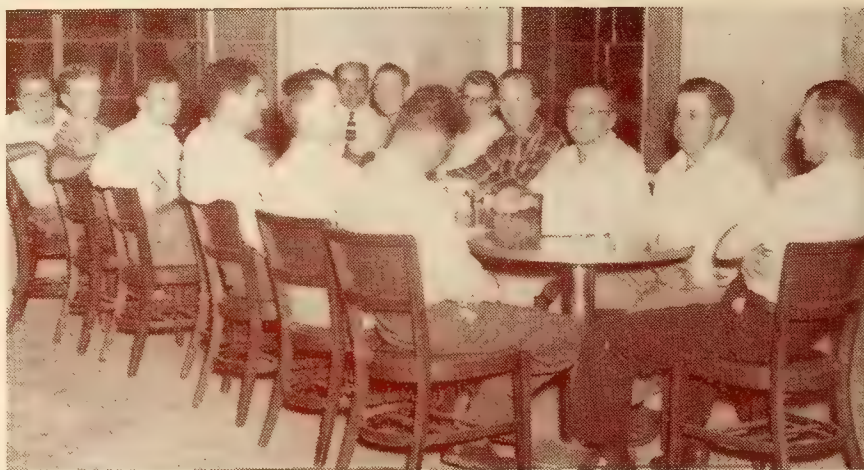
Extra club activities for the year will include overnight camping trips, which have already proved very successful with this group. A wonderful year of club work is anticipated.

NATIONAL BYF ADOPTS HOME MISSIONS PROJECT

Young people who may never before have given to home missions at Thanksgiving time are urged this year to mark their dime folders or offering envelopes "BYF Project" and give them through their local BYF and local church. Thus both individual and church credit will be properly given, yet by national co-operation much can be done.

What's the project? Another chapel for our Spanish-American work in the Taos valley. A simple but attractive chapel can be built there for about \$1,200, and there are 2 communities which now have no Protestant testimonies of any kind. Young people from our church at Taos have been calling and holding services in both these communities, and the plan would be that the chapel would be manned by one of our trained young fellows from Taos.

The unchurched communities are Vadito and Arroyo Seco. The need is great, and the doors are open now. Young people, be sure you share in this great project at Thanksgiving time, with your gift marked "BYF Project."



LISTIE YOUTH IN CONTEST

A BYF contest in which "Hunters" and "Fishers" are opposing teams, wearing green or yellow ribbons, has everyone enlisted in the task of hunting and fishing for new members for their group. Attendance has taken a definite upswing and interest is good.

Recently they enjoyed a "Treasure Hunt" social, in which Pastor Paul Mohler hid the clues so well that no group found the treasure! So they are planning to do it again in the near future.

A number of the young people of this group had perfect attendance records in the recent 2-week meetings led by the youth director.

MODESTO YOUTH ALSO IN CONTEST

Young people of the La Loma Grace Brethren Church are also in the midst of a fall contest, seeking new members. They're also doing a lot of program planning to make their BYF more interesting and helpful. Buford Karraker, local Youth for Christ director, was a recent speaker for the group.

ALBUQUERQUE YOUTH GROUPS GROW

The girls just beat the boys in a contest to boost the Friday night club attendance at our Spanish-American chapel in Albuquerque, N. Mex., and as a result the boys had to treat the girls to a Halloween party. Attendance did build up to 40 during the contest and, best of all, 3 young people were saved during this time.

Robert Salazar, one of our Taos boys now in the Air Corps and stationed near Albuquerque, is proving to be a wonderful help with the boys club there on Friday nights.

TAOS YOUTH HELP STUDENT

The BYF group at Taos, N. Mex., have been increasing their offerings and dividing them between our national BYF work and one of their young men, Lloyd Salazar, who is now preparing for Christian service in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Thus they have a real share in encouraging and helping one of their own boys, and in our total youth program. A number of these young people are enrolled in their own one-night-a-week Bible school, and are engaged in helping both in the established chapels and in the starting of new churches in the Taos valley.

"Intelligence is very much like money—if you don't let on how little you've got people will treat you as though you had a lot."—Quote.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

Covington, Virginia

Sunday evening, October 19, marked the close of our fall evangelistic meeting with our national home missions executive secretary, Bro. L. L. Grubb, as the evangelist. Although our meeting was hindered some by a strike at the large paper mill, which has lasted now for over 2 months, yet the attendance was good. The messages were clear, helpful, and good, direct from the Word. There were approximately 30 decisions, a number of them being young people seeking a closer walk with the Master.

A few of these were from other churches and no doubt will become members there. There were 4 couples who made decisions. We like to see decisions like these as it means better Christian homes. We are sure much good was accomplished and we do praise the Lord for His goodness and are assured again of the truth found in the words of the prophet, "The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save."—*Lee Crist, pastor.*

San Bernardino, California

As we contemplate our enlargement program at the Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church we rejoice in the blessings of the Lord upon our work and we desire to share them.

At the start of our ministry here in this California district mission in January 1950 the Sunday school attendance averaged 56 and the average in the morning church service

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

| Church | Dates | Pastor | Speaker |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Altoona, Pa. (Gr.) | Nov. 2-14..... | Phillip Simmons.. | Bern'r'd Schneider. |
| Flora, Ind..... | Nov. 2-16..... | Charles Turner... | Mason Cooper. |
| R'noke, Va. (Gh't) | Nov. 2-16..... | Robert Miller..... | Walter Lepp. |
| York, Pa..... | Nov. 2-16..... | Gerald Polman... | Robert Ashman. |
| Altoona, Pa. (1)... | Nov. 3-16..... | Mark Malles..... | John Aeby. |
| Leamersville, Pa. | Nov. 11-23..... | Robert Crees..... | Arnold Kr'gbaum. |
| Hopewell, Pa.... | Nov. 12-13..... | Sheldon Snyder.. | George Meadows. |
| Clayton, Ohio.... | Nov. 17-30..... | Clair Brickel..... | Lester Pifer. |
| Portis, Kans..... | Nov. 23-26..... | R. H. Kettell..... | R. I. Humberd. |
| Wooster, Ohio.... | Nov. 23-28..... | Kenneth Ashman. | Dr. Chas. Ashman. |
| Alexandria, Va... | Nov. 23-30..... | Kenneth Teague.. | William Smith. |
| J'nson City, Tenn. | Nov. 23-30..... | John Burns..... | Herman Hoyt. |
| Akron, Ohio..... | Nov. 30-Dec. 7.. | Harold Etling..... | Dr. Chas. Ashman. |

was 60. One year later the average for the Sunday school was 65 and the church service was 74. Today these averages are 131 and 85 respectively. During this time 105 people have made public confessions, either for salvation or in rededication to the Lord. Of these 35 have been baptized and 69 have united with the church, giving us a present membership of 92. Three decisions were made public last Sunday (October 19).

Having an auditorium that seats 110 we have a weekly thrill of seeing it crowded.

The accompanying cut reveals the architect's "eye view" of our proposed church plant. The single-story auditorium (seen on left) and full basement are planned for erection in 1953 (D. V.). The 2-story unit on the right will be built as soon as possible afterward and will replace the present building.

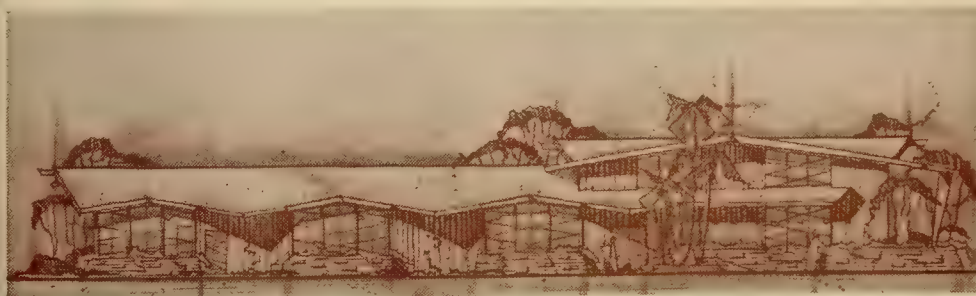
In a city of more than 70,000 people and 80 churches, of which only 8 or 10 are lifting up Christ as man's Saviour, our vineyard is truly ripe unto harvest. As usual, our financing of a 60-feet by 84-feet auditorium, estimated at \$85,000 with furnishings, is the major problem facing

us right now. Brethren, pray with us for God's solution to this problem.—*Lyle W. Marvin, pastor.*

Aleppo, Pennsylvania

Up around the ridge, down in the hollow on narrow, almost impassable roads, going, going all the time to the person who needed Christ, whether in the town or deep in the hill country—this is the story of the Fred Walters and their Chevrolet truck. We have heard much of the larger churches meeting with tremendous success, but little or nothing is ever heard of the faithful work being done in Aleppo, Pa., by Fred and Lyda Walter. Little may be known of their work by men, but their work and their faithfulness is certainly known to God, who rewards liberally men who are found faithful.

The work there is not easy—the problems are different than in many churches—but we saw God answer prayer and we saw many victories for the Lord. The Fred Walters had much to do with the success of the meeting under God—by their constant prayer and hard work. No wonder God gave the increase after they had consistently sown the seed in the hearts of the people. I saw



*Proposed Plant of the
Arrowhead Avenue
Brethren Church, San
Bernardino, Calif.*

Fred Walter put feet to his prayers, taking the truck way back into the hills, sometimes traveling as much as 35 miles in one night bringing people to and taking them from the meetings. This certainly encouraged my heart and gave me a real joy in preaching to those who came. I saw inspiration and perspiration in these meetings.

There was a note of sadness—but also of great joy—following the meetings. One man was led to Christ about the middle of the week of the services and immediately there came a great change in his life. A family altar was started and continued on after the meetings had ended. Less than 2 weeks had elapsed and that man passed from the scenes of the earthly to the heavenly—he had gone to be with the Lord. Sadness, yes, but not the sorrow of those without hope. And there was great joy—for he is with his Lord in glory. This brings again the challenge to my heart, and I trust to all the hearts of the readers of this article on the 8-day evangelistic effort at Aleppo, Pa.—it is our responsibility to get the Gospel to the lost and to pluck the brands out of the burning. — *John S. Neely, evangelist.*

Aleppo enjoyed great blessings during the 8 days of “Christ for Everyone” revival meetings, September 28–October 5, with Bro. John Neely as evangelist and song leader.

Brother Neely worked faithfully with the pastor in visitation, and proved himself to be a patient and persevering personal worker as he dealt with souls. He had the joy of seeing 2 people accept Christ as Saviour in their homes. Both of these were in the late years of life. There were 10 other decisions made in the services, some first-time and some for a closer walk with the Lord. Brother Neely kept busy in the services as song leader, soloist, and evangelist, but it was done in a very efficient and enjoyable manner, and we here at Aleppo appreciated the blessings.

Mrs. Neely and the children, David and Joy, came to Aleppo for the week end and added to the services by their testimony and the singing of David and Joy. We praise the Lord for the blessings of this meeting.

Miss Florence Bickel brought

blessing to us on October 24 as above 40 people heard her tell of our Lord’s work in Africa.

Remember Aleppo in your prayers as we continue to labor for souls.—*Fred Wm. Walter, pastor.*

Winchester, Virginia

It was the writer’s happy privilege to be called to our church in Winchester, Va., for a 2-week revival meeting. Three years ago I was with these people in a similar meeting.

With the Apostle John I could say, “I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father” (II John 1:4). I found a people well prepared and expecting the blessing of God in revival.

The people were faithful in prayer and attendance at the services. God honors those who honor Him (I Sam. 2:30), and this the Lord graciously did. Almost at each service someone came to make a decision.

It was a sweet experience to work again with the pastor, Bro. Paul E. Dick, a man greatly loved by his people. How pleasant and encouraging to have the utmost confidence of the members and friends of the Winchester church.

My home was with the Dicks, and the best of southern hospitality was shown the evangelist. May God continue to bless the work at Winchester until the Lord returns for His own.—*W. A. Steffler, evangelist.*

Revival services were conducted in the First Brethren Church in Winchester, Va., October 6–19. Bro.

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William A. Steffler, of Dayton, Ohio, was the evangelist.

We cooperated with the “Christ for Everyone” international evangelistic crusade and used this as the theme throughout the meetings.

The usual planning and prerevival prayer services took place before the meetings. As a result God rewarded us richly with 56 decisions, 11 being first-time decisions. There was a fine spirit of cooperation throughout the 2 weeks. Previous to the revival hundreds of homes in the community were contacted and a personal invitation given to each to attend the services. Christian tracts were also left in each home. A daily broadcast of 15 minutes also helped to advertise the meetings. As a result a fine congregation was on hand each night to hear the Word.

Brother Steffler again proved to be a real collaborator in the Lord. He was willing to be used of the Lord daily to further the cause of revival. It was also a joy for the pastor and Mrs. Dick to entertain the evangelist at the parsonage.

The field here in Winchester is white unto harvest. Pray with us that in the days ahead revival might continue, and that the harvest will be reaped before Jesus comes to take us home.—*Paul E. Dick, pastor.*

Hopewell, Pennsylvania

The Yellow Creek Brethren Church, of Hopewell, Pa., experienced a most blessed time of revival and salvation of precious souls during the revival-evangelistic services October 14–26, under the ministry of Rev. Craig Massey, pastor of the Independent Bible Church of Altoona, Pa. We do praise God for the fearless manner in which Brother Massey preached the Word during these meetings.

There were 25 public decisions, 16 being first-time decisions. A majority of the first-time decisions were adults—fathers and mothers and their children. The convicting power of the Holy Spirit was manifest in the first service. Hands were raised for prayer at every service expressing the desire for salvation.

Others were saved during the services that did not make public decisions, but expressed their desires in a private way. The Bible school on Sunday, October 26, had a record attendance of 90. Rev. Massey challenged teachers, officers, and pupils

to be faithful in Bible school, urging them to go on to a greater attendance at all services.

It was a blessed privilege to have Rev. Massey with us, and to work with him in this effort to win the lost to Jesus Christ. Our fellowship was revived and our leaders have been challenged to do personal soul winning, and our prayers are that as a result of these blessings many more precious souls will come to know Christ as their personal Saviour.—*Sheldon W. Snyder, pastor.*

BIBLE SOCIETY LISTS READINGS

Following a custom of several years the American Bible Society has listed 29 readings from the Bible to be used from Thanksgiving to Christmas. These passages were secured from 1,096 ministers who gave their favorite selections on the theme "The Word of Life."

November

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| 27 Thanksgiving..... | Psalms 103 |
| 28 | Psalms 91 |
| 29 | Psalms 121 |
| 30 Sunday | Psalms 1 |

December

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| 1 | Psalms 27 |
| 2 | Psalms 46 |
| 3 | Psalms 90 |
| 4 | Isaiah 40 |
| 5 | Isaiah 55 |
| 6 | Matthew 5:1-26 |
| 7 Sunday..... | Matthew 5:27-48 |
| 8 | Matthew 6:1-18 |
| 9 | Matthew 6:19-34 |
| 10 | Matthew 7 |
| 11 | John 14 |
| 12 | John 15 |
| 13 | John 17 |
| 14 Universal Bible Sun... | Psalms 23 |
| 15 | Luke 15 |
| 16 | Romans 8 |
| 17 | Romans 12 |
| 18 | Ephesians 6 |
| 19 | Philippians 4 |
| 20 | Revelation 21 |
| 21 Sunday..... | John 1:1-18 |
| 22 | Isaiah 53 |
| 23 | Hebrews 11 |
| 24 | I Corinthians 13 |
| 25 Christmas..... | Luke 2:1-20 |

For those who want to continue reading the Bible during the last week of the year, these passages are recommended: Dec. 26, Luke 2:21-52; Dec. 27, John 1:19-51; Dec. 28, Matthew 2; Dec. 29, John 16; Dec. 30, Revelation 3; Dec. 31, Psalms 19.

Camden, Ohio

We had all-day services at our church October 19, which was rally and promotion day in our Bible school. Proper recognition was given to those who were promoted to other classes, especially to the couples who entered the adult class from the young adult class. There were 107 people present in the Bible school, compared to 99 last year. The pastor preached the morning sermon to 103 people.

The fellowship covered-dish dinner in the basement of the church at noon was attended by 84 people. Bro. C. S. Zimmerman, of Dayton, spoke at the Sunday school rally in the afternoon as representative of the National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church. This service was attended by 94.

The fall Bible conference began that night and continued for one week with Brother Zimmerman as speaker. The 9 messages were based on Psalm 23 and were heard by an

average of 65 persons. This is equal to 72 percent of our membership in comparison with the 21 percent who usually attend Bible conferences in the Brethren denomination, as reported in the statistical report of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches (Brethren Annual, p. 14).

There were 5 public decisions on the part of members to maintain a closer walk with their Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother and Sister Sylvester Lowman were unable to attend these services due to a fall on the part of Sister Lowman resulting in a fracture of the hip and then death on October 22.—*Robert W. Betz, pastor.*

Miss Dorothy Crees, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Crees, Duncansville, Pa., is a student at King's College and is singing with a girls' sextet of that school each Sunday at 10:30 p.m., on Percy Crawford's program, "Youth on the March," over the Dumont television network.

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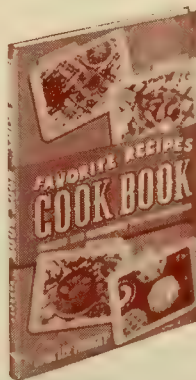
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LITTLE ARDYTH LEARNS TO WALK

This family has had quite a thrilling and recent experience. Our 10-month-old baby girl is walking. She looks like an animated doll as she goes on tours of investigation from room to room. To hear the members of the family boast of the baby's accomplishment one would think nothing like this ever before happened in all the wide world. Mother says: "I just never had any other baby walk so early." Dorotheann insists: "None of us other kids walked when we were 10 months old." Paul Kent challenges a little neighbor boy: "Betcha none of the babies at your house could walk when they were tiny. Our baby is smart!" Even the more conservative (as to baby interest) older brothers grudgingly admit that "Ardyth sure looks cute toddling all over the place."

The baby's delight in her new experience is no greater than that of her admiring family's delight. Without a word of urging each member of the family has suddenly become a self-appointed guardian of the much-loved baby. "No, no, Sweetie, don't touch the stove. The oven is hot. It will burn the baby's pink fingers." "Naughty baby! Get away from those books. Big Sister will have to spank your fingers." "Get out of the bathroom, Ardyth. Who in the world left the door open anyway? You all know she just loves to play in the water every chance she gets. Listen, little missy, I mean business. Stay out!" "Whoops, just caught this fork in time. You get away from this table, young lady. Honest, Mama, I think Ardyth would pull everything off the table if she could reach that far. It isn't safe to leave her alone a minute." Thus we share the joys and trials of our precious baby's first steps.

As we have fellowshiped in this family experience Mother has had a new pleasure and challenge in the part of God's Word which says: "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (Rom. 12:15). We've had delight in helping our baby learn to walk. The pleasure has been enhanced by the

fact that she is so very young to be walking. She's far ahead of her brothers and sisters in this respect. Along with the pleasure, however, there have been many anxious moments. Some of Ardyth's bumps have been well taken by her natural "shock absorbers." But some of the bumps have really hurt and Mother has wept with her baby. She's laughed and wept with 8 babies with the full knowledge that there is much more weeping ahead as each child goes on in life. Laughing and



weeping—what an integral part of human experience they are. And the Word enjoins us believers to enter into this fellowship with our fellow believers. How well do we obey our Lord in this matter?

From what this mother has been able to observe, it seems to be easier to weep with the brethren than to rejoice in their achievements and acquisitions — especially if those achievements and acquisitions outstrip our own. She has personally experienced the sympathy and understanding of loved ones and friends in time of sorrow and stress. But there have been times when she has felt the cold breath of an unresponsive heart from some of these same folk in that rare hour of triumph and accomplishment. She had thought they would rejoice with her.

How sad it would be if Ardyth's older brothers and sisters resented her early accomplishment because they didn't walk at the same age. Such resentment displayed in cruelty, or dislike, or belittling, would only impoverish their own souls. Far too many Christians stand guilty be-

fore the judgment bar of God's Word by failing to "rejoice with them that do rejoice." What if our friends and loved ones do have more of life's "things," or more accomplished children, or talents we lack and yearn to possess? Has not God endowed us with those gifts by which we can best serve Him? May God help us to rejoice with loved ones and friends with the same sincerity and swiftness of action as we weep when they weep.

New courage has been Mother's gift as she's helped her baby learn what is for her the rather complicated art of walking. The courage has come from watching a baby who will not be discouraged or diverted from walking, no matter how many serious spills she has suffered. If the average adult received as many jolts and setbacks in his Christian walk as Mother's baby has suffered in her attempts to walk they would have long since "thrown in the sponge." What a tragedy if Ardyth should refuse to struggle for new footing after a spill. How limited her life would be if she'd blame her environment, or parents, or pastor, or lack of talents, for her spills and subsequent tears in this walking business. But Mother knows that babies are blessed with a will to struggle back to their feet and try all over again.

Oh, for some of like "starch" in the backbones of Christians! You struggle and work toward a goal in the Lord's work. Then without warning you have a spill. Like baby Ardyth you weep and seek help. But unlike Ardyth you just sit. You heard a statement some time back which goes like this: "God is never tired of our fresh beginnings." But as you nurse your wounds, seated in defeat on life's floor, you just don't believe it. Why can't life be easier? With the goal just within my grasp, why do I have to trip over something trivial and fall? And so you waste your energy in self-pity as you sit in ignominious defeat, when you should be using that same energy in regaining your footing and going after that goal.

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

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Rev. Russell L. Williams, pastor of the Yakima, Wash., church, spoke at the Nob Hill, Wash., Evangelical United Brethren Church on November 3.

Rev. James C. Beatty, pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif., Third church, held special meetings at the Fullerton, Calif., Christian and Missionary Alliance church October 26-November 2. The preachers at Third church during his absence were Rev. Jack Green, Rev. Robert Kliever, and Rev. Jerry Yerian.

Rev. Luther L. Grubb is presenting the home mission work of the denomination to the west coast churches during November.

The California Brethren young people plan to hold an overnight rally at the Whittier First church November 27-28.

The Southeast Fellowship young people have scheduled an overnight rally at the Roanoke, Va., Clearbrook church for November 21-22.

The Roanoke, Va., Washington Heights church celebrated the first anniversary of its organization November 4.

Miss Roberta Apple, 14-year-old girl in the Spokane, Wash., church, died November 3 as the result of being hit by an automobile while returning from school 4 days before.

A son, Stephen Mark, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Ralph C. Hall, Johnstown, Pa., November 9.

At Mount Vernon, Ohio, a Bible class was started November 18 which will meet each Tuesday evening in the armory building. The class is sponsored by Rev. Wesley Haller and the Ankenytown church and

Rev. Neil Beery and the Danville church, with Brother Haller as the teacher.

The Canton, Ohio, church called Bro. John Dilling, a member of the 1952 graduating class from Grace Seminary, to become its pastor effective December 1. Rev. T. H. Binford preached at Canton November 2 and Dr. Raymond Gingrich was the speaker November 9.

Rev. D. F. Eikenberry, retired Brethren minister, observed his 82d birthday November 9. Brother Eikenberry lives with his son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Russell Williams, Yakima, Wash.

Rev. Albert Flory, minister of education at Long Beach, Calif., First church, preached at the San Bernardino church November 2 while the pastor, Rev. Lyle Marvin, was holding special services at the Los Angeles Second church.



The name of Miss Elizabeth Tyson was omitted, due to an oversight, from the list of foreign missionaries printed in the Brethren Annual. Add her name on page 39, following the names of Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber. Her address is Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Rev. John E. Patterson, who has served the Hollins, Va., church for more than 39 years, has resigned effective March 1953. Hollins is a rural congregation of 174 members. Any minister interested in this pastorate is asked to contact Miss Barbara Stanley, R. R. 1, Box 382, Roanoke, Va.

Bro. Arthur Garfield Ober, for many years a member of the Johnstown, Pa., First church, died October 14 after 2 years of suffering. He was a teacher and principal in the city schools of Johnstown for 40 years, and for more than 20 years taught a men's class in his church.

The Los Angeles, Calif., First church observed its homecoming and 10th anniversary of its present build-

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

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| Clayton, Ohio | 109 |
| Fort Wayne, Ind. | 178 |
| Glendale, Calif. | 151 |
| Middlebranch, Ohio | 105 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. (First) | 215 |
| Rittman, Ohio | 208 |
| San Bernardino, Calif. | 156 |

Public Confessions

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| Hollins, Va. | 16 |
| Middlebranch, Ohio | 34 |
| Rittman, Ohio | 8 |
| San Bernardino, Calif. | 7 |
| South Pasadena, Calif. | 5 |

Additions to Membership

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| Long Beach, Calif. (First) | 6 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. (First) | 4 |
| Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights). .. | 5 |

Baptisms Not Included in Additions

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| Winchester, Va. | 7 |
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ing with all-day services November 9. The morning service was televised over KTTV, sponsored by the Inglewood Park Cemetery as part of its program—"Great Churches of the Golden West." The afternoon service featured Rev. Norman Nelson, pastor of the Compton church, and the Westmont Quartet, of Westmont College, Santa Barbara.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, representing Grace Theological Seminary, began a month's itinerary of the churches on the west coast November 16. The first week he was in Washington, the second week he will be in the churches in Oregon and northern California, and the last 2 weeks he will be in southern California.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Dick were given a surprise party and gift following the prayer meeting November 5. It was the occasion of the beginning of Brother Dick's 12th year as pastor of the Winchester, Va., church.

The average attendance in the Bible school of the Philadelphia, Pa., First church was 207 during October. This is a 12.5 per cent increase over October 1951. Rev. Curtis Bedsworth and Prof. Edwin C. Deibler preached for this church November 9.

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PALESTINE AND JEWS IN THE NEWS

President of Israel Dies

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the 77-year-old president of Israel, died after a severe heart attack November 9. He had been seriously ill, almost blind, and unable to leave his home for a year.

He lived at Rehovot, a city on the Palestinian coastal plain 10 miles from Tel Aviv, the modern city on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea near ancient Joppa.

Dr. Weizmann was born November 27, 1874, near Pinsk, Russia, one of 12 children. Early in life he began to nurture a dream for a homeland in the Middle East for the wandering Jews. This dream became a reality May 15, 1948, and he was elected the first president of the new nation.

An outstanding chemist in England during World War I, he discovered a way to produce synthetic acetone which was used in explosives. He made his discovery available to the British government. As a partial reward for his services and as president of the World Zionist Organization, he secured from England a promise that the Jews should have Palestine at the end of the war. This agreement was embodied in the Balfour Declaration.

Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Halevi Herzog presided at the funeral services November 11. He recited 10 verses from the Psalms, chosen so the Hebrew initials of each verse spelled out "Chaim ben Ozer," which stands for Chaim Weizmann, son of Ozer Weizmann. Memorial services were also held in many synagogues, some churches, and some mosques.

It was estimated that 250,000 persons viewed the body during the 2 days it laid in state in the presidential mansion. The day of the funeral was declared a state holiday; sirens sounded at the time of the funeral as a signal for the stopping of all work and traffic in the land. The burial was near the president's estate on a Judean hill that slopes eastward toward Jerusalem.

One of these days Israel will get a ruler who experienced death once, but who will never experience it again (Psa. 2; II Sam. 7:12-17).

Sabbath Travel Restricted

The government of Israel has forbidden all travel in private cars on the Sabbath Day (Saturday). The purpose of this law is to aid in saving fuel. Prior to this restriction on private cars, the orthodox leaders had secured the cessation of most public transportation on the Sabbath. Only physicians are exempt from the order when carrying out their professional duties.

Remember what Christ Jesus said to the Jews concerning tribulation days: "Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: for then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matt. 24: 20-21).

With no means of transportation available it would be difficult for the Jews to take flight on the Sabbath.

Palestine Is Not for Communists

Helen Gahagan Douglas, former Congresswoman from California, said: "Communism is not the threat in Israel that it is in many other areas of the world, because Israel has such a vibrant and growing democracy that communism cannot gain a foothold."

It is well to remember also that Israel has a very definite place in God's program and the Scriptures seem to indicate that the atheistic communism of Russia shall not gain foothold in Israel because God will hold it back.

Jews Are Reading New Testament

A missionary worker in Israel wrote to Dr. Keith Brooks, editor of *Prophecy Monthly*: "When Jews will BUY copies of the New Testament, that is NEWS. I have myself sold many copies in four different languages. New Testament is now be-

ing taught in many of the first and secondary schools of Israel—not necessarily in a way to encourage belief, but nevertheless giving them a chance to know something of its contents, and I find many children who DO secretly believe. They have not heard the Gospel through any missionary, yet they admit to their friends that they do think Jesus was their Messiah."

Days of Messiah and Exodus

Prime Minister Ben Gurion, a leader among the Jews in Israel, recently declared his faith concerning the Messiah in these words: "I do not have the slightest doubt that these days are those of the Messiah. We cannot hinder the regathering of our people to come to their homeland from their dispersion. If you want, for some reason, to call me a 'visionaire'—then I am such. So were the prophets. This is another 'exodus out of Egypt.' We cannot deal with this merely on a business basis. Such problems can only be faced on a basis of spiritual vision."

It may be that the prime minister is not thinking of the Messiah in the same sense that premillennial Christians think, yet this statement from him shows that the leaders in the Israeli nation are aware of the importance of their work in Palestine.

Indian Jews Want Israel

The Trumpeter for Israel carries a dispatch that tells of a group of Jews who want to go from India to Palestine. These Indian Jews were once in Israel and used sitdown tactics to force the Jewish Agency to return them to their former homes in India. Now again they want to return to Israel and become a part of the growing nation.

Tripoli Jews Going to Israel

More than 4,000 Jews in Tripoli have signed up to emigrate to Israel. Officials in Jerusalem have made plans to transport these Jews, and any others who may wish to emigrate from Tripoli, to Palestine by the end of November.



Mediocre Men Entering Ministry

Too many mediocre men are going into the ministry, is the claim of Dr. Milton C. Froyd, a Baptist minister and director of research at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. Froyd, speaking at the fall meeting of the Minnesota board of promotion of the American Baptist Convention, maintained "the blame rests with our secular culture which encourages superior men to go into practically every vocation but the ministry. Scholarships and counseling services lead superior individuals to enter other fields than the ministry."

Beloved, no one has any business in the ministry of the Gospel of Christ unless he is placed there by God. When a man yields himself to God, be he superior or mediocre, God will use him to accomplish things that have eternal values attached to them.

Therefore it is necessary for every member of the church of Jesus Christ to hear again His words: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38).

God's man, in God's place, doing God's work, in God's way, for God's glory, can never be a mediocre man.

Communists in Our Schools

There are at least 1,500 card-carrying Communists among the nation's 1,000,000 school teachers now instructing the youth of this country. The influence of this band of termites is far beyond their numerical strength.

Many of these teachers with communistic inclinations are concentrated in the universities, colleges, and public schools in the metropolitan area of New York City, though some are teaching at Harvard, Vassar, Wellesley, Smith, Michigan, Chicago, Northwestern, and California—to name a few of the larger and more influential schools of higher learning in this country.

This is the testimony of Dr. Bella V. Dodd given at a hearing of the United States Senate's Internal Security subcommittee meeting in New

York City. Dr. Dodd was formerly a member of the Communist party's national executive committee and legislative representative of the New York Teachers' Union.

In light of this testimony parents who are paying to send their children to Christian day schools most surely are not wasting their money.

Some Fear Is Necessary

H. B. Allan, director of summer sessions at Indiana University, urged members of the Indiana State Teachers Association to do all within their power to remove fear from the classrooms. Speaking at a convention of teachers in Indianapolis October 24 he urged them to "be unafraid of criticism," to "speak for the truth in spite of attacks by special interest groups," and to "fight propaganda and fear" at all times in teaching.

It is true, certain kinds of fear should have no place in the classroom where children are being trained. On the other hand, the successful and wise teacher will instruct the child to fear God. This is the basic foundation of a genuine education and is more needed today than ever before.

Job, the righteous patriarch, declared: "Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding" (Job 28:28). To this Solomon added: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Prov. 1:7).

Before improper fears can be driven from schoolrooms the proper fear of God must be brought in and given its rightful and foremost place.

Communism and Narcotics

Dr. Lois Higgings, director of the Crime Prevention Bureau of Illinois, claims a close union exists between communism and use of narcotics. She said: "Well-authenticated evidence positively links the Communists with the upsurge of narcotic trafficking throughout the free world."

Since a basic teaching of communism is atheism, such actions must be expected from Communists. An atheist is a fool and guilty of filthiness.

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt,

they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. . . . They are all gone aside, they are together become filthy" (Psa. 14:1, 3). That is God's Word.

The Communist claims to be an atheist, and God said the atheist is a fool. The atheist is guilty of corruptness and filth. It is therefore logical that Communists should encourage the use of narcotics in the free world.

No Pride in This Record

The Department of Agriculture has released some information of which we are ashamed. The department estimates the output of cigarettes will reach 430 billion during 1952. This is an average of 10 cigarettes a day for each citizen of this nation 15 years of age and older. This is more than twice what it was in the late 1930's.

When there is an urgent need for money to build more home mission churches how can any Christian spend money in indulging the filthy habit of using tobacco? While souls in heathendom are crying out in the darkness because they know not the Light of the world how can any believer spend money for that which satisfies not? While Jesus Christ stands at the portal of heaven pleading for yielded lives how can any child of God bring harm to the body by smoking the weed?

EUROPE IS 75 PERCENT PAGAN

Dr. Bredahl Petersen, of Copenhagen, Denmark, recently told a convention of the European Baptist Federation, of which he is president, that Europe, once the center of world evangelization, has yielded to America the task of taking the Gospel to all parts of the world.

Furthermore he declared: "Atheism and materialism have swept over the majority of the people, leaving fully 75 percent of Europe's population pagan. And if Europe turns pagan, the whole world will feel the effect."

Statements like this from Christians in Europe ought to stir every member of the Brethren Church just that much more to pray and give that the Fogles might be blessed in their work in France.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Editor, Jesse B. Deloe

OFFICERS STRESS SUPPORT AS VIRGINIA, OHIO GROUPS GIVE TO EVANGELISM PROJECT

A letter sent out under date of October 25 by the officers of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen is reminding the men that our projects for the year total \$3,700. They include \$2,500 for the Board of Evangelism (sponsoring the United Evangelistic Crusade Committee); Seminary Student Aid, \$750; Brethren Boys Club, \$250; and General Expense Fund, \$200.

In the letter, which also reminds the men of the goals for the year and praises the Lord for the recent conference at Winona Lake, there is also mention made of some payments to the Board of Evangelism by the secretary-treasurer, Bro. William C. Fisher. These gifts came from the men at the North Riverdale, First, and Bethany churches, Dayton; and those of the Troy, Camden, and Covington, Ohio, churches, who held a rally in Dayton, and gave \$53 toward the project. A gift from the laymen of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., amounted to \$35.

Men at Winona Lake plan to organize a group to be known as the Winona Lake Brethren Men's Fellowship. More on this later.

The Men's Brotherhood at the La Verne (Calif.) church held a meeting on Tuesday, September 16, to which the ladies were invited. President George Hay's committee to plan the program was composed of Brethren McClellan, Fischer, and Bolling.

Men of the Uniontown, Pa., church meeting on September 15, decided (1) to have a men's prayer meeting at 7 o'clock each night of the revival (that began October 5); (2) to help with the choir; (3) to help with the revival budget; (4) to help with the calling program; (5) to contact churches and individuals for special music; and (6) to work with Brother Neely on over-all revival plans. The Men's Fellowship also had a "revival rally" September 28.

INTERESTING NEWS OF LAYMEN GLEANED FROM HERE AND THERE

From the October 12 bulletin of the First church, Whittier, Calif.: "Brotherhood Dinner—On Tuesday evening at 6:30. The Men's Brotherhood have opened their hearts and house to the ladies, in that they have invited the ladies to enjoy this dinner and meeting with them. . . . Come and bring a saved or unsaved couple with you. While we do welcome your saved friends, we are very definitely interested in seeing the unsaved ones coming to these Brotherhood meetings where we can fill their souls' spiritual need with the manna from God's Word. Mr. Einar, converted Mormon from Pasadena, will bring the message . . ."

The laymen of the Berne and Fort Wayne churches held a fellowship supper at the church in Fort Wayne on September 16. Rev. Bernard Schneider, of Mansfield, Ohio, spoke and showed pictures of his recent trip to Europe and Palestine. There were 140 people present, some being women who came for the message.

The Men's Magnify of the Long Beach First church were in charge of the evening service August 31 at the Cherry Valley church, Beaumont, Calif. They brought personal testimonies and special numbers.

Bro. W. V. Findley, of the men's group at the Ghent church, Roanoke, Va., informs us of a recent meeting held at the church in the form of a

fellowship supper to which all the men of the Men's Bible Class were invited. Reports from the gospel teams showed that services had been held at a TB sanatorium, in city jails, in the city almshouse, and a city rescue mission. A number of people in these meetings indicated that they were taking the Lord as their Saviour. An offering of \$32 was taken for the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade.

September 21 was Men's Sunday at the Third church, Los Angeles. Gold and colored crosses were given to the boys and girls of the Bible school who had their dads with them for morning worship. Special music was furnished by the Men's Ensemble, men aided in the service, and the pastor preached a men's message. The Men's Fellowship invited the Women's Missionary Council to its September 25 meeting, which was in the form of a Christmas party and program for Elmer and Gloria Fricke, missionaries in India. Jack Green, of the Young Russian Christian Association, was the speaker.

Guy A. Johnson, of the Northern Ohio Fellowship of Brethren Men, tells us of the second semiannual retreat of that group at Camp Chibabos, Doylestown, Ohio, September 12 and 13.

Thirty-nine brethren were in attendance at one or more sessions, although not all could be present for the entire time. The speaker was Rev. Conard Sandy. Two fine devotional services were held and one discussion period presenting various types of books designed to aid the layman in the study of the Bible.

A very inspiring service was held in the evening, with the men casting their fagots into the fire and testifying to their happiness in the Lord Jesus Christ.

A business session was held under the leadership of the new district president, Willard Smith. A feature of this session was a report from the national conference and the presentation of the national goals.

Questions on Personal Evangelism

Q. How would you answer the statement, "There are too many hypocrites in the church"?

A. No doubt that is true. Show that a hypocrite is a counterfeit and not a real Christian. Because people counterfeit Christianity proves its value. Ask if he would refuse a 10-dollar bill because this article is often counterfeited.—*From personal evangelism course, Washington Bible Institute.*



Radford, Virginia

The Lord hath done great things for us here in Radford. We want to share some of the blessings with you.

On the evening of September 29 Dr. Charles Ashman brought his first message in the Radford community and this was the beginning of a great revival and evangelistic campaign. The attendance was not as large as we have had in other meetings, but our Lord made up for this in other ways. We had good weather and wonderful messages. No high-pressure methods were used. We had no delegations from other churches, yet there were visitors every night, some coming as much as 50 miles.

There were 53 public decisions, more than half of these being confessions of faith, and many of them adults. These were all definite decisions and not just raising of hands, but coming to the front and being dealt with personally. Thirteen were baptized and received into the church, also another received by letter. There are several more awaiting baptism.

Most of the decisions came during the last week, and we are so glad that we could have 3 weeks. Some of our folk wanted to go into a fourth week.

Brother Ashman is a soul-winner and was ready at any time to go visiting prospects. Some places we had to walk for some distance, but we enjoyed that too. It was a pleasure having him in our home and we shall always remember the fellowship together.

We are asking you to pray for us and with us for these new Christians and for so many that we were unable to reach for Christ.—*K. E. Richardson, pastor.*

The Good News Revival at Radford, Va., was 3 weeks in length, September 29-October 19. It requires 3 weeks to reap the harvest of souls. There are so many hindrances today against Scriptural evangelism that to do a thorough work demands time.

Pastor K. E. Richardson is a real pastor. He knows most of the peo-

ple in the community and can call them by name. The children and young people love him. Members of other denominations seek his counsel and prayers. Under his direction we contacted and prayed with many people and families. Some souls were won to Christ in the home, 2 in the hospital.

The Brethren church at Radford is only 5 years old. It started when there was not a single Brethren family there; the nearest one was 20 miles away. Now they have a neat building and a Sunday school of approximately 100 average, with a membership of about the same number.

There was real Spirit conviction during these meetings. There was also outstanding hardness of heart. The decisions that were made came slowly and deliberately, no emotion-

al mass movement. Pastor and evangelist sought for thorough, wholehearted Scriptural decisions. Lifted hands were not counted as decisions. We placed strong emphasis on the new birth for sinners, separation for backsliders, and surrender for renewals.—*Dr. Charles H. Ashman, evangelist.*

Hollins, Virginia

It was our privilege to be the evangelist in a Good News Revival October 20-November 2 at the Mountain View Brethren Church, Hollins, Va. This church was organized in March 1913. Bro. John Patterson has been the pastor for all these years. He is respected in the community and greatly loved in the church. Because of ill health and failing eyesight he must retire and

Thanksgiving for What?

By Rev. Charles Bergerson, Wadsworth, Ohio

Thanksgiving? Thanksgiving for what, may I ask?

For a world wrapped in sin and a love of the same?
Where blood follows blood and flask follows flask,
Where vice is a virtue and soberness shame?

How thank for the beasts and the rodents of men

Who gather in secret for clandestine art,
Whose offices reek with what goodness contemns,
Who bless with the lip but who curse with the heart?

How offer up thanks for a justice that winks,

That woos and then marries a fraud and a bribe,
Divorcing itself from the truth as it shrinks
From grandest to infinitesimal size?

What think? Shall we thrill to the music of song

While a dirge is preferred at the pyre of right?
Shall we look for the source of our thanks to the throng
Of humanity, long in its morningless night?

Is the heart with its products of Matthewan ¹ name,

The unrighteous and worthless of Romanic ² state,
Worth benevolent eye as of God, O vain man,
That the death of an Umpire ³ our God should dictate?

Thanksgiving? Ah, me—what a shame for it all!

But, there is a thanksgiving, this world to efface:

Thanksgiving for freedom indeed from it all,
Wrapped in Calvary's Christ, the gift of God's grace!

1—Matthew 15:19.

2—Romans 3:10-18.

3—Job 9:33; 1 Tim. 2:5-6.

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

| Church | Dates | Pastor | Speaker |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Leamersville, Pa. | Nov. 11-23..... | Robert Crees..... | Arnold Kr'gbaum. |
| Portland, Oreg... | Nov. 12-23..... | Vernon Harris.... | Harold Painter. |
| Clayton, Ohio.... | Nov. 17-30..... | Clair Brickel..... | Lester Pifer. |
| Portis, Kans..... | Nov. 23-26..... | R. H. Kettell..... | R. I. Humbert. |
| Wooster, Ohio.... | Nov. 23-28..... | Kenneth Ashman. | Dr. Chas. Ashman. |
| Alexandria, Va... | Nov. 23-30..... | Kenneth Teague.. | William Smith. |
| J'nson City, Tenn. | Nov. 23-30..... | John Burns..... | Herman Hoyt. |
| Akron, Ohio..... | Nov. 30-Dec. 7.. | Harold Etling..... | Dr. Chas. Ashman. |
| Dayton, Ohio (1st) | Nov. 30-Dec. 14. | William Steffler.. | Elmer Piper. |

has resigned as pastor. Only because of the absolute necessity forced upon the people are they consenting to release the pastor after 40 years of faithful and loving ministry.

The attendance was most excellent for the entire 2 weeks. It was a joy to fellowship with the saved people and preach to them. We really turned the meetings into an evangelistic Bible conference. The question box widened our teaching ministry. The ministry of music was most inspirational, with Jimmie Evans as the song leader.

There was a deepening of the consecration of many, according to their personal testimony. Some publicly renounced worldly habits which were weakening their influence. The Sunday school had been well evangelized before, and there were very few unsaved in it. Some of these accepted Christ as Saviour.—*Dr. Charles H. Ashman, evangelist.*

The Mountain View Brethren Church of Hollins, Va., enjoyed a season of spiritual refreshing and Christian fellowship during the Good News Revival, under the able leadership of Dr. Charles H. Ashman, October 20-November 2.

The services were well-attended from the very first night. The average attendance for the campaign was 148.

The fearless preaching of the Word of God was enjoyed by all who were privileged to attend night after night. People not only of our church but of other churches as well said to me: "These messages are real food for our souls."

There were 16 decisions and some were real victories: 4 for salvation, 11 for renewal, and 1 for church membership. Two of the number who came for renewal were men who were led to give up smoking.

This was the first time we worked

with Dr. Ashman in a revival and we truly enjoyed blessed fellowship with this man of God. It was also a real pleasure to have him in our home.

We would heartily recommend Dr. Ashman to any church seeking an evangelist to lead in a spiritual revival. His messages ring true to the Word of God.—*J. E. Patterson, pastor.*

Wooster, Ohio

The First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, recently enjoyed a time of spiritual blessing and revival under the ministry of Rev. Bernard Schneider, Mansfield. The "Christ for Everyone" campaign continued 2 weeks. There were 10 public decisions for the Lord. Special music for the series of meetings was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ohman, assisted by Clayton Erb. These young people formerly were used by the Lord on the Percy Crawford "Youth on the March" telecast.

On November 9 three guest speakers were present for the services. Rev. and Mrs. David Solt spoke in the morning worship. These young people, formerly of Meyersdale, Pa., are now serving the Lord through the medium of Gospel broadcasting in Costa Rica. Dr. Charles Ashman, Sr., was the evening speaker. Dr. Ashman will be with the Wooster brethren November 23-28 in a "Prophetic Bible Conference."

The Bible school sponsored a 10-day child evangelism institute November 3-14. As a result of the endeavor a number of local classes are being planned. Teachers for the institute were Rev. I. B. Shafer, state director, and Mrs. D. W. Wisner, of the Kansas City Bible College.

The Wooster church continues to sponsor "Your Morning Devotions,"

a daily broadcast at 8:30 a.m. from WWST. This month marks the sixth anniversary of the broadcast, with not one day having been missed in that period. One feature of the broadcast is the sponsoring of the "Service Prayer Roll." Service personnel who are members of the radio families are remembered in definite prayer. Appropriate literature is mailed to these people at various times. Included are those in the Lord's service, such as missionaries, ministers, and students in preparation, as well as military personnel. There has been a fine response to this spiritual service.

"The Gospel in word and song," continues to be the program of the Wooster church. The Lord is blessing. We give Him the glory.—*Kenneth Ashman, pastor.*

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LOVE'S PERSISTENCE

By Pastor Russell Ward, Cleveland, Ohio

A Chinese lady came over to England many years ago in order to take back to China with her a band of British womenfolk who would teach the Chinese women about Jesus Christ. She went up and down Britain, but the response was very disappointing. One day her servant came into her room and found her sobbing bitterly, and the Chinese lady said this: "It is no good. We shall have to go back home without them; they do not love their Jesus enough." It may be true that they did not love their Jesus enough, but it is also true that there is yet a higher compulsion of service than this. It is the overwhelming love of Christ for His poor sin-cursed, hell-deserving, saved-by-grace *bondslave*! Our love and endeavors respond in the measure with which our own hearts kindle to this divine affection.

In II Corinthians 5:14-15 we find this truth expressed perhaps better than anywhere else in the Scriptures. "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died; and he died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again" (A. S. V.). Any doubt as to whether "the love" is Christ's or ours is removed by the end of the sentence. It was His love which prompted Calvary! It is His love which persuades *bondslaves*! Let us examine this idea a bit further in the Scriptures.

The word "constraineth" is fascinating. Jesus used it in Luke 19:43 when referring to the future day when Jerusalem's enemies would surround her and "keep thee in on every side." With this type of blockade no escape was possible. The citizen was held to one position only. It is used in Luke 8:45 to describe the confining influence of the multitude upon Jesus, thus limiting His motion. These examples are sufficient to show what must have been in the mind of the Spirit when He led Paul to use this word to describe his own motives for selfless service for his Lord. It was the surrounding, all-pervasive, persistent love of Jesus Christ for him that shut him in to no other course. It should not have to be said that Paul wanted nothing else so much as the loving approbation of his risen Lord for just such service!

This reminds us of the Levitical law governing servants. In Exodus 21 we read that one owning a Hebrew servant was duty-bound to free him in the 7th year. However, it might be that the servant was happy with his master and did not wish to leave. In this case the master was to take him to the tabernacle where the priest would puncture the lobe of his ear with an awl, thus marking him as belonging to his master **FOR LIFE**. He bore plainly the marks of ownership where all could see.

No slave would care to remain with a master whom he

could not love and from whom he could not expect kind treatment and care. Note in this case that the display of affection *begins with the master* and kindles a response in the bosom of the slave. The slave then is *free to choose*, for the law stated that in the 7th year he was to be given his release. Out of this freedom he chose to serve the one who thought enough of him to provide for his care and comfort. Thus the rest of his life is spent in a labor of love (see I Thess. 1:3).

How like our own state! It all began with the love of Christ who "bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness" (I Pet. 2:24). Trusting Christ as our own personal Saviour brought us into the freedom of servants! Contradiction of terms? No, not at all, for there is no greater freedom than that of restricting our conduct to that which is pleasing to One who loves with such surpassing love. Surely it is evident, then, that such constraining love of Christ keeps His children from sin. In I John 2:1 we read, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not." He literally (Greek) wrote "that ye sin not even once." As brief as is I John one need not read past chapter 1 to be aware of the Saviour's love, described by one who knew Christ in the flesh as perhaps none other. Thus it is hard to sin against such love, especially when we are so clearly told that it is His pleasure that we "sin not." Further, this same Saviour knew the love of the Father so well that He was able to say, "I do always those things that please him" (John 8:29b). Than this there is no higher motive for living a holy and busy life—the desire to be pleasing to Him who bought us with His own blood.

In conclusion, let us remember that our own activity for Christ is an accurate measure of our love for Him. It is worth little to testify, "I love the Lord," when our accomplishments for Him are so puny. Paul said little about his own love, but the record of his missionary zeal and efforts needs no words. Let our energies be intensified by the constraint of His love and we shall truly live not for ourselves but unto Him who died for us and rose again. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love" (I John 4:18). "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:7-8). There is only one possible way for this to be fully realized in us and that is to surrender ourselves to a loving Lord that He may cause "the love of God . . . [to be] shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us" (Rom. 5:5 A. S. V.).

A NEW PRESIDENT SPEAKS

By Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, National WMC President

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thess. 1:2-3).

We do thank Him for the fine cooperation that has been manifested by our faithful group of national officers. We pray for the continued usefulness of our officers for this year. A great deal more is done in this endeavor than most of our WMC members realize. Remember your national, district, and local leaders in much prayer.

It would be a joy to visit personally with each and every one of you. However, since this is not possible, we are happy for the visits we may enjoy through the pages of the Herald. There are now 156 councils reporting from our various churches.

The WMC year is already well on its way and we are counting our blessings. You no doubt have some very interesting and clever plans for your program booklets. Invitations to regular meetings are another place where a little extra planning is effective. Be sure to keep copies of all these efforts for conference displays. Your editor, Mrs. Robert Miller, would be especially happy to hear from you. Write and tell her of your activities, projects, new ideas, and blessings. Her reports, based upon information received from your councils, will be helpful to other councils, especially our new groups. Are you using some of the ideas presented at our recent conference workshop?

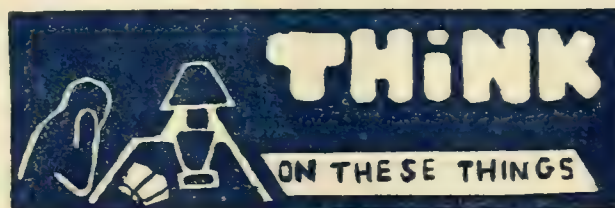
"Lovest Thou Me?" is our theme for this year. As we contemplate that theme, we can't help but think of brides and grooms. We are a part of a bridal party. It would be quite sad if a bride and groom did not talk with each other. Are we talking with our heavenly Groom daily through Bible study and prayer? We should be! We are anxious to see our prayer warrior groups grow rapidly this year. Prayer chairman, write now to Mrs. Sandy, Winona Lake, Ind., for your prayer warrior cards. Also we urge all our councils to observe, as deemed advisable locally, our Day of Prayer, the 15th of each month. You'll note this date well indicated on your Brethren Calendar. Let's be 100 percent on this goal.

Some of our councils have used the following plans to emphasize our Day of Prayer: meeting at the church for specific times of supplication; meeting in the homes for cottage prayer groups; enjoying a carry-in meal, with work period and prayer period included; gathering for prayer and then going forth for an afternoon of visitation and soul-winning. If we "pray without ceasing," the Lord will open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings, even more than we are able to contain.

Brides and bridegrooms know that it takes sacrifice on the part of each to bring about a happy union. Our heavenly Bridegroom sacrificed His very life's blood for us. Our sacrifices seem so small in comparison. However, He is pleased with what we have the ability to do, if we joyfully do it. Here are a few questions we

ought to ask ourselves: Are we willing to use our cars to transport other council members to the meetings? Are we willing to take our time for prayer? Are we willing to speak forth for Jesus upon every occasion? Are we willing to put forth the extra effort needed to help with the various projects? Are we willing to arrange our schedules so that local and district meetings are well attended? Are we willing to patiently pray for and assist a weaker sister in the faith? Are we anxious to win new members for our group and to put forth the necessary effort to assimilate them into our fellowship? Will we serve without grumbling? An honest answer to some of these questions will cause us to hang our heads in shame. But as the Bride of the Bridegroom, we ought to be as willing to sacrifice for Him as He was willing to sacrifice for us.

Let us be reminded that our theme is a question, "Lovest Thou Me?" We are not questioning the love of God for us, that is manifest on every hand. The question is directed to our own hearts. Do we love the Lord? May the evidence of our positive love for Him be manifested in every department and detail of our WMC labors during this year of service and devotion.



By Althea S. Miller

There seems to be one thing that home mission churches have in common. No matter how great the struggle or discouraging the visible results, the members go after the lost. The extent and amount of visiting and calling done by the average member of a home mission church is astounding. "Astounding" is an expressive word in this case for when one compares the individual effort put forth by home mission church members with the effort of members of established works the result seems to be more contrast than comparison. It is tragic to relate that all too many Christians who should be virile in their spiritual maturity are instead senile. By their lack of aggressiveness as soul-winners and because of their passive participation in the Lord's work, we are forced to the unhappy conclusion that they care not one whit for the souls around them who are headed for a Christless eternity. Many a Brethren-from-the-cradle has either never had the thrill or desire for soul-winning and the establishment of a church, or has long since lost it. May God waken us from our lethargy and renew in us the warmth and fervor of our first love.

From close vantage point I have watched the seed of desire and vision grow into a group of believers who are welded together for the common purpose of establishing a Brethren church and the winning of the lost of that community to Christ. Anyone who comes in contact with this group is warmed through by their enthusiasm. Would that every member of our church could "catch the bug." The personal visitation, calling by phone, unstinted labor in all the departments of the

DECEMBER BIBLE AND MISSION STUDIES

Bible Study—"The Progressive Question: Lovest Thou Me More?"

Mission Study—Jewish Holidays (continued).

church's work is prodigious. It should put to shame all of us who do less for our Lord. This same story can be written about most Brethren home mission churches with which I am familiar.

WMC along with the entire brotherhood is giving their offering for the cause of home missions this month of November. The goal for the united effort of WMC is \$2,200. We'll go over the top if we pray as we give. The word "work" spells the difference between success and failure in this business of soul-winning. Real intercessory, effective praying is work. Calling and visiting and organizational programing within the church take WORK. How much of YOURSELF are you willing to give to the Lord from here on until He comes that others may be saved?

"For God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7).

LETTER FROM MARGUERITE DUNNING

M'Baiki, October 7, 1952.

Dear WMC Friends:

Birthday greetings are beginning to come again. It seems with having our birthdays scattered out and the uncertainty of the mails there is always something for the little ones to open. After they've enjoyed the cards for awhile I put them to another use. They are so pretty, and so much money is expended on them and the postage to send them that it hurts me when I can't find a really good missionary purpose for them. So now I use them for rewards for the children for Scripture memorizing and for attendance. Each Friday is reward day. The kids really like them, and it makes sort of a link between them and you. Thank you again for remembering us and for the prayers of which these greetings are a token.

Some months ago I had a very pleasant 3 weeks teaching the wives of the Junior Bible School men who were in from various parts of the field. Most of these women knew how to read with a little understanding, a few were not beyond the mechanics of it yet, and 2 didn't know enough words to do more than follow the pointed finger and listen to the others read. Their study was about women in the New Testament whose lives had been touched and changed by Christ. They learned Ephesians 2:10 and Philippians 4:13 as helps for themselves.

For centuries the women of Africa have been little better than pieces of property of the menfolk, just like their goats, chickens, and dogs. We who have been raised in a Christian land take very much for granted our honored position. Can you imagine just a little of what a thrill it is for these African women to glimpse the truth of "neither bond nor free . . . neither male nor female" in the Gospel? I think they were proud, too, to be women when they considered that it was the women who stayed by Jesus when all others fled, a woman who alone spoke a good word for Jesus at His trial, a woman to whom He made His first clear announcement that He was the Messiah, a woman who first proclaimed in Jerusalem the fact that He had come, to say nothing of the sweet and gentle but strong-hearted woman that was His mother. And then to remember that He appeared first to a woman after His resurrection, not to mention the first baptized European who was also a woman. And they can plainly see that more women than men are missionaries.

There were 4 lap babies and 3 toddlers in the women's

class, counting the little white-skinned *boundjou*. I held class in the shade of palm trees encircling the sand pile. The sand pile cared for the toddlers; and ordinarily the lap babies were good, as it was lunch time for them any time they were hungry. So we managed to have our class without too many interruptions.

One day I noticed 2 whispering, then 3, and then 4 were distracted. Finally I paused in my teaching, and another woman said something which my ear didn't catch. I took a breath preparatory to inquiring what was the matter with them, but just then the pastor's wife said calmly, "There's a snake." For just a moment I was petrified, thinking they meant it was by my feet. But then they all arose from the bench on which they had been sitting, and the snake crawled out toward the back from under their bench. There seemed to be nothing at hand to beat it with, and in this case I had no compunctions about breaking up Harold's class. I called in Sango, "Bring something to kill a small snake." The men all grabbed things and "Mister" brought a length of rope. Soon the snake was only a tasty morsel to flavor their evening meal. It was one of the prettiest snakes I've yet seen around here, also very nice because not *very* poisonous. The head was sort of a cobalt blue, shading into a jade green for several inches. The rest and greatest part of the length was a reddish brown.

A few weeks after this episode we were in their part of the country visiting chapels and two new points just opened up. We were saddened to learn that a young wife had been a participant in the circumcision rites. She was in her huge grass skirt dancing hours on end with other heathen. When I saw her resting I went up to speak to her but she avoided me. Do pray for these young wives and their husbands, some so recently saved and with no real teaching to help them grow. They can barely read the Scriptures for themselves. The husbands do better but are mere babes in Christ themselves.

Two of the young men are the ones placed in the 2 new chapel points in the Boda field. These fellows were members of the Boda church and spent several months in Junior Bible School while we lived at Boda. We are hoping they will pass their entrance examination the first week in December so they can attend Bible Institute. We are so badly in need of trained workers. We have 2 in the Boda district, none in the Mongoumba district, 1 in the M'Baiki district. Do pray for these 2, Steven and Paul, by name.

Yours in His faithfulness,

Marguerite Dunning.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

Africa—

Mrs. Minnie Kennedy.....January 28

Argentina—

Elena Ruby Wagner.....January 2, 1935

Lynn Arthur Hoyt.....January 3, 1947

Charles Loren Churchill.....January 8, 1951

Mrs. Carson Rottler.....January 10

Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy.....January 27

Brazil—

Jeanette Elizabeth Miller.....January 22, 1951

France (for language study)—

Dr. Harold Mason.....January 1

Mrs. Martin Garber.....January 22

In United States—

Mrs. Albert Balzer.....January 1

MORE INTERESTING AND HELPFUL MEETINGS

By Mrs. Evelyn Bell, Canton, Ohio

During one of the workshop sessions at national conference in August, Mrs. Evelyn Bell, of Canton, Ohio, gave the following helps for more interesting and helpful meetings. Requests by the score came from those who heard Mrs. Bell to have her paper printed in the WMC Herald. We present it herewith, praying it will be a challenge and blessing to you in doing your best in your local council.—Ed.

Rejoice and again I say rejoice that we are women redeemed by the blood of the crucified One living in a land where it is our privilege to serve Him!

For a better, more interesting, and helpful meeting there is one work that is a *requisite*—that of PRAYER, as prayer is *work*, prayer *leads to work*, but prayer *works* in planning, preparation, and presentation of our meeting. Let us examine and consider that which we might do to make more interesting each part of our meeting.

Singing

Let the leader, chorister, or someone appointed by the leader, take charge. Hymns, choruses, or a combination of both could be used. For better participation have books at the meetings. The hostess, chorister, or leader could see that they are at the meeting. If not, have the words on your program. Give the ladies no excuse for not singing. If someone is invited to lead the singing it will be more meaningful if it is correlated with the topics or seasons of the year. For November why not use songs with words of thanks, thanksgiving, and praise; for February choose songs with "heart" words; for April, "showers," etc.

Now for some variations to use in our singing. No verse needs to be the same. Let us do each *differently*.

1. Ask 1, 2, or 3 persons present to sing the verse, all joining in the chorus.

2. All present whose *last* names begin with letters "A" to "M" sing a verse. Next verse will be sung by those whose name are from "L" to "Z." This can be done with *first* names, too.

3. Those who live within city limits sing a verse, those living outside the city limits sing the chorus, and vice versa.

4. If your birthday is in the months from January through June start and sing a verse. Next verse sung by those having birthdays from July through December.

5. If your birthday is celebrated in a "J" month (January, June, or July) sing a verse for us.

6. Those having birthdays in the 30-day months sing the verse; those whose birthdays are in the 31-day months sing the chorus, and vice versa. (Let February ones sing by themselves.)

7. Use the month of your meeting (November, December, January, etc.), letting those who have birthdays stand and sing a chorus. If there is no one add birthdays of preceding and following months.

8. Those who have 2 or less children sing the verse, more than 2 children next verse or the chorus.

9. Have a "Favorite Sing." Before meeting call 2, 3, or 5 ladies asking their favorite hymns and how they would like them sung. At the meeting announce that

"we're singing the favorite hymn of Mrs. ———." Name it and sing a verse. Then continue in like manner.

10. Have a "September, October, November, December, January, etc., Sing." If the month is *March*, have the group count off by 5's since there are 5 letters in March. Give them a minute to think of a chorus to sing. Then call Group M to stand and sing, Group A, etc., until you have completed your "March Sing."

11. Do what the song tells us: have ladies stand on the word "standing" wherever and whenever it comes in song, "Standing on the Promises." In "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "Marching to Zion," have ladies mark time as they stand and sing, or have them march around the room.

12. Some songs lend themselves to words being repeated, as "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus," "When Love Shines In," etc. When these words appear, have them hummed, whistled, or sung by a designated group suggested by variation from numbers 2 through 8.

13. Call a hymn. Next one must begin with last letter in first title, e. g., "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"—next one could be, "Ring the Bells of Heaven," etc.

14. Read the words of a verse of hymn. Sing the chorus.

15. Either count off by 3's or 5's or pass slips with the word "sit" or "stand" on them. If you are a "3" you will sit during song service or if a "5" you will stand. If you would use some of these ideas, at no 2 meetings would you be singing the same way.

Scripture Reading

Have group *stand* while God's Word is read by:

1. One person.
2. All in unison.
3. Responsively (a) leader—remainder of group; (b) half of group read 1 verse, other half next verse, etc.; (c) choose some ideas given to divide group as suggested in singing variations.
4. First person, or first row, read first verse; second person, or second row, second verse, etc.

Prayer Circle

Have you listened, have you heard what it is our missionaries, our workers ask for? PRAYER. It is the work or service each of us can render if Jesus Christ is our Saviour.

1. Have a prayer chairman who is a praying woman "on the beam" for Christ. Have *definite, specific* requests *written* and passed out to the group to be used in the meeting and prayed for daily at home.

2. *Prayer Pointers in Herald* could be cut up and passed out.

3. Have sufficient number of *Prayer Booklets* at meeting to pass out. Assign each a day or two according to size of your group present.

4. Ask for *special requests*. Prayer chairman will jot these down and give to one person or share them.

5. One prayer chairman is receiving all the missionaries' letters. From these letters requests will be *writ-*

ten down and specific mention of these given to the ladies at the meeting.

6. As you read the Herald, add to your prayer list the requests mentioned.

7. For your own daily use it is encouraging to have a prayer book. Jot down request and date on one side of page. On the other side jot down the date and answer to that prayer.

8. Whether meeting in home or church you could divide into 3 or 4 groups depending on size of group (group not over 5). Allow one group to go in kitchen, another in dining room, hall, bedroom, etc. If in church hum or sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" on the way. At the end of designated time (10 or 15 minutes) have groups return. Piano could play chord or verse of "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

9. If you remain in one group requests written on different-colored slips or slips checked with different-colored crayons could be passed—one color meaning to pray silently, other audibly.

10. Ladies may be invited to *kneel, stand, or sit* as they pray.

Topics

1. If too long, have an able person edit and shorten them.

2. Have them *given*, not read. Set the example *yourself*. If you have spent the time necessary in *prayer* for this you can. Read a paragraph over and over to yourself until you are able to *tell* the important thing in the paragraph. Do same for each paragraph. This is *work*, but it *works*! The group will only remember what is important that you remembered.

3. Use drawing-out process rather than pouring-in so you can have group participation. Ask questions of the group to draw out of them the answers. For example, in our mission study: Tonight we visit the continent connected to ours. What is it? (South America.) The field which we will visit is the largest country of South America. What is it? (Brazil.) Two of our missionaries serving there begin their names with "A." Who are they? (Altigs.) Pinpoint on a map their field of service. Do this for whatever field or missionaries you study. It would be interesting to give all the ladies a missionary name to let them pinpoint it to their field of service in the world. How would we do? For biographies it is much better to see the picture of the one of whom you're speaking. Prayer Booklets afford us this opportunity. If in Bible study you need verses read have them given out to ladies before you begin, so that when you hesitate they will be ready to read. Keep things moving! Have group recite together a name, as answer, the text, the title, etc., as many times as possible. It fastens the point in their mind.

Have you ever asked any questions of the group when you finished?

4. Use testimonies. Call some ladies before meeting asking them to give a testimony of (1) when saved, (2) last tract given, (3) how you witnessed—today, this week, last month, (4) blessings of the revival, (5) blessings of conference—district, national, (6) blessings of rally, (7) blessings of your family altar, (8) blessings of communion service, (9) blessings of prayer meeting, etc.

Special Music

Use vocal, instrumental, reading:

1. Talent of your own group.
2. Talent of senior or junior group, or have a duet—one from each group.

3. Use your SMM girls—junior and senior. (This may be a way of winning a mother, especially if daughter attends SMM and she doesn't attend WMC.)

4. Talent from senior choir, junior choir, orchestra, etc.

5. Outside talent.

6. Use impromptu number. Choose a chorus. Have each person, or each row, sing just one word of it. This will give a lot of enjoyment.

Closing

Stand:

1. Place your hand upon shoulder of one to your left or right. Pray silently for them. Then have one lead in closing prayer.

2. Repeat or read a verse of Scripture in unison.

3. Sing a chorus or a song.

4. Have written on your program "A Thought for the Day." (These would have been collected by the leader from her readings in Christian magazines or books. They are often found tucked in to fill up a page. These are excellent.) Close by each reading "A Thought for the Day."

May I close with an "ad" I found?

"Wanted: 'Wicks to burn out for God, for He will supply the oil!' Will you answer the ad?"

The Prayer Covenant Cards

By Miss Mary Emmert, National Prayer Chairman

Prayer covenant cards are now ready for distribution. In the past, some districts have typed the pledge on slips of paper for each prayer warrior to sign. Others have had all sign the same sheet of paper headed by the pledge. But now we have a uniform card which will meet the need of all, and which we trust you will also find attractive.

Each prayer band chairman may obtain the cards necessary for her group by writing to our literature secretary, Mrs. Conard Sandy, Winona Lake, Ind. The cards will be sent to you free of charge. Just send her the number you will need for your local prayer band. Or in case it can be handled by districts, so much the better.

The chief value in using such a card, in my estimation, is that it may serve as a daily reminder to each prayer warrior that he has covenanted with the Lord to make it the practice of his life to pray daily for the church. After being signed, the card should be put in a conspicuous place in the owner's room where it will serve to keep him faithful in praying for the needs of the church.

Of course, the prayer band chairman should keep a list of those signing the cards. Some may think she should have a duplicate set of cards. That is altogether up to the local prayer bands and chairmen.

There are 5 places indicated at the bottom of the cards for the placing of stars, 1 for each year, as the covenant is renewed. There could be a special service for the renewal of these covenants once a year, perhaps at the close of Sunday school. There may be some difficulty in getting people to bring their cards for this purpose, but in that case perhaps the stars could be given them to take home and attach themselves. At any rate, it seems most important that each prayer band warrior keep his own card and have it constantly before him to help keep him faithful in intercession.

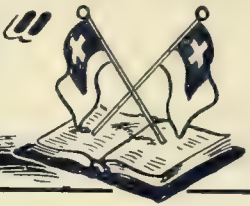
We need to realize that prayer is a weapon we all can wield if we are only faithful and believing.

"Ambassadors for Christ"

Sisterhood of MARY and MARTHA

II COR 5:20

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THE PATHFINDER

By Mary L. Emmert

Can you name the missionary whose heart was buried in Africa, but whose body was carried a thousand miles to the sea and finally buried in England? It was David Livingstone, the explorer and pathfinder who opened up the interior of Africa.

David had been soundly converted when a young man in Scotland, and had trained to be a medical missionary. He decided to go to Africa after hearing Robert Moffat speak of having seen "the smoke of a thousand villages whose people are without Christ."

In the year 1841, when David Livingstone was 28, he arrived in South Africa and made his way upcountry 700 miles to Moffat's station. But the thought of those thousand villages without Christ made him push 250 miles farther northward.

The black people liked him because he was very brave, yet was kind and helpful. It was here he was attacked by a huge lion which he had wounded. His left arm was splintered, and did not heal straight.

Before long David returned to visit the Moffats and to marry their daughter, Mary. They went to live with a savage tribe and rejoiced to see the chief sincerely converted with many of his people.

But David felt called to prove that the interior of Africa was not one vast desert as people claimed, so he began his long trips to explore the country. He made one trip of 7 months to open a path to the west coast. He and his 27 faithful men met many dangers from cannibal tribes and crocodile-infested rivers, but he was unafraid, for the Lord had promised, "Lo, I am with you always."

He often marched all day in the rain, swam rivers, and slept on the wet ground, so he suffered much from fevers and sickness. But he kept on going and finally came

Introducing Your New President

PATTY GRIFFITH

Our new SMM president is from the SMM of Mundy's Corner, Pa. She has spent the last 2 years at Bob Jones University and is now working for a time with Evelyn Fuqua at Dryhill, Ky. Pray for the work there as the new SMM chapel is being built. Pray especially for Patty as she does the many duties of SMM president. Surely she prays much for each SMM group and the service of SMM girls done for our Lord Jesus Christ.



SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

SINGSPIRATION.

INTERCESSION—Circle prayer; take requests from the girls.

SCRIPTURE—Psalms 119:49-64.

TRAINING FOR AMBASSADORS—

Juniors—"Carol's Christmas."

Middlers—"Witnessing."

Seniors—"The Unity School of Christianity."

SPECIAL NUMBER.

REPORT ON AMBASSADORS.

Juniors—"The Pathfinder."

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BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

out at Loanda, in Portuguese West Africa. How his men did stare at the big city, the great ocean, and the huge boat they visited! Their master could have returned to England on that boat to visit his wife and children whom he had sent home previously, but he had promised his men to deliver them safely to their village, so he retraced the long, hard journey with them.

On his next trip he went east with 120 men. He found that "Smoke-that-thunders" was not a volcano, as he thought it might be, but a waterfall greater than Niagara. He had discovered Victoria Falls. He also discovered Lake Nyassa and several other lakes in East Africa. In all, he traveled over 29,000 miles of unexplored country, sometimes riding on an ox, and sometimes on foot.

On all his trips he was greatly angered by seeing thousands of the poor black people, chained together, being driven like beasts to be sold into slavery at the seacoast. He visited England twice to arouse the whole world against the slave trade, which he called "the open sore of the world."

Finally his enemies, the slave traders, cut off his mail route after his last return to Africa, so he was not heard from for 2 years. So a New York newspaper sent out a reporter, named Stanley, to find him. Livingstone was sadly in need of help when he was found, but he would not give up to go home. Stanley was the last white man to see the great hero alive.

Livingstone died May 1, 1873, on his knees alone in Africa. When his body finally reached England after having been embalmed and carried to the coast by his faithful men, it was identified by the injured arm maimed by the lion. He was buried in Westminster Abbey with honor, for he had opened the Dark Continent for missionary work, and he had crushed the slave trade.

Unity is a modern cult which is proving very aggressive. It is not commonly listed among denominational statistics. It claims, however, a world-wide ministry through the printed page, radio, telephone, telegraph, cablegraph, et cetera. Unity School issues 8 periodicals, in at least 10 different languages, carrying the Unity message into more than a million homes each month. These facts will suffice to show that here is a movement that must be reckoned with.

I. Name and Purpose. The official name of this cult is "The Unity School of Christianity." It received this name in 1914 in view of its widespread educational, healing, and publishing work.

The name partially suggests its purpose which is: "The purpose of Unity School is not to found a new sect but to teach people to make a practical application of what they already have (potentially) through their church affiliations." This is Unity's own expression. It holds that all religious views are one, equally worthy, despite individual convictions. All religious views are a unit in a desire for truth, hence the name, Unity.

II. Origin. In the background of this movement we have the name of Franz Anton Mesmer, the great German physician who from 1774 to 1814 wrestled with the problem of psychotherapy; the name of Phineas P. Quimby, a mental healer; and Mary Baker Eddy. All are related.

But Unity itself came into being in 1889 under the influence of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore. Both were sickly. Mrs. Fillmore heard a lecture "by a now all-but-forgotten metaphysical lecturer that marked the turning tide in Mrs. Fillmore's life, and through her, in that of others." One idea stood out above others in her mind: "I am a child of God, and, therefore, I do not inherit sickness." Mrs. Fillmore promptly lost her tuberculosis and Charles regained his health. Soon the Fillmores were able to gather about them a group of followers through whom the movement took definite shape.

III. History of the Movement. The cult has not sought to establish a new denomination but rather to work within the churches already established, helping the members of these churches to embrace more of the truth than they already have. It would like to organize a Unity circle within every church.

The cult is a large mail-order system, sending out their propaganda by the millions of copies from their elaborate headquarters at Lee's Summit, 17 miles southeast of Kansas City, Mo. It is in some respects like Christian Science and appeals to those who are sick and in trouble, and who are disposed to believe in mental healing.

For those desiring the fullest treatment of this movement, its history as well as its beliefs, Unity's new book, entitled "The Household of Faith," published at the Unity headquarters, should be procured.

Other literature setting forth the Unity viewpoint are the following: *Weekly Unity*, Unity magazine (a monthly), *Daily Word*, *Wee Wisdom* (a children's magazine), and "Lessons in Truth," by H. Emily Cady. The latter is Unity's greatest "theological" textbook. The magazines mentioned above may be procured at newsstands all over the land. Probably my readers have seen them.

IV. Doctrinal Viewpoint. First, what of truth is there in this system? The Devil is subtle enough to sugarcoat his errors with enough truth to deceive those who are not on their guard. In Unity there is some truth. (1) It lays emphasis on the power of mind over matter. It carries this too far, but there is some truth to it as we saw in our study of Christian Science. A man can impair his digestion by worry. (2) It emphasizes silent meditation. It has a daily schedule for this sort of thing at Unity headquarters. This meditation is somewhat misguided, but surely there is an element of truth here. Then (3) it stresses the importance of optimism and a tranquil spirit. The whole system is deceptive in that it makes constant use of the Word of God but interprets it in a manner to do violence to the great doctrines of the faith.

Second, what of error is to be found in the cult? (1) It has a deficient view of God. "God is not a being or person having life, intelligence, love, power. God is that invisible, intangible, but very real, something we call life" (Cady). It presents a pantheistic conception of God. We all are a part of God. (2) It has a limited view of the Atonement. It claims that "redemption is accomplished by the recognition of one's own divinity. Atonement is the result of this—the at-one-ness with God that enables man to say, 'I am that I am. I am infinite love, infinite power, infinite goodness. I deny all evil and all that makes for poverty and illness or other evils'" ("Heresies Exposed," p. 207). (3) It denies the existence of sin. It is like Christian Science in saying that "there is no sin, sickness or death" (Unity). Sin is ignorance. (4) It denies the resurrection. It exchanges resurrection for reincarnation. "We believe the repeated incarnations of man to be a merciful provision of our loving Father to the end that all may have opportunity to attain immortality through regeneration, as did Jesus" (Unity's Statement of Faith, Art. 22). (5) Its idea of victorious living is erroneous. By denying certain things and affirming others one may obtain this victory. Not only is there error in the things to be denied and affirmed, this idea also loses sight of the person of Christ through whom alone real victory comes.

V. Belief Concerning Christ. The Unity idea of Christ is a pantheistic Gnostic conception. It differentiates between Jesus and Christ. "Jesus represents God's idea of man in expression; Christ is that idea in the absolute." The Christ idea dwells in every man just as God is in every man. He is the divine principle within every individual.

VI. Refutation of Errors. This cult may be refuted in the following ways: (1) By establishing the fact of the personality of God by presenting His names, attributes, works, etc.; (2) by setting forth Christ as the Saviour who came to deliver man from sin, wickedness, and death (II Cor. 5:21); (3) by showing the reality of sin, that man is a sinner, and needs salvation (Rom. 3:10, 23, etc.); (4) by emphasizing the fact that salvation is by grace apart from evolution, reincarnation, or any human merit (Eph. 2:8-10); (5) by praying that the Spirit of God will use the plain teachings of God's Word to bring conviction of the truth.

There was the teacher, the artist, the new resident, the hostess, the advice giver, and the garden club member. Each was talking about one thing—their water-color sheets. It is strange that conversation is so easy about something materialistic and is so difficult in the spiritual realm, isn't it?

Perhaps it is so in America because most of us have not paid too great a price to be a Christian. A very dear friend of ours served as a missionary to China until driven out by the Communists. He then became the pastor of a large city church. Recently his health has completely broken. Why? According to him a Chinese Christian works for and talks about his Lord constantly. Our missionary friend just couldn't stand the lethargy of his American parish.

The key word of the Book of Acts is "witness" and may be traced throughout the book. The apostles were told that they would be witnesses unto Christ in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria (Acts 1:8). Peter witnessed before the Israelites (Acts 2). The early church continued daily with one accord in the temple, and had favor with all people. Stephen stood with full assurance and witnessed for his Lord. Paul, the man in whose life we are especially interested, could write with sincerity, "Ye . . . [know] how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you" (I Thess. 2:10).

The word "witness" used some 18 times in the Book of Acts is from the Greek word *martur*, from which we get our word "martyr." Thus we can see that it means to tell the truth even at the expense of one's life. Most of us have never had to declare our belief at the risk of the physical life. If it were a life-or-death matter, would you be a witness?

Let us suggest that Paul was chosen, for God said, "I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:16). As we proceed in our travels and visits with Paul we shall see how he endured 40 stripes save one 5 times, how he was stoned and left as dead. Do all suffer alike for their witnessing? Quickly let us answer that if we really serve the Lord and tell forth His love it will cost. How much more it costs, though, if we neglect our witness. This leads us to ask some questions.

Who can witness? In Acts 9 you read that as soon as Ananias touched Paul "there fell from his eyes as it had been scales" (9:18). He then ate and was strengthened. Paul, a persecutor of Christians just a few days previous, straightway preached Christ as the Son of God in the synagogues of Damascus.

Girls, the Holy Spirit is waiting and longing to place His blessing of discernment upon us if we only say as did Paul, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

When we truly yield to Him our conversation, our motives, and our actions we will have one aim—to tell others the Good News. Christ said: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit" (John 15:8). Proverbs 11:30 suggests, "He that winneth souls is wise." We have always taken this verse to mean that it pays to win souls. I believe it with all my heart. I know the joy that comes from leading a soul to Christ. Do you?

A thought came however as I read of Paul's going to

Arabia. This fact is given us from his story to the Galatians (Gal. 1:17-18). He needed preparation if he was to win souls. He went to Arabia where he stayed for about 3 years studying the Scriptures, communing with the One who had called him to bear His name before the gentiles, kings, and children of Israel (Acts 9:15). So God can use any vessel that will yield to Him. Sophie, the scrubwoman, was a power for the Lord. When the water was hot she thanked the Lord she could wash right away. If it was cold she thanked the Lord she could do the housework first and then wash. How we need to praise Him with such a childlike faith. On the other hand, if you are given opportunity for training to acquire knowledge of the Scriptures it is wise to accept the opportunity. The important thing to remember is that we are to "walk worthy of the vocation wherein ye are called" (Eph. 4:1).

How witness? Who can witness? Anyone who loves the Lord. How does one witness? St. Francis of Assisi tells us. One day he asked a young man to go with him to the city to preach. The lad was delighted. They walked the length of the city. Having reached the outside borders, St. Francis said, "Let us return!" "But I thought we were to preach," replied the lad. To this St. Francis said, "We have preached as we walked."

Why witness? Why should each of us witness? When Christ left the world He said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." In Acts 1:8 He said: "Ye shall be my witnesses." Here He spoke immediately to the apostles and finally to us. When Christ speaks, listen and then act!

Where witness? But where shall we witness? Paul witnessed straightway in the synagogues. If there were contacts made in Arabia—and he had to eat and buy necessities—undoubtedly he witnessed there. Though imprisoned at Philippi, he sang songs of praise, was released and immediately traveled to Thessalonica. Where can you witness? What is your job? If it is a secretary, live before those in the office. Let your boss know you are a Christian. Are you in school? Let your classmates know your stand. Be a Christian "at home, or school, or play."

Witness today! Tomorrow may be too late!

May we suggest that in preparation for the rest of our studies it will be difficult to follow through without a map. If you do not have one, do your best to get one for your group.



Mary Beth Munn

SMM'S AMBASSADOR SAYS:

Sometimes I wonder if the girls at home realize how much we appreciate the bandages. Be sure to assure them that they are doing a real work for the Lord. When we tell people how young girls gather up cloth and then roll these bandages, they never fail to be impressed. We are desiring that the girls here in Africa will get such a vision of service.

CAROL'S CHRISTMAS

By Mabel Donaldson

"Guess what, Mother," shouted Carol as she rushed in from school. "The teacher has asked me to write a play for our room to give for Christmas. I'll really have to put on my thinking cap. It's got to be good. The 5th grade put on a good one for Thanksgiving and we just have to have a better one. Will you help me, Mother?"

"Gladly," said Mother. "We'll have to start by making up our minds what emphasis the play will have. Will it be about Santa, toys, gifts, decorations, shopping, or celebrating? Perhaps you'll want to tell about Christmas customs in other countries. Maybe before you go to bed we can have an outline of how the play should go. Run out to play now. We are having a guest for dinner."

As Carol came into the dining room later for dinner she was introduced to the guest, a missionary from Africa. During the meal the guest told about the wonderful privilege which was hers to tell the heathen about Jesus. She spoke about the joy that comes into the hearts and lives of the black people as they learn to trust Him for salvation and to live according to the teachings of the Bible. The missionary told about how thrilled a carpenter and his son were when they learned that Jesus was a person just like themselves and that He earned His living by being a good carpenter. The mothers of the tribe were overjoyed when they heard that Jesus took time to bless the little children.

While the missionary was talking it seemed as if Christ was a guest at the table, too. Indeed His presence could easily be felt by all. This made Carol happy inside and she began to think more about the Person whose birthday the world was about to celebrate.

When bedtime came she was anxiously awaiting Mother's good-night kiss. Then she would tell her that she had decided to tell about Jesus in her play.

Mother soon came in and Carol quickly said: "Oh, Mother, I have a theme for my play. I don't know why I didn't think of it as soon as the teacher asked me to write the play. As a Christian, I'll have to tell the audience all about the One whose birthday it is. I'll have to tell them all about His having an earthly mother, but no human father. I'll have someone read Matthew 1:18, 'Mary . . . was found with child of the Holy Ghost,' and Matthew 2:11, 'The young child with Mary his mother.' I'll want to tell them about Luke 2:40, 52, 46—'And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. . . . And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. [And] . . . they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.'"

"How stupid of me, Carol. Of course you'll have to let your play center around the wonderful birth and life of our wonderful Lord. Do you know, maybe someone viewing the play will come to know Him. Oh, Carol, should someone accept Him because of your play, you will truly be a little missionary doing the same type of work as our friend who came for dinner. Don't forget to have in it a part about His looking like a man and

having a body, soul, and spirit like we have. Remind the folks that He ate, slept, walked, talked, and acted like the human beings of today, except He had no sin in Him and could do no evil or wrong. That is why He could forgive their sins. He had no sin in Himself. That is what made Him a different kind of man."

"Mother, I believe the children will like to see a play about the baby Jesus and the little boy Jesus. They will like to know that He had lessons and chores and work around the house like we have. Do you suppose His mother gave Him cookies and goat's milk when His work was done? I'll use some of His many names given in the Bible. Do you think these would be good: 'Son of Man' (Luke 19:10); 'Thou shalt call his name Jesus' (Matt. 1:21); 'Jesus of Nazareth' (Acts 2:22)?"

"I am sure they would, dear. Now let's go to sleep, and tomorrow the characters and acts of the play will come to us. I'm convinced that God directed us tonight to decide to have the play about His dear Son. So He will help us with the rest of it, too. He likes folk to tell about Jesus. He will be pleased to have you spread the Gospel that way. Good night, dear."

As Mother kissed Carol and went out, the little girl felt so happy way down deep inside herself. She just knew this was going to be a good play, and the best Christmas she had ever had because she was not going to think about herself and her own gifts, but she was going to tell many about the Lord Jesus Christ whose birthday Christmas celebrates.

FIND OUT—

How many ways the boy Jesus was like children of today.

The kind of houses and schools He went to.

The games He played and the things He did.

(A good Bible encyclopedia will help.)

OFFICIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND: The general fund offering is due January 31. Let's not forget this goal!

WRITING CONTEST: Are you a budding writer? Why not try writing a short play for Martha Goal No. 9? The theme is to be "Missions." It must be sent to the national patroness by January 31. The best of these plays will be given at conference.

SMM PENNANTS: You are eligible for an SMM pennant if you meet the requirements of the merit system. The price of these pennants is 65c, and you can get them from the literature secretary.

REVISED CONSTITUTIONS and MIDDLEBURY COVE-NANT CARDS are now printed and can be obtained from the literature secretary.

SMM EMBLEMS are now available. These are to be used as awards only.

BANDAGES: It's time for your bandage rolling meeting again. Don't forget that the bandages must be 7 yards long and 2 inches wide. Turn in the edge and fasten with only a few stitches in the center. If your district has a bandage secretary, send them to her. If not, send them to Evelyn Vnasdale, the national bandage secretary.

MEMBERSHIP: This year a new requirement for membership was added to the constitution. You must now fulfill the 7 points of the merit system before you may become a member. Also, the middleburies and seniors have to be Christians before becoming SMM girls.

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EDITORIALS

Alva J. McClain and Paul R. Bauman, Editors

The Annual Offering for the Seminary

The months of December and January have again been allotted to Grace Theological Seminary as the time for its annual appeal to the churches for a general offering. Once more the school is suggesting that our churches, if at all possible, set apart the last Sunday of January (the 25th) as the day on which this offering shall be received. We trust each pastor and the proper officers of each church will join in giving it full publicity during these 2 months. For your information we have endeavored to set forth on this page the school's plan for this offering. Read the next item carefully.—P. R. B.

Why an Annual Offering?

It is possible that, upon the announcement of the regular annual offering for Grace Theological Seminary, some may be asking: "Why an annual offering if the seminary has inaugurated a monthly finance plan?" This is a fair question, and the reasons should be made clear.

The seminary has asked for 6,000 gifts of a dollar a month, or a total amount of \$72,000 for the year. This amount, if received, will care for the BASIC NEEDS of the school. This was clearly stated at the time the monthly plan was introduced. These basic needs include the monthly building payments of \$1,400 per month and the operating expenses.

There are four reasons for the annual offering:

1. We must, first of all, make sure that any amount lacking from an average of \$6,000 per month for the budget is assured.
2. There must be, in addition to money for the basic needs, funds for improvements and equipment absolutely necessary for the operation of the school. These include such improvements as driveways, walks and curbs, grading, landscaping, and lawns. The equipment needed includes such major items as permanent seating for the room which forms the extension to the chapel, additional built-in cabinets for the office, painting and furnishing the seminary lounge, and other rooms on the ground floor, chairs to replace 200 borrowed in Winona Lake. There are many additional and pressing needs which, although most of them are less expensive in nature, add up to a considerable amount of money.
3. The seminary board is anxious, if the funds are

provided, to liquidate the indebtedness more rapidly than the 10-year period originally anticipated. Extra payments will be made whenever the funds justify such payments.

4. A number of pastors have urged the seminary not to discontinue the annual offering to be taken on the *last Sunday in January (the 25th)*. (The months of December and January are allotted to the seminary as a time of publicity and ingathering.) That is, they have suggested that the annual offering should continue as previously until it is certain that all our churches have placed into successful operation the monthly envelope plan. If this plan is not in operation in your church, we trust that it will soon join those who have undertaken the monthly plan so enthusiastically. If each church would assume its proper share of the responsibility for the seminary, such a plan could easily care for the needs of the school without the added necessity for an annual offering.

In the case of any church already using the monthly envelope plan, the seminary would be glad to have that church use the months of December and January to emphasize and enlarge the personal participation of the membership in the plan.

Finally, will you make the annual offering a matter of definite prayer, asking God to lay the proper feeling of responsibility upon each Brethren congregation. Pray for the direction of the Holy Spirit as you prepare for your own offering.—Alva J. McClain, Paul R. Bauman.

R. E. Donaldson, Trustee, at Home With the Lord

"I thank my God upon every remembrance" (Phil. 1:3) of Bro. R. E. Donaldson. From the moment I came to know him, I found in him one of the Lord's true saints with a passion for every ministry exalting the Lord. The family of Grace Theological Seminary feels the loss of this good brother from the ranks. But we are sure that his influence in the First Brethren Church of Washington, D. C., representing Grace Seminary as a member of the board of trustees since its organization in 1937, has left an indelible mark, and this church and many others have been and will be greater supporters of this school because the Lord in His good providence led Brother Donaldson this way. His passing is a great loss to the seminary. And our deepest sympathy is extended to his loved ones.—Herman A. Hoyt, dean.

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THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION AND THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH

By S. Herbert Bess, Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew

Note: This is the first of a series of articles which test the accuracy and adequacy of the translation of the Book of Zechariah in the new Revised Standard Version.



Only 6 weeks ago the Revised Standard Version of the Bible was released for sale to the general reading public, after a long period of advance publicity, and amid celebrations designed to reach national proportions. Already a number of brief articles have appeared in Christian periodicals testing the new version at various points, and drawing attention to certain general features which characterize the entire work. The following remarks are based on an examination of the new version in the Book of Zechariah, after comparing it with the Hebrew text and with various important versions, ancient and modern. There are many passages in which the new version differs significantly from the Authorized (King James) Version. In this and succeeding articles I will deal only with those which seem to be of special importance.

Zechariah 6:13 appears to have suffered severe distortion from the hands of the translators of the Revised Standard Version. This verse lies within a passage which is rightly understood to be one of the most beautiful Messianic portions of the entire Old Testament. In this passage the Messiah is typically and prophetically set forth as both King and Priest upon the throne of His kingdom, procuring peace through the functions of these two offices. The effect of the Revised Standard Version is to vaporize this very meaningful prophecy and reduce it to nothingness. Let us see how this is accomplished.

The Authorized (King James) Version renders a portion of this verse as follows: "and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne." From this reading it is clear that there is only one personality here, who combines in himself both the functions of the priest and the king. Observe, however, how the Revised Standard Version renders it: "and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule upon his throne. And there shall be a priest by his throne." The new version has introduced a second personality into the scene, and thereby destroyed this beautiful prophecy concerning our Lord Jesus Christ.

How did the translators arrive at this rendering? They did not arrive at it by translating the Hebrew text in the most direct and natural way. If they had done so they would have translated the passage just as the King James Version had done. The translators of the Revised Standard Version were influenced by the ancient Septuagint (Greek) Version, which translated thus: "and the priest shall be at his right hand." In this the translators of the Revised Standard Version reflect their prejudice in favor of the Septuagint text over the Hebrew, a prejudice which is evident in many places throughout their translation of the Old Testament. The new version, however, fails to indicate by footnote the real basis for differing with the King James Version on the translation. This much may be said: if the Revised Standard Version pretends to translate the Hebrew text

in this verse, then it is definitely inferior here to the King James Version, the version commonly accepted in public worship by English-speaking Protestants everywhere.

There is still another portion of this verse to be examined. The Revised Standard Version concludes the verse in this manner: "and peaceful understanding shall be between them both." The King James Version more accurately translates: "and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."

This expression "the counsel of peace" is worthy of our scrutiny. It translates a Hebrew phrase comparable to the term "judgment of peace" found in Zechariah 8:16. In this latter reference it is clear that the term means a judgment which procures peace. The same type of usage occurs in Isaiah 53:5, in the phrase "the chastisement of our peace." Surely this could mean nothing less than the chastisement which procures our peace. So also, the phrase "counsel of peace" in Zechariah 6:13 means that counsel or plan which *devises and procures* peace. But what has the Revised Standard Version done with this expression? By translating the Hebrew phrase with the term "peaceful understanding" the new version empties it of its rich significance, and makes it to refer to a mere peaceful attitude or disposition. Again, if accuracy in translation is of any merit, then the King James Version is vastly superior to the new Revised Standard Version.

Let us see by summarizing the above material what are the essential differences between the two versions in the way they render Zechariah 6:13. As the King James Version has it, the reader is led to understand that a very unique personality is the subject of this prophecy. He is unique because he shall unite upon the throne of Israel both the functions of the king and the priest—an heretofore unheard of combination. The outcome of this dual function upon the throne shall be the procurement of peace. On the other hand, the Revised Standard Version leads the reader to imagine two personalities, a king on a throne and a priest standing beside it. Between these two personalities a disposition of peace prevails. As anyone can see, there is a tremendous difference between the two versions at this point. There is no question but that the King James Version follows the Hebrew text more accurately.

In conclusion, I would like to point out how difficult it will be for the reader to understand the whole sixth chapter of Zechariah if this reading in the Revised Standard Version is followed. Before Zechariah was to have uttered the words of verse 13, he was to have placed a crown upon the head of Joshua the high priest. This was an unprecedented act in the history of Israel, that a priest should wear a crown. Why was Joshua crowned, if he were not to stand symbolically for that One who shall be both priest and king in Israel?

INTRODUCING THE JUNIOR CLASS



The seminary Junior class.

With this issue we present the members of the Junior class. We wish it were possible to print a brief testimony from each member, but space forbids. The testimonies presented on these pages come from both Brethren and non-Brethren students. We believe you will appreciate the value of both.—Ed.

FACULTY AND STUDENT BODY IMPRESSIVE

By Joseph Sargent, a Member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.

The tools are here and the Lord is with us! Truly, one cannot help but be impressed with the outstanding facilities offered by Grace Seminary to those in preparation for His service.

The building—modern, beautiful, and well-equipped as to please any student—represents in itself a testimony of God's grace through the loving labors and contributions of God's people.

Because I have entered Grace Seminary with a scholastic background generally secular in nature, I find two things to rank foremost as being clearly impressive to me. They are faculty and student body, and rightly so. Certainly it is not always easy for an institution to find men of adequate, proven academic skill who at the same time possess that yet more needed quality of spiritual depth or godliness. However, I feel most sincerely that such a combination has been achieved in the faculty of Grace Seminary. The students, also, I discover to be definite in purpose as well as of high scholastic caliber, and I rejoice to find myself a member of a student body united in effort to the one cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

INSTRUCTION THOROUGH AND BIBLE-CENTERED

By Ira D. Halvorsen, a Member of the Baptist Church in Elkhorn, Iowa.

Having finished 2 months of my first year at Grace Seminary, I can say that I am more satisfied with Grace than I have been with any other school at which I have studied. Primarily, the reason I am satisfied here at Grace is that I am sure the Lord led me here. And the way in which the Lord leads His children is always the most pleasant way for them.

My expectations of Grace as a school of high spiritual and scholastic standards have not been disappointed. Since my primary purpose in studying here is to prepare myself to teach the Word of God, of course I am happy to find that every course I take is vitally related to that Word. I am also happy to discover that, for the most part, these Bible-centered courses are taught with a

thoroughness that compares very favorably with the thoroughness of secular instruction on the graduate level.

After having studied at several secular schools, where most of my teachers and fellow students were unbelievers, it is wonderful to be studying with Christians under Christian teachers. This privilege, I feel, is not always fully appreciated by those who have attended only Christian colleges.

Prayer at the beginning of each class period is another feature of school life at Grace that is new and wonderful for me. And the strong emphasis on grace is most gratifying. We know that the grace of God cannot be stressed too much. By the grace of God we have life for death, strength for weakness, wisdom for foolishness, righteousness for wretchedness, and exultation for despair. May the students and teachers of Grace Seminary never be guilty of presenting a vitiated concept of that grace of God which always causes us to triumph in Christ.

THE BUILDING SPEAKS

By Archie Keffer, a Member of the First Brethren Church of Uniontown, Pa.

Having been a builder for a number of years it has been my experience to hear buildings talk. Not that they could articulate as with a human voice, but they do talk nevertheless. For instance as one walks up to certain buildings they begin to say, "I am poorly built, I lacked proper planning in the beginning." Another would say, "I am built to satisfy the vanity of men." Still another, "I will not be here for very long because the material and workmanship is poor." In other words, everything about a building speaks in one way or another.

Upon reaching Grace Seminary I heard it "speak" also. From the highway the tower, with its slender spire reaching up into the blue sky, seemed to quietly assure me that here was a building that pointed men to the Most High God. It was a comfort to know that in our perilous days here was a building that was set for the defense of the "faith once delivered to the saints." Upon entering the building I was amazed at the strength that was manifested there. The foundation was deep and

massive, speaking of the Rock, the Sure Foundation. The walls were high and thick, speaking of our defense in Him from the attacks of our adversary. Truly here was a building that said, "I am a well-planned and wisely built building." The spacious rooms, the well-lighted halls, the gently rising stairs, all spoke of a work that was honoring to God.

These features alone would suffice to convince anyone that Grace Seminary was the finest place in the world to study God's Word. But there are other voices, other influences that speak of God and His Word. As a Junior in the seminary I have just begun to hear them, my time of study and of learning is just beginning. But with such an environment about me I know that it will be a time of great joy and untold benefit.

BIBLE THE PARAMOUNT THING AT GRACE

By Robert Milliken, a Member of Hebron United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

How full of gratitude is my heart to my Saviour for the privilege and joy of preparing for His work here at Grace Seminary. There are a number of things which I have found to be most wonderful. One is the place which the Bible holds in the teaching. We are not merely learning about the Bible; we are learning the Bible. Every day as I walk home from school I cannot contain the thanks with which our Lord fills my heart as I meditate upon the many new and precious gems which He wonderfully uncovers in His Word. As one studies here, he finds himself becoming richer and richer in the understanding of the Book of all books and, even more glorious, in the knowledge of the Person of that Book, Jesus Christ. There are other things for which I praise Him too: the unlimited opportunities for practical work, the spiritual refreshment in the daily chapel services, and the vision of a perishing world. My prayer is that the Lord Jesus may find us faithful learners with hearts of praise for the opportunity of study here, and in that day when He shall examine our deeds He might find us faithful stewards of the grace which is being showered upon us here at this seminary.

GRACE IS SCHOLARLY, LOYAL, MISSIONARY

By Dean Fetterhoff, a Member of Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind.

I had often heard it said, "You can count on one hand all the seminaries that are still 'true.'" I knew Grace Seminary was founded upon the Word of God, and all the reports that I had heard of it in evangelical circles were good. Yet I wondered down in my heart if it would really live up to my expectations. Tears came to my eyes the opening night as I heard Dr. McClain say, "This school is dedicated to three things: first, the highest possible scholastic standards; second, loyalty to Jesus Christ above all else; and third, a world-wide ministry." As I have sat in the classrooms for 3 months now, I have seen those 3 things put into practice daily in the life of the seminary. I have never sat in a class which made me love Jesus more than Dr. McClain's classes; the need of a lost world is constantly before us, and the scholastic standards certainly are not lacking.

One of the greatest blessings I have received while being here is the Saturday-night street meeting in downtown Warsaw. Here the knowledge of the classroom is

put into practice. One of the great dangers today of evangelical Christianity is "dead orthodoxy." A man can believe all the fundamentals of the faith and yet have a heart as cold as a Pharisee. How I thank God for the practical work of Grace Seminary. In this day of apostasy may God keep Grace Seminary true to the 3 principles to which it is dedicated: highest scholastic standards, unwavering loyalty to Jesus Christ, and a world-wide ministry!

HIGH ACADEMICS BALANCED BY EVANGELISM

By Donald Hocking, a Member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.

After attending classes the first few weeks I was impressed with the emphasis laid by my teachers upon the Word of God. It really has been a blessing to have the Word of God opened in new and wondrous ways. It is encouraging to know that each subject will be of practical and spiritual application not only in the future but also right now.

I have especially enjoyed the fellowship with other students. Some I have known before and have learned to know better, while most I have met for the first time. It is a real thrill to fellowship with young people who love the Lord and are out to win souls for Christ. A proof of this fact is the street meeting in Warsaw every Saturday night, besides the many other extension activities. Sometimes the grind at school gets a little tedious and the street meeting to me is not only a breather from the studies, but also an opportunity to apply what I have studied.

I believe the most challenging thing that Grace Seminary has brought to me is the need of knowing better the Word of God. We soon begin to realize how little we know and it certainly is an incentive to dig in and learn more about God's Word. After being here only 8 weeks, I believe Grace Seminary is the best place to train for Christian service.

GOD'S LEADING TO GRACE EVIDENT

By H. Crosby Englizian, a Member of the First Baptist Church, Danville, Pa.

My brief ministry as a pastor suddenly concluded this past January. Immediately my wife and I sought God for further leading. Eight long months passed, and every door of service, seemingly open, closed one by one. Further schooling was considered, and in late summer we made application to an eastern school, but all of a sudden this avenue, too, became blocked. Again we were left to wonder—now what?

From this point on, God began to show His hand by leading us step by step to Grace Seminary. The notification of our acceptance came just 10 days before registration day. Immediately, seemingly insurmountable problems came into view. My wife was expecting a child within a month. A move of over 600 miles had to be made. We had 5 short days in which to move out of our home. Where would we live in Winona Lake? Would a job be available? Nevertheless we, like Paul, believed God and made the move. And what happened?

The long trip by auto was made successfully. Twenty-seven days after arrival, God, in His incomprehensible mercy, blessed our home with a lovely son. Living

quarters were readily found. Having been trained as a male secretary, I wanted to find such a position if possible. But I knew this would be difficult in a small town, for earlier this year I had vainly sought a similar job in a town of equal size. But God provided even this, thus showing Himself merciful and gracious once more on our behalf.

With my whole being I bless my God and rejoice in His goodness and in His care; also in that kindness which marvelously led to this wonderful seminary, its hallowed halls, and its godly professors.

GRACE GIVES METHODS OF LIFE-LONG LEARNING

By Fred T. Hall, a Member of Grace Gospel Church, Huntington, W. Va.

As a student I want not only to learn, but to learn how to learn. Grace Theological Seminary satisfies my greatest need and desire in this respect. Dealing with the most essential division of truth—God and His relation to man—my seminary is enlarging my content of knowledge. Though it is true that anyone of reasonable intelligence could get a first-hand knowledge of this truth apart from any seminary, it is also true that most people don't. In the 3-year course I will be introduced and taken well into the various important subjects relating to theology in its broadest meaning; I will have opportunity to master certain time-tested principles as well as accumulate time-tested material for further study. Brought in daily contact with instructors who know their subject and their God about whom their subject deals, I cannot help but absorb some of the knack displayed by these men in opening up the truth. While learning the subject, I am learning also the men and their methods in uncovering the hidden things—I am learning how to learn after my stay at Grace Seminary is completed. I can think of no better reason than this for recommending Grace Theological Seminary to any

young person eager to find and keep on finding the truth about God.

ENTHUSED BY THE TEACHING AT GRACE

By Dick Messner, a Member of West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

I had always wondered if it were possible to really "like" all the subjects one takes in school. Many of the courses which I have taken seemed of little value, yet I had to continue because of requirements. My first impression of Grace Seminary is a culmination of my dream—"I like *all* my courses." At 7:30 in the morning I have the study of Hebrew, which sounds frightening but which is really quite intriguing once I started. Then I progress at 8:25 to a study of Church History, which is a course that I've always wanted to take. The chapel periods at 9:25 are always a real blessing whether it be a special speaker or a prayer meeting. Several times Dr. McClain has spoken, and his informal talks have been certainly heartwarming. Theology, and Romans or Homiletics constitute the rest of the morning, and it's suddenly time to eat. Then to sort of climax the whole day, I study the Life of the Saviour in the afternoon.

The Word of God here at Grace is presented as a "living" Word. Sometimes, while sitting in a class, I get such a thrill from the Word that I want to leave right after the period is over and begin preaching. I think I know just a little of what Jeremiah felt when he said: "His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay" (Jer. 20:9). God's Word is really packed with "dynamite," and my professors are very ably lighting the fuse by revealing its contents.

God has definitely led me to Grace Seminary and He's preparing me to go "everywhere preaching the word." My life's goal is to be an evangelist for my Saviour, Lord, and King, Jesus Christ.

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- Dr. Frank J. Neuburg, Head of the Department of Old Testament and Hebrew, the Graduate School of Theology, Wheaton College.
- Dr. Ralph Stoll, well-known Bible Expositor and Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Altoona, Pa.
- Dr. Nathan Stone, Professor of Hebrew, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.
- Dr. Frank C. Torrey, successful Bible-teaching Pastor of Calvary Independent Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Accommodations Available at the Westminster Hotel for Pastors and Laymen

CHAPEL SPECIALS

Although every chapel service is the highlight of the day around Grace, we are occasionally blessed with an extra treat, three making the headlines this month.

October —: From all over the country and as far south as Monte Video came Rev. Jack Conner with his vibraharp and marimba. His unique testimony of salvation (having spent much time in the popular-music world) was in itself a treat, and the beautiful presentation of the well-loved gospel songs gave a sincere confirmation to the verbal witness.

Often most appreciated by the student body is the genuine sermon from the chapel pulpit by one of those from whom we daily receive equally precious exhortations in lecture form. Such was our privilege on October 21. The preacher of the day was our own beloved Dr. Hoyt, delivering an applicable sermon from the first chapter of James.

November 5: Last month it was Rev. Patrick Henry, from Mobile; this month, Rev. R. C. ("Curt") Henry, from Birmingham, Ala. Both are genuine southern preachers, but there is no mutual significance in the common name. The Henry of this month, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Birmingham, was conducting services in nearby Bourbon. In good southern style he wasted no time in presenting the message, "A Prescription for Soul Winning," a 20th-century gospel challenge from Psalm 126.

FALL DAY OF PRAYER

Classes are annually dismissed for the blessings of the season. This year was no exception, and the 3 periods of prayer (heart-searching, general prayer, and finally of praise) proved of utmost value to all. "Praise the Lord for His goodness."

NEWS FOR THE CENSUS TAKER

It was girls by a landslide!
Namely, Beverly Jean Short (and she was—only 18

inches), 7-pound-4-ounce daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Short, born October 20; Patricia Jo Inman, 7-pound-13-ounce daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Inman, born October 23; and Linda Joy Rea, 8-pound-4-ounce daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rea, born October 25.

The opposition got 1 vote in the form of Randall Dean Sellers, 7-pound-6-ounce son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sellers, born October 24.

SEMINARY SPORTS

Last month's experience must have scared off the seminary ball players as there were no sports this month. However, an outdoor basketball court has been fixed up. Perhaps this will stimulate interest and competition.

Although there were no organized competitive games, the newly painted shuffleboard court and the ping-pong table have seen heavy use.

EXAM WEEK

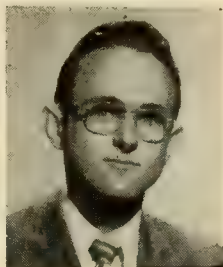
Midterms are past and so far no one is missing from our ranks. This doesn't mean the exams were a snap, however. As George Cone, Sr., put it (while watching students emerge from the Theology exam at the end of the 2-hour time limit): "They looked worse than that when they came out of Romans!"

HARD TIMES

"It has been rumored that the men of the seminary haven't been having enough dates with their wives."

To remedy this dire situation a "Hard Times" party was announced for November 1, the Saturday night after midterm examinations. That night the cleverly decorated auditorium was filled with students who didn't have a hard time enjoying themselves at games such as "Drop the Handkerchief," "Flying Dutchman," and relay races. However, the highlight of the evening came as our president, Ivan French, spoke to us from the Word, using the theme, "Joy."

Refreshments of pumpkin pie and coffee were served and "a good time was had by all."



Bill Burk



Seminary party for single students.

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

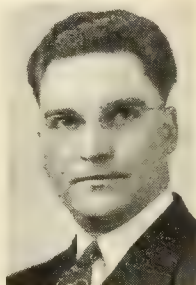
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ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH

John Schaich (Attended 1947-1949)

Upon leaving Grace Seminary 3 years ago, John went to Flint, Mich., to meet with a committee of men interested in organizing a rescue mission. They had no money and no building, but with a vision they launched a project of faith. In February of 1950 they bought a building for \$17,500, and elected John as superintendent of the Rescue Mission of Flint. A down payment of \$5,000 was needed within 60 days. God supplied the money. Possession was taken on June 1, 1950, and immediately \$12,000 additional was spent for remodeling and equipping the building. By October 1 of this year the amount for remodeling was all paid, and the mortgage has been reduced to less than half of the purchase price.

Services are held every night through the week and are conducted by various groups from the churches in the area. A Sunday school is conducted on Sunday afternoons, and a ladies' group meets once a week to condition used clothing which is given away. The mis-



Rev. John Schaich



Rescue
Mission
of Flint

sion also provides lodging for the men who come, as well as warm food which is served in a modern equipped dining room. Thus they care not only for the spiritual needs of destitute men, but for their material needs as well.

All of this has been accomplished in 2 years of operation. On October 19 of this year the proposed budget of \$17,429 for the coming year was raised through cash gifts and pledges. John himself has this to say about the work God has called him to do since leaving Grace Seminary: "We have one of the best-equipped missions in the country, which God has blessed in a marvelous way far beyond our expectations."

Why don't some of you who remember John in the seminary write to him? His address: Rescue Mission of Flint, P. O. Box 217, Flint 1, Mich.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, Pastor of Grace Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.

Greetings, Fellow Alumni.

And I hasten, on behalf of the alumni of Grace Seminary, to greet all of you who have not enjoyed this great privilege which was ours of attending our seminary.

I did not realize the responsibility of the office until after I had learned that it was mine. That caused me to awake to the responsibilities which it entails. It is my desire and that of my fellow officers that we might serve you and our school well. There is much that we can do to help our seminary regardless of where we are or to what field of service the Lord has called us. May I suggest a few ways in the following paragraphs:

We can pray—pray earnestly and regularly.

We can give—give freely and sacrificially, and encourage others to share in giving in this great hour of need.

We can advertise—advertise by word and life. Our school is one of which we can indeed be proud. It was a great school in 1941 when I was one of the three graduates from the regular 3-year course; today it is vastly greater.

We can encourage—encourage proper young men and women to enroll at Grace.

We can feel a responsibility—a responsibility for the school and its future. Graduation did not end a book; it only closed a chapter.

We can visit the school—visit and thus show our interest, renew our acquaintances, observe its need, and share its blessing.

We can serve—serve individually and collectively. You are asked to stand in readiness when called upon by your association, and invited by its officers, to offer your suggestions.

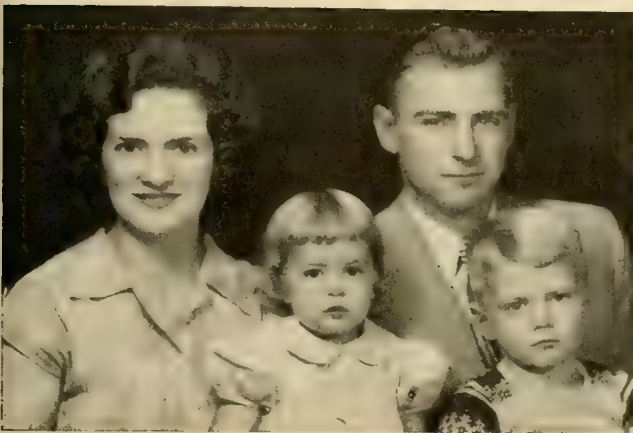
The doors of the seminary are open to you again. Of course they are always open, but this is a time when they are open with a full program geared for you as an alumnus. Our alumni Bible conference and reunion will be held February 24-27. Dean Hoyt has just written me: "During the week we will disband all classes. We will require students, however, to attend the sessions of the conference during the day. This will relieve the professors as well as the students and enable us to join together and have a real time of fellowship and blessing throughout the week." You can see our seminary has gone the second mile to make it a great week. Let's meet again at Grace in February. Let's show our school that we are worthy and appreciative of this consideration, and be there. A great program is being planned. When looking at it from the aspect of a Bible conference this can surpass our national conference week because there is a multiplicity of business necessary that week. This reminds me of Founder's Week at Moody, and as a

student I surely enjoyed that. Our conference can be every bit as worth while, but it needs YOU to make it a success.

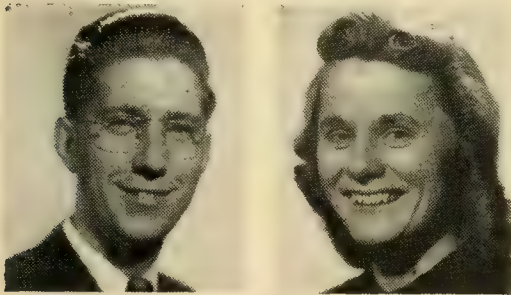
REPORT OF OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

OFF FOR THE FIELD



Jack and Jean Zielasko and family.



Charles and Betty Taber.

The seminary rejoices to see two more couples from its former students off for the foreign field. Jack ('50) and Jean Zielasko are now in Brazil after serving the Lord for a year and a half in the Brethren home mission church at South Bend, Ind. Charles and Betty Taber, after a year at the seminary, are in France for further training before going on to Africa.

NEWS FROM J. PAUL MILLER

In a recent letter to Dr. Bauman, Bro. J. Paul Miller ('52) says: "As you probably know, we have been through deep and troubled waters since leaving the school last January. The whole thing is shrouded in mystery, to say the least, but I'm glad to say that His grace is sufficient and we have the confidence that it is all somehow of the Lord. Ellen's condition has been very discouraging until recently, but we feel now that she is making some real gains."

Let us continue to pray for Mrs. Miller's restoration and for the guidance of the Lord as to their future.

YOUR DUES ARE DUE!

Have you sent your dues of one dollar to our treasurer, Rev. Paul Mohler, Listie, Pa.? If not, won't you do it today?

| Church | Sept. | Oct. | Total |
|--|---------|----------|----------|
| Akron, Ohio | ..... | \$25.00 | \$25.00 |
| Alexandria, Va. | ..... | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Alto, Mich. | ..... | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Altoona, Pa. | ..... | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Ankenytown, Ohio | ..... | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Ashland, Ohio | ..... | 61.00 | 61.00 |
| Beaumont, Calif. | ..... | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Beaver City, Nebr. | \$25.00 | 5.00 | 30.00 |
| Bellflower, Calif. | 12.00 | 26.00 | 38.00 |
| Berne, Ind. | ..... | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Buena Vista, Va. | ..... | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Canton, Ohio | 58.00 | ..... | 58.00 |
| Cedar Rapids, Iowa | ..... | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Clay City, Ind. | 34.00 | 34.00 | 68.00 |
| Clayton, Ohio | ..... | 54.00 | 54.00 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | ..... | 94.00 | 94.00 |
| Compton, Calif. | ..... | 32.00 | 32.00 |
| Conemaugh, Pa. | ..... | 61.00 | 61.00 |
| Covington, Va. | ..... | 31.00 | 31.00 |
| Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio | 53.50 | ..... | 53.50 |
| Danville, Ohio | 12.00 | 18.00 | 30.00 |
| Dayton, Ohio (First) | 271.75 | 8.00 | 279.75 |
| Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) | ..... | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Denver, Colo. | ..... | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Everett, Pa. | 10.00 | 13.00 | 23.00 |
| Findlay, Ohio | ..... | 6.00 | 6.00 |
| Flora, Ind. | 51.75 | 103.00 | 154.75 |
| Garwin, Iowa | 233.00 | 17.00 | 250.00 |
| Glendale, Calif. | ..... | 126.50 | 126.50 |
| Hagerstown, Md. | 840.07 | 105.00 | 945.07 |
| Harrisburg, Pa. | ..... | 56.40 | 56.40 |
| Hollidaysburg, Pa. | ..... | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Homerville, Ohio | ..... | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| Huntington, Ind. | 15.00 | 10.00 | 25.00 |
| Jackson, Mich. | ..... | 11.50 | 11.50 |
| Jenners, Pa. | ..... | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| Johnstown, Pa. | ..... | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Kittanning, Pa. (First) | 5.00 | ..... | 5.00 |
| Lake Odessa, Mich. | ..... | 33.00 | 33.00 |
| Lanark, Ill. | ..... | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| La Verne, Calif. | 78.00 | 95.00 | 173.00 |
| Leamersville, Pa. | ..... | 35.00 | 35.00 |
| Leon Iowa | ..... | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Limestone, Tenn. | ..... | 23.00 | 23.00 |
| Listie, Pa. | ..... | 166.50 | 166.50 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (First) | 57.00 | 1,057.30 | 1,114.30 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (Second) | 5.00 | 106.00 | 111.00 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. (First) | 4.00 | 482.00 | 486.00 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. (Second) | ..... | 125.00 | 125.00 |
| Mansfield, Ohio | 10.00 | 3.00 | 13.00 |
| Martinsburg, Pa. | ..... | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Martinsburg, W. Va. | 45.00 | ..... | 45.00 |
| Meyersdale, Pa. | ..... | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Middlebranch, Ohio | ..... | 18.25 | 18.25 |
| Modesto, Calif. | 5.00 | ..... | 5.00 |
| Mundy's Corner, Pa. | 5.00 | ..... | 5.00 |
| Nappanee, Ind. | ..... | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| New Troy, Mich. | ..... | 47.00 | 47.00 |
| North English, Iowa | 5.00 | 1,019.00 | 1,024.00 |
| Peru, Ind. | 15.00 | 20.00 | 35.00 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. (First) (special gift) | 500.00 | ..... | 500.00 |
| Portis, Kans. | 4.00 | ..... | 4.00 |
| Portland, Oreg. | ..... | 21.00 | 21.00 |
| Radford, Va. | 9.00 | 8.00 | 17.00 |
| Rittman, Ohio | 42.00 | 56.00 | 98.00 |
| Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) | ..... | 46.00 | 46.00 |
| San Bernardino, Calif. | 14.00 | ..... | 14.00 |
| San Diego, Calif. | 2.00 | 21.00 | 23.00 |
| Seattle, Wash. | 140.00 | ..... | 140.00 |
| Sidney, Ind. | 62.00 | 44.00 | 106.00 |
| Singer Hill, Pa. | ..... | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| South Bend, Ind. | ..... | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| South Gate, Calif. | 1.00 | 2.00 | 3.00 |
| South Pasadena, Calif. | 2.00 | 53.00 | 55.00 |
| Spokane, Wash. | 58.00 | 25.00 | 83.00 |
| Summit Mills, Pa. | ..... | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Sunnyside, Wash. | 10.00 | ..... | 10.00 |
| Uniontown, Pa. | ..... | 89.76 | 89.76 |
| Washington, D. C. | 131.00 | 163.75 | 294.75 |
| Waterloo, Iowa | ..... | 43.75 | 43.75 |
| Waynesboro, Pa. | 3.00 | 104.00 | 107.00 |
| Whittier, Calif. | 189.00 | 24.00 | 213.00 |
| Winchester, Va. | 36.00 | 75.60 | 111.60 |
| Winchester, Va. (special gift) | 68.55 | ..... | 68.55 |
| Winona Lake, Ind. | ..... | 421.30 | 421.30 |
| Winona Lake, Ind. (special gifts) | ..... | 114.05 | 114.05 |
| Yakima, Wash. | 6.00 | 9.00 | 15.00 |
| Yellow Creek, Pa. | 28.00 | 38.00 | 66.00 |
| York Pa. | ..... | 21.00 | 21.00 |
| Annual Staff 1952 Contribution | 60.00 | ..... | 60.00 |
| Central District WMC | ..... | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Foreign Missionary Society | 250.00 | ..... | 250.00 |
| Winona Lake Church—bldg. maint. | ..... | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Isolated members | 6.00 | 30.00 | 36.00 |
| Non-Brethren | 210.00 | 176.00 | 386.00 |
| Non-Brethren (special gifts) | | 225.00 | 225.00 |

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MEET the FACULTY

Our churches should know that the members of the faculty presented below will be happy to assist them in speaking engagements through the school year and during the summer. They are available during the year for single services or week-end conferences when churches are within reach of the school. They can conduct longer



HERMAN A. HOYT

Dean and Professor of New Testament and Greek

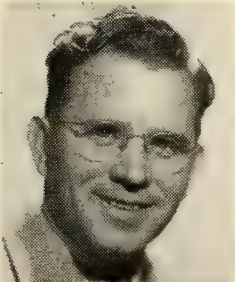
Dr. Hoyt is prepared for a ministry of Bible exposition by book or series, giving emphasis to prophecy and evangelism. Some of the series are as follows: Crises of the Christ, Victorious Life, Signs of the Times, Second Coming, Brethren Doctrine. Book studies include John, Acts, Romans, First Corinthians, Hebrews, James, Revelation.



HOMER A. KENT, JR.

Assistant Professor in New Testament and Greek

Professor Kent is equipped to supply Bible expositions in single messages or in series form, especially from such portions of the Word as the Gospel of John, the Book of Acts, and First and Second Timothy.



S. HERBERT BESS

Assistant Professor in Old Testament and Hebrew

Professor Bess is prepared to speak on the Old Testament prophets with sermons arranged under the title, "The Pertinence of the Prophets to the Present Hour." These sermons may be given in series or as separate messages. They are expositional studies from the Books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Hosea, Amos, Zephaniah, and Jonah.



RALPH W. GILBERT

Assistant Professor in English

Professor Gilbert is prepared for any of the following: expository sermons on the great doctrines of the Word and their practical implications; messages on the history of the Brethren Church and Brethren doctrine, with special emphasis on those beliefs and practices which have preserved the distinctive Biblical position of the group; the spiritual heritage of the Brethren Church. Professor Gilbert has begun work on a new series of slides depicting Brethren church history.



MRS. MABEL C. HAMILTON

Librarian and Instructor in French

Mrs. Hamilton is a returned missionary with 12 years experience in French Equatorial Africa, and is available to speak at missionary conferences, WMC meetings, and Sunday school rallies and conventions. She is especially well equipped to present the relation of Grace Seminary to the foreign missionary enterprise.

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conferences during holiday vacation periods, and some can yet be secured for the Christmas vacation (Friday, December 19-Sunday, January 4). The Easter recess runs from Friday, March 27, through Sunday, April 5. Individual churches or district conferences desiring their services throughout the summer months should note that they are available from June through August.

ALVA J. McCLAIN

President and Professor of Christian Theology

Because of his heavy responsibilities as president and the numerous times he is obliged to officially represent the school, Dr. McClain can accept only a limited number of speaking engagements.



PAUL R. BAUMAN

Vice President, in charge of public relations

Dr. Bauman's first task is to represent the seminary among the churches. His conferences also include, as time permits, Bible-teaching messages, either single or in series. Also he has natural-color pictures of Bible lands or missionary work throughout the world. Contact him especially for any information you desire about the work of the school.



HOMER A. KENT, SR.

Registrar and Professor of Church History and Practical Theology

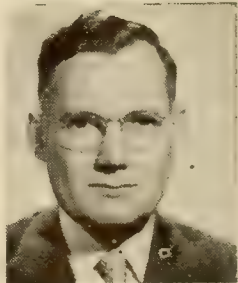
Dr. Kent's ministry includes illustrated messages on the Holy Land and Biblical archeology; also he is prepared to offer a series of expository studies in the Books of Exodus, Joshua, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. Especially interesting are his studies in Brethren church history.



JAMES L. BOYER

Assistant Professor in Greek and New Testament

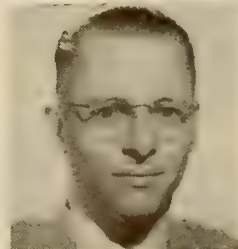
Dr. Boyer is prepared to give a series of illustrated messages on the story of the Bible: how we got it and the different versions, including the new Revised Standard Version, which he evaluates. Also, he specializes in the exposition of Bible books, particularly John, Ephesians, Daniel, and Revelation. He has other studies in the tabernacle, types in Genesis, and messages on the holy life.



JOHN C. WHITCOMB, JR.

Assistant Professor in Old Testament

Professor Whitcomb has just recently traveled in Europe and the Holy Land. He has 800 color slides of Israel, Arab-held Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Athens, Corinth, Rome, Switzerland, and England taken on the Flying Seminar trip of the Winona Lake School of Theology.



Note—The following article was written by Rev. Nathan Meyer, who was formerly a minister in the Hanoverdale Church of the Brethren near Hershey, Pa. He is now pastor of the Leesburg Brethren Church and is a Junior in the seminary. Brother Meyer has had a varied experience both in scholastic training and Christian work. We appreciate his testimony.—Ed.

Three months in Grace Seminary is ample time to make some very definite observations. As a student in a so-called "Christian college," I was an eyewitness to card parties, swearing, and drunkenness on the part of sons of prominent preachers. As I compare my personal experiences in the classes of three secular universities, one church college, and now here in Grace Seminary, I am prepared to assert and boldly defend this observation: **THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.** This difference can be seen in several ways. Permit me to mention some of them.

IN THE STUDENTS

To live here at Grace is to live in a heaven-like social environment where each person speaks of the Lord in personal conversation as one would speak of his best friend. And here is the secret revealed. To each student the Lord is real. Consequently, in *conversation*, there is a difference.

But this difference doesn't stop with "talk." It affects daily activity. Students enjoy laughter and real fun that goes deeper than the surface. Essentially they are happy in spite of problems and testings which at times are very acute. And I know the reason why, because I have experienced it myself. I thought I enjoyed college life, but it was superficial—the kind of joy that the storms of life could sweep away. But here at Grace there is that deep, abiding confidence of the soul because each student is building a life, not on an imitation of Christianity, but on the Rock—Christ Jesus Himself. Each student has experienced the new birth, which has made him a new creature in Christ. Consequently in *conduct* there is a difference.

The students here at Grace love the Lord, and their lives are dedicated to Him. Their goal in life is not the noble dream of making the world a better place for sinners to live in; it is not the ambition of their lives to improve for a few years the social conditions of men who will spend all eternity in hell; but rather they are pledged to the task of telling lost sinners that the world is headed for judgment and that the only remedy for sin is Jesus Christ. Consequently in *consecration* there is a difference.

IN THE PROFESSORS

likewise there is a difference. Sometimes they seem "pretty tough," but it is a gracious sort of toughness based on the conviction that we have an important job to do for the God of heaven, and we had better do it well. They are scholars, educated both in secular subjects and in the Word of God. What is more, they have both the courage and the ability to vigorously refute the "wisdom of men" which is contrary to the Word of God. I tell you, it is thrilling, and a rare privilege, to sit in Dr. McClain's Theology class and listen to him refute the

best arguments of the philosophers, the atheists, and the modernists and to do so with such scholarship and such finality as the Word and the wisdom of God alone can give. The bell rings and one hesitates to leave. The thought rings in his mind—"My, what a wonderful God we have!" Nothing like it did I find in any other school, "Christian" or otherwise, classroom or chapel; there is a difference.

IN THE SCHOOL

in general there is a difference. This must be so because the students and the faculty constitute the school.

The difference between the secular schools and the so-called Christian college was largely one of degree only. But here at Grace there is a basic foundational difference. Christ is not merely a good man who we should imitate. He is the sinless Saviour who possesses the power of regeneration. He makes us new creatures in whom dwells the Third Person of the Godhead. "Old things are passed away." Therefore here at Grace we see the fruits of the new birth. These fruits of the new life are evident in positive action for the Lord who "bought us." The secular schools never win a soul for Christ, the church colleges practically never, but here at Grace it happens all the time.

Finally, let me say this is not a school for angels. We are all human and prone to sin. Students have their pet peeves and they "gripe" about exams and heavy assignments as anywhere else. Many a student has studied until the wee hours of the night until forced by weariness to retire, with this double thought in his mind: "If I only had another hour or two—this is surely the toughest school in the country."

But even before he closes his weary eyes for a "wink of sleep" he thanks the Lord for such a school. Amazing, isn't it? But the secret lies in possessing that peace which alone belongs to those who know that they are in the will of the Lord. That's the difference.

ALUMNI REUNION

The week of February 22, 1953, is the time for our second annual alumni reunion at Winona Lake. These meetings will be held in the seminary building. It will be a fine opportunity for you to fellowship with your former classmates and friends. One of the main features of the week will be a banquet on Thursday evening.

All of us are busy in the Lord's work, but this should be sufficient notice to enable you to make plans for taking a little time for relaxation and refreshment this coming February. There will be more details about this event in the next issue.



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Winona Lake, Ind.

Dr. Herman Hoyt is scheduled to speak to the Princeton Evangelical Fellowship at Princeton University, Princeton, N. J., December 7-12 and at the Altoona, Pa., Grace Brethren Church December 14.

Rev. John Neely has moved to 2057 Emily St., Philadelphia 45, Pa. (change Annual, p. 77).

Rev. Gerald Polman, York, Pa., was the preacher at the Washington, D. C., church October 26.

The Uniontown, Pa., church had an average of 228 people present in Sunday school each Sunday of October.

Recent speakers at the Kittanning, Pa., church were Rev. George Harper and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Yunker.

October averages at the Ashland, Ohio, church were 386 people in the morning services (unified), 166 in evening services, and 61 in the prayer meetings.

There were 363 people present at the morning worship service, which was televised, at the homecoming at the Los Angeles, Calif., First church November 9. That day there were 301 in Sunday school and 158 in the evening service.

Rev. William Schaffer, Spokane, Wash., had the unusual privilege of conducting a dedication service for his grandson November 2, which was 23 years to the month after he had dedicated his own son and father of the grandson to the Lord.

The Chico, Calif., church observed its rally day services October 26 with Miss Estella Myers as the speaker. There were 96 people in Sunday school, 92 in the morning worship, and 58 in the evening service. Mr. Harry Strauss preached there November 9.

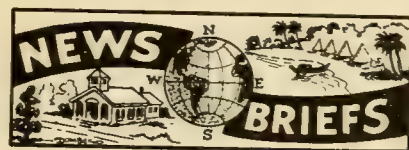
Rev. Ward Tressler, Chico, Calif., was one of the speakers at the recent Five-County Christian Endeavor Convention held at Durham, Calif.

New addresses—if you plan to move let the Brethren Missionary Herald Company know about it at least 15 days in advance. When you fail to do this you miss your paper and we pay return postage on it. One day recently we paid out 42c for returned Heralds. That is expensive!

Mr. and Mrs. John Bearss, members of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary November 3.

Bro. W. H. Putnam, member of the Cleveland, Ohio, church, died November 8. Burial was at Johnstown, Pa., his former home.

Prof. Ralph Gilbert, Winona Lake, preached at the Walnut, Ind., Community Church October 26 and the Kewanna, Ind., Baptist church November 2.



Mrs. Royal Traywick, teacher in the Long Beach, Calif., Brethren Schools, is ill and unable to meet her classes.

Rev. Nelson Hall has been called to continue as assistant pastor of the Long Beach, Calif., First church.

Mrs. Grace Slack, member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church and former teacher in the Brethren mission in Kentucky, is ill and is again having cataract trouble with her eyes.

The Listie, Pa., church observed its 60th anniversary and homecoming November 9 with Rev. Walter Nowag, a former pastor, as special speaker.

Mrs. August Beach, member of the Listie, Pa., church, has finished reading through her Bible this year and was given a Bible reader's certificate for reading through her Bible each year for 15 years.

The Washington, Pa., church, pastored by Rev. Ellis Rogers, held an evangelistic campaign October 26-November 2. Rev. Robert Crees, pastor of the Leamersville church, was the evangelist. The attendance

ranged from 33 to 86 in this new church and 6 people made public confessions.

Bro. Archie Keffer, Winona Lake, Ind., plans to preach at his home church, Uniontown, Pa., November 29-30.

The Long Beach, Calif., Second church participated in the recent national Sunday school contest and averaged 1,016 people present for the 6 Sundays, with a high of 1,062.

Speakers at the Johnson City, Tenn., church the first two Sundays in November were Rev. Mike Birkner, Dr. William Mierop, and the Hill Maconaghys. Pastor John Burns was holding meetings at the Buena Vista, Va., church at the time.

The Beaumont, Calif., church had an average of 169 people present in Sunday school during October, 95 in the morning service, and 78 in the evening service.

Bro. Lloyd Pletcher, member of the New Troy, Mich., church, died November 1.

Rev. Leslie Moore was the speaker at the Armistice Day program sponsored by the city of Meyersdale, Pa.

The Allentown, Pa., church has scheduled Rev. Percy Crawford and Youth on the March male quartet for the evening of December 5.

Rev. Raymond Kettell, Portis, Kans., conducted the fall communion service for the pastorless Beaver City, Nebr., church November 9.

The Portis, Kans., church has done extensive repairs to the church building this fall.

Rev. Wesley Haller has been called to serve the Ankenytown, Ohio, church another year.

Miss Florence Bickel, missionary on furlough from Africa, is ill with pneumonia. She became ill at the home of A. Rollin Sandy, Palmyra, Pa., while visiting the churches of the Atlantic Fellowship. She expects to leave there about the time this item is being read.

The Brethren people at York, Pa., under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. Gerald Polman, organized themselves into a congregation November 18.

Home mission dollars will help to establish more Brethren churches in this country. This is the home mission period of the year—have you done your best to help build churches true to the Word of God?



Findlay, Ohio

On March 26, 1951, we met for the first time to find out how much interest existed for the beginning of a church that believed and preached the full Gospel. It was decided to continue the meetings, which were held in various places.

During the 8 days following Easter Rev. Miles Taber, of Ashland, Ohio, was the evangelist for our first revival. Several souls were won to Christ.

Rev. Russell Ogden drove from Winona Lake, Ind., from September 1951 through April 1952 to serve us as pastor. He taught the Word of

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Beaumont, Calif. | 189 |
| Berrien Springs, Mich. | 54 |
| Compton, Calif. | 228 |
| Covington, Va. | 249 |
| Kittanning, Pa. | 250 |
| Leamersville, Pa. | 286 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (Second) .. | 1,062 |
| Martinsburg, Pa. | 229 |
| Portland, Oreg. | 114 |
| Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) | 249 |
| Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights) .. | 51 |

Public Confessions

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|----------------------|----|
| Artesia, Calif. | 14 |
| Ashland, Ohio | 1 |
| Chico, Calif. | 2 |
| Kittanning, Pa. | 3 |
| Uniontown, Pa. | 3 |
| Washington, Pa. | 6 |

Additions to Membership

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Ashland, Ohio | 4 |
| Bellflower, Calif. | 4 |
| Leamersville, Pa. | 3 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (First) | 3 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (Second) .. | 8 |
| Martinsburg, Pa. | 1 |
| Uniontown, Pa. | 4 |

Baptisms Not Included in Additions

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| Kittanning, Pa. | 3 |
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PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

| Church | Dates | Pastor | Speaker |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Clayton, Ohio.... | Nov. 17-30..... | Clair Brickel..... | Lester Pifer. |
| Alexandria, Va... Nov. 23-30..... | | Kenneth Teague.. | William Smith. |
| J'nson City, Tenn. Nov. 23-30..... | | John Burns..... | Herman Hoyt. |
| Akron, Ohio..... Nov. 30-Dec. 7.. | | Harold Etling.... | Dr. Chas. Ashman. |
| Dayton, Ohio (1st) Nov. 30-Dec. 14. | | William Steffler.. | Elmer Piper. |
| Chico, Calif..... Dec. 8-14..... | | Ward Tressler.... | Vincent Bennett. |
| M'tinsb'rg, W. Va. Dec. 8-14..... | | Leon Myers..... | O. E. Phillips. |

God faithfully and the church was strengthened. Our first full-time pastor, Rev. Forest Lance, came to us in May 1952.

Robert Farmer gave this testimony: "The first time I attended the Findlay Brethren Church was July 6, 1952. On September 6 I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour." As a result of this testimony, and the faithfulness of the church, Brother Farmer's wife, brother, and sister-in-law received the Saviour and thus the 2 families were united in the Lord on October 12. Two other people also confessed faith in Christ that day.

In less than a year as an organized church we have had a high attendance of 65 in Sunday school.

On November 2 the services were in charge of a Grace Seminary gospel team. William Kolb was the messenger, Jack Peters was the song leader, Mrs. Jack Peters was the vocalist, and Jesse Gingrich was the pianist.—*Marion Thomas, reporter*

Middlebranch, Ohio

Rev. Robert Ashman was our evangelist October 13-26, and our meeting was one of the best we have had since I have been pastor in Middlebranch. We had 34 public decisions during the meetings, of which number 31 were first-time confessions of faith. Most of these were children, several coming from Catholic homes.

In addition to the evening services, we had each day a noon-hour service at the Middlebranch high school, where 40 to 45 students gathered to sing and to hear the Gospel. Then each day after school we had a Happy Hour with a fine group of boys and girls. We are continuing this Happy Hour 1 day a week since Brother Ashman left.

Brother Ashman is a tireless worker. He preached, sang special musical numbers, and used magic to

present and illustrate the Gospel. We wish to heartily recommend him to any church for evangelistic meetings.—*Edward Lewis, pastor.*

Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Riverside)

For 2 weeks (September 14-28) God poured out wonderful blessings on the Riverside church while Bro. Phillip Simmons, of Altoona, delivered to us a series of messages from God in our first evangelistic effort. As a result 9 young people accepted the Lord Jesus as Saviour and 2 others united with the church.

Then for 3 weeks, ending November 2, we were participants in the Christ for Greater Johnstown evangelistic campaign under the direction of Evangelist T. W. Wilson. More than 700 people confessed Christ in the evening meetings and more than 200 children received the Saviour in the children's meetings. Our pastor, Rev. Ralph Hall, offered the opening prayer for several of the evening services.—*Don Rager, reporter.*

Listie, Pennsylvania

The Listie Brethren Church held revival and evangelistic services October 12-26 in cooperation with the national "Christ for Everyone" campaign. Services were held every night of the 2 weeks and the Lord gave us fine weather.

There were a number of restorations and rededications and several first-time confessions of faith in Christ as Saviour. Many new contacts were made for the Sunday school and church. These prospects are commanding our follow-up attention and already some have responded. Twenty-three persons attended every service and almost an equal number missed only 1 service during the 2 weeks.

Bro. Ralph Colburn was our evangelist and his ministry strengthened us in the Lord and His service. God

used him to give our people a definite spiritual boost; especially was his ministry helpful to our young people.

The folks of the Listie Brethren Church, and I as pastor, feel that we owe the Lord a real debt of thanks for sending us His servant, Brother Colburn.—*Paul L. Mohler, pastor.*

Phoenix, Arizona

The Lord continues to bless the work in Phoenix. On November 9 we had 3 firsts—first dedication of babies, when 2 boys of different families were presented to the Lord; first baptismal service, when 3 ladies were baptized; and first communion service, with 19 people at the tables and 3 witnesses.

Our membership roll now lists 11 members of the church.

For 7 Sundays in a row we had a gradual increase in our Bible school, with a high of 71 on November 2. On this day there were 35 people in morning service, 13 in young people's meeting, and 22 in evening service.

Our great need now is for a building. We have outgrown the parsonage. In order to get a building we must have money from some source. Brethren, pray for us.—*J. C. McKillen, pastor.*

YFC GOES TO JERUSALEM

The first series of united Youth for Christ rallies ever held in Jerusalem, Israel, have just been completed. The leaders in this campaign were Dr. Myron Boyd, of Seattle, Wash., director of the Light and Life radio program, and Rev. Orval Butcher, of Stevens Point, Wis.

The meetings were held in the lecture hall of the YMCA building. By the closing Saturday night the hall was packed, with people standing inside and outside the building.

There was some opposition, but the police gave protection, for the law of the land permits Christians freedom of worship. Many people raised their hands indicating their desire to become Christians.

The Jerusalem Post, an English publication, mentioned the campaign favorably in its columns. Oral reports indicated that the city was talking about the meetings, especially following the clearcut testimony of Daniel Zion, a converted former chief rabbi of Bulgaria, who spoke with the team on a 45-minute

WHERE ARE THE NINETY AND NINE?

By Rev. Charles Bergerson, Wadsworth, Ohio

"There were ninety and nine that safely lay
In the shelter of the fold,
But one was out on the hills away,
Far off from the gates of gold."
The undershepherd prepared to seek
For the one in Egypt's garlic and leeks.

He asked for the prayers of the faithful ones,
The faithful ninety and nine;
Encouraged by prayer, he forth did run,
Lest the sinning one cross death's line.
Over mountain and crag he trudged along
The track of the cross he bore alone.

Behold! in the vale of lust and sin,
He found the one that was gone!
He turned him back to the fold again,
The fold of the ninety and nine!
"What rejoicing 'twould be," the pastor thought,
"Over him whose returning the Lord hath wrought!"

But lo! when the pastor returned with his prize,
The ninety and nine had fled!
The Lord's house of prayer unattended, despised!
—An apostate dream to dread!
Oh, God, can it be that thy people forget?
He who taught us to pray, prayed with blood-drops of sweat!

Lord, where are the ninety and nine that left?
"They have gone to the world in their pride;
They have done despite to the Rock that was cleft
For them, and for all besides."
—Oh, prayer is a confidence God loves to give;
And he who loves prayer loves in God's will to live!

broadcast over the facilities of Radio Jerusalem. The Hebrew press commented pro and con following his appearance.

SOLDIER BEGINS YFC IN KOREA

Robert Christopulos, of Seaside, Calif., a young serviceman in Korea, began Youth for Christ rallies in Chun Chon, Korea, recently and now these rallies are averaging 600 Korean youth in attendance each Saturday night. Many of the young people have been won to the Lord.

The rallies are held in the local high school building and Christopulos speaks through an interpreter. An army vehicle has been made available to him for his work. The servicemen stationed nearby have contributed almost \$1,000 to help in this work.

ACCC PLANS BIBLE RALLY

The American Council of Christian Churches has planned for a Back to the Bible Rally at Denver, Colo., December 9, 1952. The purpose of this rally is to point out the objections to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible which was presented to the public September 30, as seen by the leaders of the ACCC.

The two addresses of the evening will be "The Bible Tested! Tried! Tampered With! Triumphant!" by Dr. David Otis Fuller, and "Modernism's Attack on the Deity of Christ, or, Shall We Accept the Revised Standard Perversion of the Bible?" by Dr. Carl McIntire. Dr. W. W. Breckbill will preside over the sessions of the rally.

In observance of D. L. Moody's 116th birthday, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago plans to hold its 47th annual Founder's Week February 2-8, 1953.

The speakers who have already accepted a place on the program are Dr. William Culbertson, president of the institute; Dr. Robert A. Cook, president of Youth for Christ International; Dr. Vance Havner, evangelist and author; Dr. G. Allen Fleece, president of Columbia Bible College; and Dr. Albert G. Johnson, pastor of the Hinson Memorial Baptist Church, Portland, Oreg.

Prof. John Clement Whitcomb Ordained

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake, Ind.

Mr. Whitcomb's picture appears on page 751 of this issue.

The ordination service for John Clement Whitcomb, assistant professor in Old Testament at Grace Theological Seminary and a member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, was solemnized on Sunday evening, November 16, in the chapel of the seminary, where the Winona Lake church regularly holds its services. The ceremony was in charge of Rev. Herman W. Koontz, pastor of the candidate. He also read the authorizations from the local church and the ministerial examining board of the Central District Conference of Brethren Churches, and offered the prayer of consecration.

The service of song upon this occasion was led by Dean Risser, a senior in the seminary. Mr. Dayton Cundiff, also a student in the seminary, and his wife sang an appropriate duet, after which the ordination sermon was delivered by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean of the aforesaid institution, and under whom the candidate for ordination has received much of his training. Dr. Hoyt spoke from I Timothy 3:14-16.

Following the sermon, the Scriptural qualifications of the elder were read by Dr. James L. Boyer, assistant professor of Greek and New Testament in Grace Seminary, after which Dr. Homer A. Kent, registrar, questioned the candidate relative to beliefs and practice, and received his vows. Following the prayer of consecration by Pastor Koontz, in connection with the laying on of hands by the participating elders, Dr. Hoyt gave the charge of the eldership to Mr. Whitcomb. The service was concluded with prayer and benediction by the newly ordained elder.

Rev. John C. Whitcomb was born in Washington, D. C., in June 1924, and spent 4½ years in China, the Near East, Europe, and South America, his father being connected with the consular service of the United

States Government. Mr. Whitcomb is a graduate of Princeton University with the A.B. degree (cum laude) and of Grace Seminary with the B.D. degree (magna cum laude), where he is now working on his Master of Theology degree in addition to carrying a full teaching load. This past summer he was a member of the Flying Seminar which toured Europe and Bible lands under the auspices of the Winona Lake Summer School of Theology. Mr. Whitcomb took hundreds of kodachrome pictures on his trip which he is using in his teaching ministry as well as in churches and schools which desire his services.

Mr. Whitcomb's parents are now living in Lima, Peru, and so could not be present for the ordination service. However, a tape recording was taken of it and thus in due time they will have the opportunity, no doubt, of being blessed by this most impressive ceremony.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BRINGS JOY

Miss Maxine Parrott, of Hickman Mills, Mo., wrote: "Enclosed please find \$2 to renew my subscription to the Missionary Herald. . . . The day my copy of the Herald arrives is always a bright spot in the week. It was a Christmas gift which brought me hours of inspiring reading."

Dear reader, let your Christmas giving include gift subscriptions to the Brethren Missionary Herald and perhaps some will rise up and call you blessed.

BIBLE LANDS CRUISE DATE SET

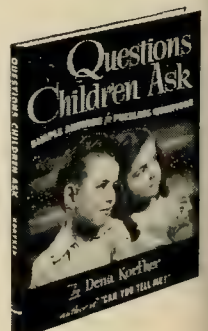
The sixth annual Wheaton College Bible Lands Cruise has been set to begin in February 1953. The tour will last 6 weeks and will be under the direction of Dr. Joseph P. Free. The tour is open to all Christians. For further information address communication to Dr. Joseph P. Free, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

QUESTIONS CHILDREN ASK

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By Dena Korfker

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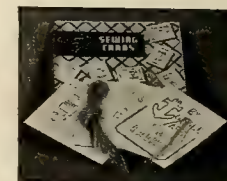
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Saviour of the world." I John 4:14*

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

15 Shopping Days Until Christmas!

Such an ado—so much excitement—Christmas is coming! Every child and most of the adults are thrilled in anticipation. All this celebrates the first coming of Jesus Christ. Most of what we will be seeing and hearing will not even remind us of Christ. I am wondering, as born-again believers, how much yearning and anticipation we have in relation to the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Those of the first century prayed, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Can we say "Amen" to that prayer?

Grace Seminary Deserves a Place

Through the years since Grace Theological Seminary was born, many churches and great numbers of individuals have remembered her with gifts at the Christmas season. I believe it is the universal testimony that the seminary has never known a better year. Just to be here in the building is an inspiration—there are so many happy, yet busily happy people. Remember Grace Seminary in your Christmas giving this year, then, if you haven't already begun, plan to make monthly contributions to this worthy institution.

Our Testimony in France

As you read this the board of trustees will be considering the recommendations of Bro. Fred Fogle in relation to the location for our first permanent testimony in France. Pray for "wisdom that is from above" in the making of this decision. There are at least 30,000 cities, towns, and villages in France and great numbers of them are without a single Gospel testimony.

Missionary Outfit Club

"Send us more covenant cards," has been the tone of most of the correspondence received concerning the outfit clubs. The response seems to be most encouraging. A few have sent gifts directly to our office. If no opportunities are given to you in your area, we appreciate having you write to us, but if there is a presentation in your local church, we urge you to respond through your church. All we desire is that the new missionary or missionary family be presented for prayer, and that thousands plan to respond with at least \$1 toward each missionary or missionary family going to the field for the first time.

A New President

Yes, a new President has been elected by the American people, but it's the same old world. There's the same old sin, old greed, old hatred, old selfishness, old jealousies—yes, the same old nature driving men on in rebellion against God. There is the same need for Jesus Christ! Every born-again believer should be much in prayer that in this new administration an attitude will be maintained that is favorable to world evangelization. The old world is in a sorry state, and Jesus Christ is the only answer.

Africa's Great Meeting

One of the greatest meetings ever held by the Brethren in Africa will be the Field Council Meeting, scheduled for December 23, 1952, to January 2, 1953. Probably 100 items of business will be considered. Pray much for our missionaries during these days and that all missionaries on the field may attend.

Anti-White and Anti-American

In so much of the world a spirit that is anti-white and anti-American is becoming evident. Certainly Americans are not above reproach, and in much of the world Americans with more money than they can honorably use have corrupted themselves. Flesh is being satisfied, and such a large part of it is American flesh! The sad part is that this growing anti-white spirit is becoming anti-Christian as well. This is understandable when we remember that most of the witnessing being done in the world is by American citizens and those of the English-speaking world. In almost every section of Africa, except our own general area, this anti-white, anti-American spirit is rampant. Pray earnestly that the testimony which our missionaries have established shall not be hindered nor destroyed, and that the native Brethren Church may stand steadfast in all testing.

Win 100 for Christ!

Youth for Christ International has set such a goal, and is seeking for 10,000 teen-agers each pledged to attempt such a thing—1,000,000 for Christ! This is most commendable; Brethren youth should cooperate fully. But will those won be "babes in the woods"? They will be

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unless they are tied up with Bible-believing and Bible-practicing churches. The boat that isn't anchored drifts. Pray that all these people saved will be anchored where they can receive spiritual food and fellowship.

Set a Goal—It Helps!

No one else should set the goal for you or your church. Those who make the largest gifts as individuals or churches set goals. Just to guide you—if we are to end this year with a balanced budget, our offerings must increase about 24 percent over last year. Some churches have as a goal—to supply all outfit needs and care for the entire allowance of all missionaries who are members of the local congregation. Others have the goal—to care for *all* costs related to the missionaries who are members of the local church, remembering that this requires about 3 times the amount of the allowance. Others have challenged themselves to pay to the foreign mission general fund an amount equal to the total of the allowances of all missionary members of the local church. Set a goal, if the Lord so leads—not an amount impos-

sible but an amount most challenging—and then ask the Lord to enable you to reach the goal.

Money at Half Price

I'm sure you would be interested if I should offer you good, legal \$10 bills for \$5 each. Well, your good, legal \$10 bills are now really worth far less than \$5 in their buying power. The government has been rather slow to acknowledge this, but in an action relating to the income tax for 1952 this is true. You can now deduct 20 percent for your Christian and benevolent giving, providing you give that much. This is just twice the tithe, so the government is now acknowledging that it takes \$10 in Christian activity to do what \$5 used to do. We have known that for a long time in foreign missions. You should remember this as you do your foreign-mission giving—in all your Christian giving for that matter. Better consider bringing your giving for the Lord's work up to the 20 percent and take this deduction. You have yet until December 31 to do this and have it count in your 1952 deductions.

RALLY DAY IN BRAZIL

By Rev. J. Keith Altig, Icoraci, Brazil

In the work here in Icoraci, Para, Brazil, we recently experienced our first Sunday school Rally Day. It was just like Rally Day in the States, complete with a goal, contest, and prizes.

The goal was an attendance of 75, which we thought rather on the optimistic side in view of the fact that the previous record attendance which, by the way, was just the Sunday before, was 33. When the goal was set several weeks before, the attendance was around 25. We thought that 3 times the regular attendance was quite a goal.

As for the contest, 4 "lieutenants" were appointed; each was to choose 4 "sergeants." All of these were to work together to see which group could have the largest "company." Awards were to be given to the lieutenant who had the largest company, to the sergeant who brought the most people for his lieutenant, and to all the members of the largest company.

The prizes were a picture of himself for each lieutenant and sergeant, and a picture of the entire company for each member of the winning company. Also, the winning lieutenant was to receive a fountain pen and the winning sergeant a flashlight.

There was a great deal of interest and constant prayer in all the preceding services that the Lord would bless and that many new people might be reached. One young man rode a bicycle great distances inviting people to come and be in his company. Another, filled with more zeal than knowledge, invited 30 or more from a neighboring church, all of whom promised to come but very few of whom did. Still another lieutenant asked a little North American boy to be one of his sergeants, but the boy, thinking that no one would come at his invitation, refused until his mother promised to help him. It turned out that he was the winning sergeant and was awarded the flashlight. Yes, his name is Stevie Altig.

No transportation was promised for that day because it would have been impossible to haul everyone, and so



The winning lieutenant and his sergeants.

it was decided that each one must come as he could. Special benches were brought into the church and everything was made ready.

The day dawned bright and clear, as about 355 days of the year do here, and people began to arrive fully one-half hour before the time set. People kept coming until every bench was packed solidly with interested folks. The count was made and it was found that the winning lieutenant had 25 in his company. One other lieutenant, however, failed completely to get anyone to come to be in his company, so that cut the average down. There were many new folks who had never been inside the church before, and there were many who had been there very infrequently.

The total number was 92—almost 4 times the usual attendance! This was a great triumph and blessing and evidence that the Lord was working through the efforts of His people. To Him be the glory. This number was especially significant in view of the fact that the Sunday morning service is usually the smallest of the day in Brazil. In place of the usual classes there was a little program and then a message from the Word.

In many ways the Lord continues to bless the work here in Icoraci, and the continued prayers of all are earnestly solicited so that those yet without Christ may hear of Him.

A WEEK-END TRIP TO A FEW GBAYA VILLAGES

By Dr. Orville D. Jobson, Bozoum, Africa

September and October are our best months for reaching the native people in their villages. The heavy plantation work is about over, and the grass is too high for hunting or for gathering building poles and tying bark. Most any afternoon at this time of the year one can get a large group of villagers to attend an open-air meeting where there is singing and preaching. We take advantage of this opportunity and visit as many as possible during this season.

One of our trips this year was very fruitful. The Gbaya people on the roads out from Bozoum in 5 directions have been showing increasing interest in the Gospel for a number of years and there has been some fruit, but recently the response has been exceptionally good and many are seeking the Lord. On this particular trip, a report of which I wish to share with you, some 60 souls made decisions for Christ.

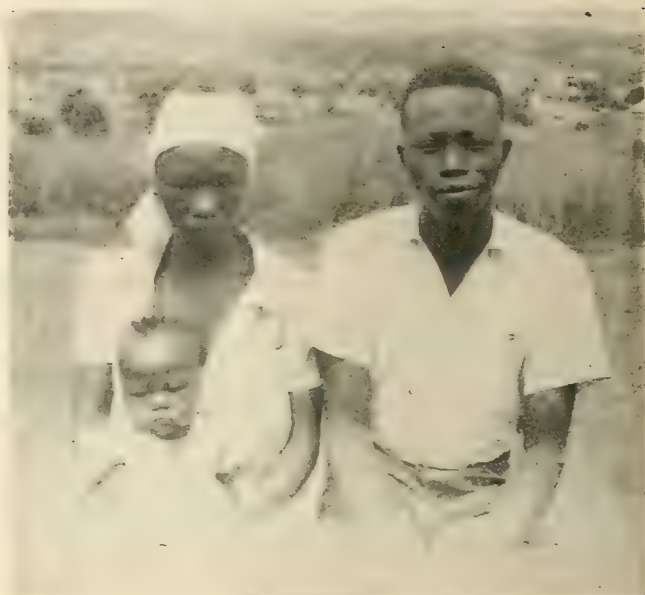
We left Bozoum on a Friday afternoon. With me were Pastor Noel and two lay members of the Bozoum church. We took the road to the south which leads to Yaloke and Bangui. It is a familiar road—all our missionaries traveling from Bangui to Bozoum and Bassai pass this way. In the olden days when we traveled by push or tipoy we spent many days in these villages. Brother Gribble first traveled this road in 1921.

Twelve miles out we have a chapel at Bocongo. We passed this village and went on to Bobalia, which is 12 miles beyond Bocongo, and here we stopped for a service. We installed the loud-speaker, made an announcement, and then played several records in Sango. By then a large group of people had gathered and were ready for the message. Four souls came at the invitation to seek the Lord and we dealt briefly with each of them. Just 6 miles farther on we stopped at Bombalou, where we have a chapel, and told the catechist (local church leader) about the 4 who had received the Lord, for he visits that village from time to time. We did not stay here but promised to visit them on our return trip.

Our next stop was Boguile, 40 miles from Bozoum. The chapel here is just 2 years old. The worker, Etienne Yanji, is on fire for the Lord. He visits regularly the villages in each direction from his chapel and has little groups of believers in each of them. It was quite dark when we arrived, but soon a large group gathered, mostly believers, and we had a brief service with them. Those with me were received into the home of Etienne and I put up in the chapel proper.

The next morning I was up at 4:30, for I knew that very soon the believers would be coming in for prayer. I had just put the cot and bedding in the duffle bag when the first member came in for prayer. They continued to come one by one, each leading in prayer, until about sunrise, and then we had the morning service. The group consisted mostly of believers but at the invitation 8 came forward, 7 to get right with the Lord and 1 to receive the Lord for the first time. During the forenoon we talked over the work with the catechist, and made plans for a church school in Sango for the many children in the village.

Early in the afternoon we moved on to Bossemtele I, which is just 6 miles beyond. There is no chapel here,



Etienne Yanji, his wife, and baby.

but Etienne covers this village, visiting them when the weather and his plantation work permit. When we arrived we observed that the people were gathered for mourning the death of a villager. We stopped under a large shade tree, installed the loud-speaker, and then Pastor Noel spoke to the villagers. He recognized that there had been a death, sympathized with the people, and then invited them to come over and listen to the Gospel. As we played several organ numbers (records), they moved quickly to the place where we had stopped, and sat on the grass around the pickup. The message was about over, and we were getting ready to ask for decisions when there was a sudden heavy shower of rain. Some of the people ran back to the village, others took refuge under the verandas of 2 rather large old uninhabited houses, saying as they went, "We want to hear the end of this affair when the shower is over." In about 15 minutes the sun came out and so did the people. We gave a brief résumé of what had been said, and then Pastor Noel called for decisions. There was a long time of silence before one little fellow came forward, but he was soon followed by another, and still another, until there were 26 in all—men, women, boys, and girls.

After prayer Etienne, the catechist, moved quickly. These were his people; it was his faithful sowing that was bearing fruit. He took their names and talked to them. We left him there, surrounded by those babes in Christ, and moved on with a light heart. God had worked and souls were saved. That was Saturday afternoon. He returned to his chapel for the Sunday morning service, but was back again with these converts on Sunday afternoon to spend 3 days with them. The strongest believer in this group is now at Bozoum for teaching and very soon will return to lead his brethren in service and Bible reading.

Our next stop was Bossemtele II, which is 54 miles from Bozoum. Here we have a chapel and a flourishing work. The believers are growing in grace and seeking others for the Lord. We quickly settled our things in

the village "rest house," and then went over to the chapel for a brief sunset service. The catechist was not at home, but the service was led by a very capable layman. We had a real spiritual blessing together.

The following day was the Lord's Day and there were blessings again in store for us and the people. We went



A Gbaya chief and young men of his village.

to the chapel at sunrise and began playing the records over the loud-speaker. God surely used the mobile system on this trip. The organ numbers, styled for group singing, bring the people singing to the services. The chapel was full to overflowing. We spoke on our threefold salvation and the Lord blessed. At the invitation 20 souls came forward; there was hardly room for them to kneel down at the front. On dealing with them at the close of the service, we found that 4 were desirous of returning to fellowship with the church, and the others were confessing Christ for the first time. Two of these were baptized Roman Catholics. When asked for their confessions they said: "We did not understand anything when going to that church; we want to accept Jesus whom we understand." It was a great service and all were blessed.

In the afternoon we started back to Bozoum. We stopped for a moment in the village where we waited until after the rain to give the invitation and found that the people had gathered for a morning service when 9 more came out for Christ. Continuing on, we came to Bombalou, where we had promised to have a service that afternoon. Those here were mostly believers, although there were a number of unsaved. There were no confessions, but the Christians were stirred and they all promised to begin on Monday morning to rebuild their chapel which had fallen down. Our last words in this village were with the old chief, Yimbili. Brother Gribble preached the Gospel to this man. He was in his prime when we came into the country for the first time in 1921. We have stayed many times in his village

"rest house," but he is still outside of Christ. "Won't you receive Christ before it is too late, Yimbili?" His answer is always, "I'll see." Will he go down into darkness when so many all around him are coming to the light?

We had one more service before returning to Bozoum. Boyabane is 18 miles out from the mission, and when we arrived the sun was low and the village was full of people. They gathered quickly. Bible institute students have been here on several occasions, as they have at other villages on the Bozoum roads. Pastor Noel preached. He was in earnest. He had seen God working in other villages. He wanted fruit for His Lord here. As he came to the close of his message the sun sank behind the trees. His invitation was guided by the Spirit. He was calm. After a few minutes 4 young men and 2 girls came forward and sat on the ground in front of him. The girls were engaged to believers in one of the villages in which we had a service on this trip—now they could have a Christian marriage. The young men were in earnest, too. We prayed for them and moved on. Several days later Noel went back to this village and spent a night and a day with these people to tell them more of Jesus and His great love for them. This pastor has a real burden for his people.

One more stop—Bocongo. Here the people were coming from the chapel service which was just over. There has been a new beginning here and the young catechist is full of life and hope. It was dark, but their voices told us that they, too, had been blessed on this unusual Lord's Day.

We have taken 3 similar trips during this opportune time, and there have been encouraging results from all of them. Now we must prepare for the follow-up work. Where we have workers the new converts will be taught. Where we have none we will strain every effort to get to them. At present all the workers in this Gbaya part of the district are with us at Bozoum for a 2-weeks gathering for classes in Scripture reading, Bible doctrine, and memory verse courses. Daily prayer meeting and service form a part of their instruction. These will go back to lead the many new believers, as well as the older ones, in worship and Bible instruction. It has been our happy privilege to sow the Word and see souls coming to the Saviour. May it be theirs to see "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."



A typical Gbaya Village.

TO AFRICA TO TEACH TEACHERS

(Editor's Note—Rev. and Mrs. (Betty) Charles R. Taber are now in France, having sailed from New York in October. The following articles tell of their purpose in language study in France preparatory to missionary service in French Equatorial Africa. Charles' parents, Dr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Taber, are now back in Africa for another term of service. Charles is a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., and Betty is a member of the First Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio.)

GOD HAS LED

"All things come to those who wait," so they say. But no one ever told me they would arrive so suddenly. For a good many years now I have been looking forward to serving the Lord in French Equatorial Africa—in fact, ever since I left there 7 years ago. During all these years this prospect has been for some time in the future, but with no real imminence. The 2 years of high school ahead when I came home seemed quite a long time, but they passed rapidly. Then 4 years of college was certainly a long, long time, but those years seem to have passed even more quickly than the 2 years of high school. The time to go to Africa was drawing closer, but there was still a 3-year term of study at Grace Seminary before my expectation would be fulfilled. Or was there?

After much prayer and consideration on the part of the board and ourselves, it was decided that our field of service was going to be the opening and administering of a system of Christian day schools to meet the growing needs of the African church for an educated leadership. This need is so great that it was felt that we should get out to Africa as soon as possible. Because such a program necessitates a period of study in France to get the training and credentials required by the French government, it was decided that we should abbreviate our seminary study to 1 year. And with that in mind, our departure began to assume some imminence. The year in seminary passed faster than any previous year. So here we are, within 1 week of sailing for France, and it has finally dawned upon me that this is happening to us! We are actually doing what I dreamed of 7 years ago. How faithful our God is!

As I look back over these 7 years and the ones preceding, I am made increasingly conscious of the precision and wisdom of God's leading in my life. Many details and circumstances have dovetailed so wonderfully that I cannot help thinking of Paul's great exclamation of assurance, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Was it not the hand of God that prepared me from the time of my birth by making French my native language, and further insured that I would not forget it by permitting me to grow up

for so many years in French-speaking territory? Was it not the hand of God which led me from one college to another where I would come under the teaching and influence He desired for me? And was it not surely the hand of God that led me to choose for my wife a devoted Christian girl who had already had 4 years of study in the French language? Certainly God has been preparing both Betty and me for a long time for this definite work, even before He revealed to us what the work would be. How all-knowing and wise and sure is our Lord in all His dealings!

I am certain that all these things have come to pass in our lives because of one thing—the faithful prayers, first of my parents, then of all God's people, which have followed down through the years. All of you who have prayed for us have had a real part in preparing and sending us to the field. Thank you for your faithfulness.

With this assurance of God's faithfulness and wisdom and the confidence that you will continue to hold us up in prayer, we are going forth to do our work. With these things working for us, in the Lord's strength we cannot fail. Without them we would fail and our work would collapse. Brethren, pray for us.

—Charles Taber.



The Taber Family—(Back row) Marguerite, Betty (Mrs. Charles), Charles, Lois; (front row) Allen, Ada (Mrs. Floyd), Dr. Floyd.

WHY I AM GOING TO AFRICA

The time looked forward to has finally come. Charles and I are actually on our way to Africa—at least we are making the first lap of the journey. It is exciting to look forward to an ocean trip and life in a foreign land, but underneath the excitement and longing to be on the way there is a tug at the heart for those one loves so much who must be left behind. If it were not for the strong incentive, the overpowering conviction that this way is the way of the Lord's leading, I am sure the step could not be taken. But He is leading, and great peace of mind and heart comes even at the contemplation of separation.

I have been sitting here wondering what I could write to all of you who will be remaining here at home that will show you why I am going to Africa, and at the same time bring a challenge to your own heart. First of all, I would like to make it clear that the supreme burden of my heart is for lost souls. It is my conviction that

any person who leaves this life without having accepted Christ as his vital, personal Saviour is lost eternally. This applies to the heathen in a far land who may never have the opportunity of hearing the plan of salvation, as well as to the self-righteous person of a civilized nation who has many opportunities to accept Christ and yet refuses. Any Christian who believes that hell is a reality and that there is no second chance for repentance after death will see that he must be a missionary. I do not mean that he will have to go to a foreign land, but that wherever he is he must testify to others of the saving grace of Christ Jesus. This is the first reason why I am going to Africa. It is very simple—the Lord just showed me that I was to give testimony to His grace and that my station of service was to be in Africa.

Specifically, I will be a school teacher when I get to Africa. Does that seem strange? It shouldn't. The

Lord needs His missionaries in every walk of life. In Africa there is a great need for a training program that will prepare our Christian natives as leaders of our native church in the future. The task of presenting an elementary school program has been given to Charles and me. It is thought highly probable that the time will come when, even as they were expelled and banned from China, missionaries will be turned out of Africa. If and when this does happen, it is our hope that through this program of education we may leave a strong staff of leaders behind who will strengthen the African church and who will be able to carry on the work of the Lord wholly without the need of missionaries. An indigenous church is the only answer to this problem. Pray that God will enable this new school system to be a way of accomplishing this end.

—Betty Taber.

"LOOK AT ME, BRETHREN"

By Miss Marybeth Munn, Bekoro, Africa

The first birthday for Beandje (our leper village) came in May. Of course this called for a celebration. Our council met to plan the program for the day. It was decided that first we would dedicate the new chapel and then we would go out for an afternoon of games, contests, and fun.

The big day finally arrived. My hunter, with the shotgun Brother and Sister Foster gave me, killed an antelope, and we purchased some manioc flour, so there was food for the occasion. At noon the little chapel, as well as every shady spot around outside, was packed with folks dressed in their best bib and tucker.

To start with, each tribe represented gave a special number. They sang a hymn in their own language and then said a Bible verse together. After this the guest speaker, the Bekoro pastor, was introduced. He gave a short chapel dedication message and then, as his closing point, he invited anyone to dedicate himself at this time, too.

As the invitation was given, we heard this command: "Look at me, brethren." In the back row in the corner stood old Job Gbada—just a shell of humanity now. Both hands are stubs, and his feet and legs are full of ulcers, but his disfigured face had a glow as he stood there smiling. After all eyes were upon him he began:

"One year ago I was lying in my village. Others of my brethren had walked here to Beandje, but though I'd waited for years for help, now I was too near death to come. Then Mr. Sheldon came and told me he'd take me to Bekoro. As they were helping me into the truck, they all asked why he was taking a corpse away. That was a year ago. Now I am here and my sores are nearly healed. For years I could scarcely stand up and now I can walk several miles at a time. People don't see me as a corpse any longer; they see that I am a living man again."

After he sat down one man after another or, more literally, 2 or 3 after each other rose up to praise the Lord and to give themselves anew to the Lord. Some had come along a hard road of sin before the Lord finally won them. Others had known the Lord for years and in the midst of their physical sufferings had found Him the



Job Gbada and his children.

only faithful one. My, but it was thrilling to hear the ring of praise and devotion from the lips of these patients. We were there for 2 hours just listening to those who were rededicating their bodies and their lives to Christ.

Finally the Beandje pastor, Isaiah, said to us all: "Now we have dedicated our new chapel and we have rededicated our bodies anew to Christ. Let each one of us walk closer to Him in this new year. The time to go outside has come. You know all the folks from the neighboring villages have been talking about our celebration. They've been asking how a group of sick people could play and run. Well, they are here with us today to see, so let's all go out and show them what we can do." And they surely did.

Children raced for prizes, women had contests to win a piece of cloth or a pretty pin, and the men had their bow-and-arrow and spear throws. No celebration is complete here without the greased pole. It stood in the

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THRILLED WITH BRAZIL

(Editor's Note—Rev. and Mrs. John W. Zielasko and two children arrived in Brazil on October 24. The messages which follow were written just prior to their leaving the States; the letter shortly after their arrival in Brazil.)

RESOURCES UNLIMITED

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it" (Matt. 13:45-46).

The September issue of the Reader's Digest carried an interesting and informative article about the fabulously wealthy land of Brazil. The author spoke of the riches to be found in this land of opportunity. He told of the rich manganese beds so essential to our industries and of the large iron ore deposits, as well as the copper, tin, silver, bauxite, beryllium, and tungsten which abound in the Amazon watershed. Besides this the country is rich in oil, timber, quartz crystal, and diamonds (at one time 2,000 diamonds were picked off the ground in a week). Truly this is a land that is rich in natural resources.

But there is wealth in Brazil that was overlooked by the writer of this article—yes, wealth, I dare say, which is overlooked by the vast majority of people. There are riches in Brazil whose true value is only recognized by those who have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. This wealth, which is seen only with the eye of faith, is the souls of men and women, and boys and girls who will one day be members of the body of Christ.

Is Brazil a promising mission field? There are people there, to be sure, but aren't there other fields where Brethren people could invest their missionary dollars more profitably and Brethren missionaries could reach a greater number of people? If you have ever asked these questions, then please read this significant paragraph which closes the article in Reader's Digest:

"In view of the increasing pressure of world population the United Nations appropriated \$25,000 for a scientific study of the region. *Population growth is likely to be phenomenal.* According to one survey a developed Amazonian basin could accommodate a billion people—nearly half the population of the globe—and could produce more food than all the rest of the world together. It may someday be the hope of a plundered planet."

The chief and only hope of this sin-sick world is not Brazil but the King of kings and Lord of lords, our Saviour Jesus Christ. He is the merchant man seeking goodly pearls. He is the one who sold all that He had and purchased the church with His own blood, and He is the one who has called His people to go into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature. There are souls in Brazil who are a part of the "pearl of great price." They need to be reached with the gospel message.

In view of the expected phenomenal growth in population it is evident that there is no greater mission field in the world today than Brazil. Men have spent fortunes to tap the natural resources of this land. They have suffered untold hardships seeking gold and diamonds—yes, and many paid with their lives in an attempt to get at the valuable rubber trees. Brethren,



Jean and John Zielasko.

can we do less for Christ's sake? The value of a soul far exceeds the material wealth of this restless planet.

I want to be a seeker of precious gems for the Lord. Do you?

—John W. Zielasko.

A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

"Hello! Yes, this is Jean speaking. I'm fine, thank you, and how are you? . . . My, I haven't seen you for years. Yes, we sail from New York on October 10 . . . we have 2 children. John is 4 years old and Ann is 2. Oh yes, we are taking them with us. Well, they have children in Brazil and we are trusting the Lord to keep them well. I Peter 5:7 says, 'Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.'

"Yes . . . we will be gone for 4 years, then we will come home on furlough for a year and return to Brazil for 4 more years. No, the children won't be going to public school—I will be teaching them, using the Calvert Course. No, I haven't any training in teaching, but the Bible says in James 1:5, 'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.'

"No, I have never been out to sea . . . I suppose I will have that queasy feeling from time to time. However, we are taking some dramamine with us; I hope it does the trick! Oh no, I am so glad you called. I was just packing another barrel . . . yes, it takes quite a bit of work itemizing things put in the barrels. Yes, it does take a lot of clothing for 4 years. . . . Oh, we have all had our vaccinations and other shots . . . yes, the mission board requires each one to have a thorough physical examination, and we are in perfect condition.

"Afraid? Of what? Well, there will be times of homesickness, and we will have to become adjusted to the climatic conditions and all the strangeness of a

foreign land, but we are certain that we are in the center of God's perfect will. As we go He is with us to help us over the hard places. We have His promise in Deuteronomy 31:8, 'And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee: he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.'

"Do write to us. Letters from friends at home mean so much to those of us who are away from our loved ones and friends. . . . Yes. . . . Well, thank you for calling."

And so goes the usual conversation with unsaved friends who do not understand His calling and the fact that He goes before.

—Jean Zielasko.

Icoraci, Brazil,
November 3, 1952.

Dear Dr. Barnard,

We arrived safely and in good health in Icoraci after a rather rough but pleasant voyage. The Lord enabled us to hold 2 services aboard ship, but neither one was too well attended. However, we were joined by a few in worship, praise, and a study of the Word.

Our ship was not able to dock at Belem, so the Altigs greeted us from a river boat and then came on board. Of course, before we left the ship we were initiated with a California-like rainstorm.

The easy-going, unhurried attitude of the people here is enough to provoke even the most patient American. It is next to impossible to get even the littlest thing done in a hurry. However, we are growing accustomed to the ways of the land and feel more at home each day. At present we are engaged in language study. So far it is easier than Greek. Praise the Lord!

The Altigs have done a magnificent piece of work here. I was thrilled to see what God has accomplished. There is a well-organized, spiritually minded group of believers and their influence is being felt in the community. Our first Sunday evening here a young couple who live next to the church accepted the Lord. They were in the service again this week and Brother Altig said this is a good indication that they really mean business.

After seeing the possibilities of this field, I am convinced that Brother Altig made a wise choice in locating here, for Icoraci is not only a mission point in itself, but due to its location makes an excellent base of operations. Frankly, I am so thrilled with the field that I can't wait to learn the language and start to take an active part in the work.

We are living with the Altigs until the church building is put in order. The building is well-constructed but needs some work before anyone can move into the living quarters. The building is located on the main street and the property runs clear back to the waterfront, which will give us ready access to the river for future launch work. I believe the Lord has given us a real bargain.

We praise the Lord for His grace and for His faithfulness to us as we prepared and sailed for the field. It is hard at times to realize that we are really here. We do thank God for the board and for the people who are making it possible for us to serve Him here.

Yours in Christ,

John W. Zielasko.

RETURNING REFRESHED

By Mrs. Minnie Kennedy

As the days draw near for my return to the work in Africa, my heart is full of thanksgiving to our Lord and Saviour for giving me the privilege of returning once again. I cannot help but praise Him for the wonderful blessings which have been mine during the past year.



Mrs. Minnie Kennedy

This furlough truly has been the very best ever. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have helped to make it a time of great blessing and refreshing. I shall not forget all you have done for me because I shall have many tokens of your kindness with me to remind me of your goodness to me. It is my prayer that I, too, may have been of some help and blessing to all of you.

The knowledge that you will continue to remember us on the field before the throne of grace will bear us up in times of trials and testings. The path will not be smooth and easy, but when you pray the Lord will hear and answer, and He will give the help, strength, and encouragement which are needed day by day. How we should praise Him for the precious promises that are "Yea" and "Amen" in Christ Jesus!

The task set before us is not yet completed. Many souls are still dying without the knowledge of the living Saviour who is longing to save them and give them eternal life. We must hasten the message to them, for tomorrow may be too late.

Do remember especially to pray for the great task of translating the Word into the language of the people. There are many problems and difficulties to overcome, but the Lord is able to give wisdom and grace and make possible the completion of this work. In ourselves we are not able to do this great task, but under the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit He will use us to accomplish the task to His honor and glory. How it thrills us through and through that we may be coworkers with our blessed Lord in this great work of winning the lost to Him. Should He tarry yet a little while, my prayer is that I may let Him use me in a greater way than ever before in winning the lost in Africa.

(Note—Mrs. Kennedy arrived back in Africa on October 30, and is now located at Bekoro, the station where she has served so faithfully in years past.)

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center of the playground, topped with the best prizes as a challenge for the teen-age boys.

The day ended and a full moon made its appearance. The men formed a circle and started playing a game which was something like "Farmer in the Dell" or "Musical Chairs." Such clapping of fingerless hands, stamping of twisted feet, and shouts from glad hearts you never saw or heard. And this ended our first birthday party at Beandje.

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Rev. Lyle Marvin, San Bernardino, Calif., preached at Lytle Creek, Calif., November 16. Bro. Howard Schrock, member of the La Verne church, is conducting a mission there. Rev. Jack Green, Los Angeles, and Miss Estella Myers, missionary on furlough, spoke at San Bernardino that day.

Bro. Charles Culmer, senior at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, is the new youth director at the Glendale, Calif., church.

Rev. Archie Lynn is making his resignation at the Glendale, Calif., church effective January 11, 1953.

Two charter members of the Los Angeles, Calif., First church are still living and were able to enjoy the 47th anniversary services of the church November 16. These are Mrs. Dan Graybill and Mrs. Belle Scherer.

Rev. Glenn O'Neal is the teacher of a class—History of the Brethren Church—at the Talbot Theological Seminary, Los Angeles, Calif.

The Washington, D. C., church recently adopted the unified service plan for Sunday mornings. Evangelist William Smith, member of that church, spoke there November 19.

The Paramount, Calif., church held its first communion service November 7 with 33 people participating.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Ashman, Jr., Rittman, Ohio, a daughter—Judy Kay—November 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bolender, members of the Dayton, Ohio, First church, observed their 58th wedding anniversary November 21, the same day Brother Bolender observed his 80th birthday.

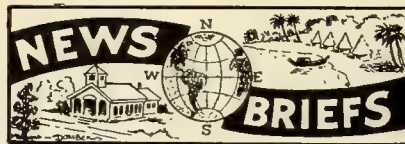
Recent speakers at the Spokane, Wash., church were Rev. Leo Pol-

man, Dr. Paul Bauman, and Rev. Luther Grubb, the latter 2 speaking in connection with a family week sponsored by the church November 16-23.

The prayer retreat of the Central and Northern Ohio ministers, postponed from an October date, will be held December 8-9, the Lord willing, at the Berne, Ind., church.

At the Beaumont, Calif., church the average attendance in the Sunday school for the 6 weeks of the national contest was 177, with a high of 197. The attendance at the morning worship service now exceeds 100 a Sunday.

Mrs. Verna Landis, member of the Uniontown, Pa., church, and director of Fayette County Child Evangelism Fellowship, conducts a radio program over WCVI, Connellsville, each Saturday at 11:15 a. m.



The Uniontown, Pa., church honored its Sunday school workers in a special service November 16. Mrs. Emma Bise was given special recognition for 25 years of service as the teacher of a women's class. On November 19 a Sunday school rally was held with Rev. James Dixon, Washington, D. C., as speaker. This church conducted its first Thanksgiving Day service at the church with Rev. Hill Maconaghy as the speaker.

The Compton, Calif., church held a reception for its pastor, Rev. Norman E. Nelson, and his family November 9. On the same day the church closed its Christ for Everyone campaign under the leadership of Evangelist Paul Arthur.

Anne Goodman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Goodman, is now home from the hospital with her parents at La Verne, Calif. It will be necessary for Anne to return to the hospital at regular intervals for treatment, according to an announcement in the La Verne church bulletin.

Miss Florence Bickel is recovering from her attack of pneumonia and was able to travel from Pennsylvania

to the Brethren Missionary Residence at Winona Lake, Ind., November 25.

The report concerning the health of Rev. Walter Lepp, Hagerstown, Md., is that there is nothing organically wrong, but "that the healthy organs reacted violently in what the doctors called a high-tension-wire body."

Prof. Albert Beutler, of Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind., is to be the speaker at the Berrien Springs, Mich., church December 14.

The York, Pa., church was organized November 18 with Rev. John Aeby, Philadelphia, preaching the sermon and other pastors of the Atlantic Fellowship taking part. The 27 people forming the charter membership came mostly from the Johnstown, Meyersdale, and Summit Mills churches. This church now meets in a store building and is led by Rev. Gerald Polman. During the special meetings under the direction of Rev. Robert Ashman November 2-16 the children's Happy Hour was held 8 times with an average of 105 present and 54 children professed faith in Christ.

Rev. Robert Ashman, Winona Lake, Ind., spoke at the York, Pa., Youth for Christ meeting November 15.

Rev. Gerald Polman, York, Pa., spoke at the Dover, Pa., Youth for Christ meeting November 29.

The Everett, Pa., church organized a local Brethren Youth Fellowship group November 2. For the first 4 Sundays it has averaged 23 people present each week. There were 84 people present in both the Bible school and church services November 23.

The Phoenix, Ariz., church, pastored by Rev. J. C. McKillen, received another member November 16, bringing the charter membership to 12. Miss Estella Myers will be at this newest Brethren church December 9-10 and Dr. Paul Bauman will speak there early in December.

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company appreciates the opportunity it has in serving the members of the Brethren denomination, and it also appreciates it when the Brethren people buy through their store. If you have not sent in your Christmas order, please do so at once, and the members of the staff will try to fill your order immediately.

CHRISTMAS SEASON PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the fine response being made by churches and individuals to the monthly offering plan. However, we are still far short of our \$6,000 monthly goal, so pray that more churches will join in the plan.

2. Pray for the annual seminary offering which will be received during December and January. Until such time as the monthly offering plan is sufficiently well established to carry the financial needs of the school we are dependent upon this Christmas-season offering for our greatest means of revenue for carrying on this school which is training our Brethren pastors and missionaries.

3. Pray for the fall Bible conference which will be held at the seminary December 7-14.

4. Pray for the new students entering the school for the second semester. Some are already coming to Winona Lake and getting settled in preparation for the beginning of the semester.

5. Praise God for the many opportunities open to the students for witnessing, and pray that God will especially bless their testimony over the Christmas holidays.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray concerning the anti-white agitation in Africa at the present time, that our work not be hindered.

2. Pray for the Field Council meeting in Africa December 23 to January 2.

3. Pray for Bro. Walter Haag, who, until the first of the year, will be visiting in the Santa Rosalia area in Baja California.

4. Miss Florence Bickel became ill while visiting in the Atlantic District. Mrs. Minnie Kennedy contracted a heavy cold while in Paris and had not completely recovered when she wrote from Bekoro, Africa, November 7. Little Anne Goodman continues greatly in need of prayer. Pray for these and for the health of all our missionaries.

5. Misses Florence Bickel, Grace Byron, and Estella Myers plan to

return to Africa in January. Pray for them.

6. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Jack Teeter as they prepare to sail to Brazil in the early spring.

7. The missionaries on furlough continue to be busy in deputation-visitation work in various sections of the country. Pray for each one.

8. Pray for the missionary candidates in France during this difficult time of studying a strange language.

9. Pray that the large shipment of freight for Africa which left New York City November 26 may arrive in good condition and on time.

10. Pray for the native and national believers in all fields.

11. Pray for a native-born Mexican pastor with proper qualifications for the work in Baja California.



HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for sufficient funds that the new church building in Denver might proceed without delay.

2. Pray for the work among the Jewish children, and for Isobel Fraser as she prepares the lessons and handwork. Also pray for the adult Bible class.

3. Pray for the mission work among the Navahos, that the missionaries be given wisdom and strength for each day's duties, and that the school children be kept from illness and harm.

4. Pray for the Bible institute students at Taos that they may have the Lord's help in their studies and His blessings in the gospel team street meetings and services in Vado and Arroyo Seco.

5. Pray for the Brethren at Washington Heights, Roanoke, Va., that

they might soon be able to erect a building to care for the attendance.

WMC—

1. Pray that all may see the need of reading the Word of God daily, recognizing it as God's cleansing agent. Also that all may trust the Lord for strength to maintain a family altar.

2. Pray for all WMC officers that the Lord may control their hearts and minds in all matters.

3. Pray that there may be an awakening in the hearts of the inactive members, that they may realize the need of serving the Lord and may see WMC as a means of serving Him.

SMM—

Pray that our Sisterhood this year will not be just another organization, but that it will consist of girls wholly yielded unto the Lord, banded together for fruitful service for Christ our Redeemer.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray that the new program material for BYF and CE which is now being prepared will be effective for our young people.

2. Pray that the new BBC's being started, and the old ones recently re-started, will be effective in reaching and keeping boys for the Lord.

3. Pray that the financial needs of the Youth Council will continue to be met.

4. Pray for the youth director as he ministers among the churches of northern Ohio in December and January.

MISSIONARY HERALD—

1. Pray for the employees of the company that God will give them the strength needed for the added responsibilities of the Christmas season and the inventory period at the end of the year.

2. Pray that the Lord will direct His men to write the messages He wants His people to read from the pages of the Herald.

Studies Concerning the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ

I. THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

By Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr., New Troy, Mich.

(This is the first of 3 articles written by Brother Jackson especially for the readers of the Herald at this Christmas season. The others will follow, the Lord willing, in the next 2 issues of this paper.—Editor.)

At this season of the year our minds are inevitably drawn back to the event that transpired over 1,900 years ago in the manger in Bethlehem. In the ensuing 1,900 years since that miraculous birth, that event, termed the incarnation, has been misinterpreted, misunderstood, and misapplied by the world in general. It is the prayer of the author that these articles may in some way serve to turn the spotlight of God's Word upon that great truth that it may be the source of joy and blessing God intended it to be.

I have said that the world has misinterpreted this great event, therefore, in the first article we shall deal with the mystery of the incarnation. I have said that the world has misunderstood this great event, therefore in the second article we shall deal with the method of the incarnation. I have said that the world has misapplied this great event, therefore in the third article we shall deal with the meaning of the incarnation.

Mystery of Godliness

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh . . ." (I Tim. 3:16).

Our understanding of the mystery of the incarnation will depend to a great extent upon our understanding of this Scripture. It is made clear in the remainder of the verse that this grand claim is made of Jesus. It was He who was justified in the Spirit. It was He who was seen of angels. It was He who preached unto the gentiles. It was He who was believed on in the world. It was He who was received up into glory. We must clearly see that what Paul states in our text is not that Jesus was a manifestation of God, but rather that He was God manifest. What is the difference? Just this: When Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt we are told in Exodus 13:21 that Jehovah

went before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The cloud and fire were *manifestations* of God; symbols, representations of His presence as was the Shekinah glory in the tabernacle and the temple.

But Jesus was not a mere manifestation, a mere symbol, a mere representation; Jesus was and is God, God manifest in the flesh. Thus He could say, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9).

God on Earth

This brings us face to face with a sublime truth that staggers the finite intellect of man—God manifest in



Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr.

the flesh, dwelling personally upon the earth.

The Word of God is replete with statements which directly affirm this truth. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:1, 14). Here is a clear declaration that the God who existed before the worlds were formed was the very same one who was made flesh and dwelt among us.

To see this more clearly let us turn our attention to that grand passage of Scripture that so beautifully sets forth the Christmas story, Luke 2. Here again the sublime truth of God's descent to the earth is declared in crystal-clear terms in verse 11: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

The angels who appeared to the shepherds that night so long ago proclaimed the birth of one who was not to be a mere man destined to become a beneficent despot and to

liberate the peoples and raise the standard of living; not a mere moral reformer come to teach a new system of ethics, but as God's Word so clearly states, He came to seek and to save that which was lost. He came to be a propitiation for sin. He came that lost mankind might be justified freely. This was a mission that could be filled only by one who was God—God manifest in the flesh.

Offices of Christ

The one who was born in Bethlehem was the *Christos*, the *Mashiach*, the Anointed One. As we study the Old Testament Scriptures we learn that a man could be anointed on one of three occasions. If he entered the office of a prophet he might be anointed (Isa. 61:1); if he entered the office of a priest he was anointed (Lev. 8:1-12); if he entered the office of a king he was anointed (I Sam. 10:1). The one who was born in Bethlehem's manger was all three of these.

He was the Prophet of the ages who told of all men's need of salvation and further stated the consequences should they reject the salvation that He came to provide. He was the great High Priest who shed not the blood of bulls and goats but who shed His own precious blood to make possible the salvation which He offered to all men. He was the King of kings who one day will rule gloriously and eternally and at whose name all knees shall bow, either as the redeemed in glory or as the condemned in guilt. He was God manifest in the flesh.

That one whose birth was proclaimed by the angels was also presented by them as "the lord," Jehovah, God. We cannot fathom or understand this deep truth; we can but bow our hearts in humble adoration before the one of whom it speaks, before the person of this great mystery. Our hearts are overwhelmed at the thought of God the Creator becoming a creature; the Ancient of Days becoming an infant; God immeasurably great becoming a tiny babe; God whom the heavens and the earth could not contain be-

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A CHALLENGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

OF THE

BRETHREN UNITED EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

The year 1952 in Brethren history will be remembered especially as a year of solemn introspection and holy determination. Never have the Brethren people been more responsive to a conference theme than to the theme for 1952—"Tomorrow May Be Too Late."

It is not surprising in the least that in the midst of such an atmosphere which literally set hearts to burning with a holy fire and compassion for the lost "The Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade" was launched.

However, the Lord of the harvest had previously prepared the hearts of many of the Brethren for just such a crusade. Thinking Brethren for some time have cried out to God to unite all Brethren in the greatest, yet most neglected, business in the world. They have grown weary of wailing and moaning over the sad facts revealed in the annual statistical report which must grieve the Saviour's heart more each year.

What future is there for the Brethren Church in spite of all its ambitions and fondest dreams and hopes unless all Brethren unite in the greatest evangelistic crusade in its history? In the light of our history



Rev. W. A. Lepp

and in the light of great whitened harvest fields 20,000 souls in the immediate future must be the minimum goal.

Some of the Brethren have described this crusade as the most

thrilling event and the most far-reaching decision which took place at the recent conference. They stand ready to pray, to give, to work, and to go. But can any Brethren, be he pastor or layman, excuse himself from a united crusade? The church of Jesus Christ is powerful and impressive only when all its members continue with one accord in prayer, and when all are with one accord in that place where the Holy Spirit delights to fill the yielded vessels with Himself.

We believe the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade was born for such a time as this. The committee urges each pastor and each congregation of the Brethren Church to use the crusade committee as a bureau from which to obtain the finest evangelistic teams for real revival.

**YOUR FULL COOPERATION
NOW IS ESSENTIAL.**

WALTER A. LEPP.

—OUR GOAL—

TWENTY THOUSAND SOULS FOR CHRIST IN FIVE YEARS

(IF OUR LORD TARRIES THAT LONG)

IS THIS JUST A DREAM? Not a bit of it. With 3 evangelistic teams in the field this goal is within the realm of the greatest possibility.

THINK OF WHAT THIS WILL MEAN TO GROWTH AND SPREAD OF BRETHREN CHURCHES. THINK OF WHAT THIS WILL MEAN TOWARD THE FULFILLING OF OUR GREAT COMMAND TO "GO." (We have been going to Africa and South America in a fine way, but how have we been going to America?)

THINK OF WHAT THIS WILL MEAN TO THE HEART OF OUR LORD. (God grant that our brotherhood of Brethren shall bring joy to the heart of the Saviour by bringing in this further fruit of His agony on Calvary.)

PRAY FOR US—

THAT GOD WILL SUPPLY US ANOTHER EVANGELISTIC TENT.

THAT GOD WILL PROVIDE US A CAR FOR THE NEXT TEAM OF WORKERS.

THAT GOD WILL LEAD THE CRUSADE COMMITTEE IN FINAL PLANS JANUARY FIRST.

THE BRETHREN UNITED EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

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Browsing Among The Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

THE HONOR OF PRESTON REED,
by Louise Harrison McGraw.
Moody Press. c1952. 248 pp.
Cloth. \$2.75.

This is the story of a man who felt called of God to become a missionary to the Indians of Kansas, but who let other things creep into his life till he discovered that his missionary work was second place with him. Preston Reed, a young seminary graduate, faced crisis after crisis until he came to the place where he really realized his mistake.

The time of the story is the era just prior to the Civil War and the setting is a well-to-do Virginia plantation. You will meet the Twymans, prosperous southern plantation owners; the Rev. Reginald Ashby, who was more diplomatic and sociable than spiritual; Bushrod Kyle, deeply interested in Miss Catherine Twyman; as well as other interesting persons. The character portrayal is excellent, but the book seems to lack what most readers regard as a "plot." Its chief message is to those who may have stepped aside from the will of God in their lives.—Blaine Snyder.

INDIAN DRUMS AND BROKEN ARROWS, by Craig Massey.
Zondervan Publishing House.
c1952. 152 pp. Cloth. \$2.00.

This is the first-prize winner in Zondervan's recent juvenile fiction contest. For our teen-age readers who love action and adventure here is a "must."

Jeff Lockwood's father started

west to locate a new home for the family, expecting to return in a year and take the family with him. However, he failed to return and at the age of 16 Jeff set out in search of his father.

From the moment he starts out to the end of the story you will be almost breathless as you try to keep pace with young Jeff. There are Indians, cabin burnings, fights, thrilling rescues, and a surprise ending. Here is everything you need to make exciting reading.

In addition to being good reading, the book carries a real testimony to the providence of God in the lives of His children. Once Jeff really came to know the Lord he depended on him in every time of trial and crisis, and learned by personal experience that God is able to keep His own regardless of the circumstances. An excellent book which we heartily recommend to our teen-age readers.—Blaine Snyder.



PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

| Church | Dates | Pastor | Speaker |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Akron, Ohio | Nov. 30-Dec. 7. | Harold Etling . . . | Dr. Chas. Ashman. |
| Dayton, Ohio (1st) | Nov. 30-Dec. 14. | William Steffler.. | Elmer Piper. |
| Chico, Calif. | Dec. 8-14. | Ward Tressler. . . . | Vincent Bennett. |
| M'tins'rg, W. Va. | Dec. 8-14. | Leon Myers. | O. E. Phillips. |
| Ankenytown, Ohio | Dec. 14-17. | Wesley Haller. . . . | Ralph Colburn. |

Never a Child Like This

By Leona D. Cole, Long Beach, Calif.

*It must have seemed so very strange to see a babe in a cattle stall;
But the strangest thing to me is that Jesus planned it all.*

*He chose His mother and the place of His birth ages ahead.
He chose the wise men and the star that shone above His manger-bed.*

*He preferred a garment like the clothes all the peasant children wore;
When they saw the swaddling bands the lowly shepherds feared no more.*

*Mary, Joseph, the helpless babe, He chose them all, and nought could stem.
He picked the angels and their song, and the little town of Bethlehem.*

MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

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coming a little child wrapped in swaddling clothes and cradled in a manger.

The world has been blinded by Satan to the true interpretation of the incarnation. To them, the one born in Bethlehem was merely a child destined to live "the greatest life ever lived." He was to them merely a great teacher, a worthy example, the "flower of manhood." Yes, He was all of this and more! He is the answer to the mystery of godliness; He was and is God manifest in the flesh.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Clayhole, Ky. | 415 |
| Covington, Va. | 285 |
| Glendale, Calif. | 159 |
| Paramount, Calif. | 86 |
| Tracy, Calif. | 102 |

Public Confessions

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Altoona, Pa. (First) | 5 |
| Clayhole, Ky. | 11 |
| Compton, Calif. | 5 |
| Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) | 101 |
| San Bernardino, Calif. | 1 |
| Spokane, Wash. | 2 |
| Uniontown, Pa. | 1 |
| Winona Lake, Ind. | 2 |

Additions to Membership

| | |
|---|---|
| Glendale, Calif. | 5 |
| <i>Baptisms Not Included in Additions</i> | |
| Covington, Va. | 6 |
| Glendale, Calif. | 1 |

Looking Ahead

Clayhole, Kentucky

The Clayhole church held special meetings for 2 weeks, closing October 5, the same day the church entered the Sunday school contest sponsored by Christian Life magazine. Seven people, mostly junior-age boys, publicly confessed Christ during the meetings.

The evangelist was Rev. Ralph Colburn, youth director of the Brethren Church. Four days each week we were permitted to present the Gospel in message and music in grammar schools of the community, which is a privilege we have regularly.

The last day of the meetings we had 363 people present, which was the first day of the contest. On the Saturday before we had a Sunday school parade with 120 people taking part, traveling in 14 vehicles of various kinds, led by a state patrolman over a 20-mile route ending in Jackson. The first car was equipped with a public-address system over which announcements were made and music given by some of the girls of the Sunday school.

This church has a membership of 120, yet we had an average of 345½ people present for each of the 6 Sundays of the contest. The lowest attendance was 266 and the highest was 415. Each Sunday was a special day recognizing teachers, public schools, parents, or homecoming the last Sunday. The highest attendance was on the day designated for fathers. Several families had a 100-percent attendance for the 6 weeks.

Rev. John Neely, of Philadelphia, Pa., was with us for the last week of the contest and was the speaker for the homecoming services.

During the past few Sundays we have witnessed 9 public decisions for Christ and 2 dedications of life to the Lord for service.—*Sewell Landrum, pastor.*

During 1953, the Lord willing, several new features will appear in the various issues of the Brethren Missionary Herald and most of the features already a part of this magazine will be continued.

1. The auxiliary boards of the denomination will continue to use this magazine to present their works and messages from their workers to the Brethren people in many parts of the world. These boards are, in order of their issues each month,

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

The Brethren Women's Missionary Council and Sisterhood of Mary and Martha.

The Brethren Home Missions Council.

Grace Theological Seminary.

2. Various other agencies of the church will also use this magazine to present their works: National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, Brethren Youth Fellowship, Brethren Book Club, Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade, etc.

3. Also there will be as regular features these: News Briefs, Church News, Prayer Requests, Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims, Under the Parsonage Roof, etc.

4. To these will be added more material of a historical nature. The biographical sketches of Brethren leaders will be revived as a regular feature. From time to time these sketches will be of leaders who have already served and gone home to be with the Lord. Historical sketches of the older churches will also be presented at regular intervals.

5. Beginning with the first issue in January a series of short articles will be published concerning the names and titles of the Lord Jesus. These will be written by Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., Rittman, Ohio.

6. A question-and-answer department will be a regular feature of the Herald—provided the readers send in the questions to be answered.

7. Of course, many Bible studies and evangelistic sermons will be printed throughout the year.

In light of these things we believe every reader will want to keep his subscription active. Also, we believe you could do your neighbors and friends a great favor with spiritual value by entering their subscriptions for the Brethren Missionary Herald as a Christmas gift that will bring blessings for a whole year.

Remember, when subscriptions are given as Christmas gifts the price is \$1.50 a year. To take advantage of this special gift rate the subscription notice with money must be in the office of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind., before January 1, and the subscription will be for the 1953 calendar year.



In Lima, Ohio, the 37-year-old owner of an \$85,000 business, gives credit for his success to God, whom he calls his "senior partner." He is Stanley Tam, head of the States Smelting and Refining Company, which reclaims silver from photographic developing baths. As senior partner, God gets 51 percent of the profits, which amounted to \$12,000 last year. The money was distributed to 9 religious organizations through a foundation especially set up to handle "God's share." In his will Mr. Tam is leaving one-half of the business to God through these organizations. The business executive says that God became his partner in 1936 when the Lord, through his conscience, told him to turn the business over to God and it would succeed. Mr. Tam feels that God has fulfilled His part of the agreement twentyfold.—*Youth on the March Newsette.*

EDITOR APPEALS FOR PRAYER

Rev. W. C. Moore, editor of Herald of His Coming, has issued to evangelical leaders throughout the nation the following Call to Prayer:

"Today's crisis baffles human effort. Only God can guide our country to safety. Only God can lead to final victory. For some reason the country might be deliberately thrown into an economic panic by subversive forces, if apparently fair means for gaining their ends should misfire. Please urge by radio, the printed page, and in every way possible that all Christians pray earnestly that God may come on the scene and save America. God saves by prayer."

PUSAN RADIO PERMIT SOUGHT

Tom Watson, Jr., has filed an application with the Korean Ministry of Public Information asking permission to establish in Pusan a 100,000-watt broadcasting station. The purpose for this station is to "furnish an evangelistic ministry to the lost men and women of areas such as North Korea, Manchuria, and China, who have no other opportunity to learn of Jesus Christ."

Watson was won to the cause of Christian missions while managing his own station in Florida. He sold this station and went to Japan to preach the Gospel; now he wants a radio station to preach to more who have never heard.

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The Waterloo, Iowa, church was host to the Cedar Valley Youth Fellowship November 29. Rev. A. M. Veltman was the speaker.

An evening school, with classes on teaching methods and Christian living, is being held each Monday, beginning December 1, at the South San Gabriel, Calif., church.

The South Pasadena, Calif., church averaged 162 people present for the 6 Sundays of the Sunday school contest.

Rev. Thomas Hammers plans to move with his family from South Pasadena, Calif., to Seattle, Wash., the week following Christmas. He will become the first resident pastor of the Seattle work.

The attendance at the Leamersville, Pa., church averaged 267 in the Sunday school contest, and 165 in the Christ for Everyone campaign under the leadership of Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, November 11-23. There were 2 first-time decisions and 4 re-consecrations during the meetings.

Mrs. J. A. Garber, wife of Rev. J. A. Garber, former teacher in Ashland College, died at Atlanta, Ga. Funeral services were at Ashland, Ohio, November 25.

Seven Pennsylvania churches—Altoona First, Altoona Juniata, Martinsburg, Leamersville, Vicksburg, Everett, and Yellow Creek—held a union Thanksgiving service at the Leamersville church building. Rev.

THE COVER

See page 778 for information concerning the picture on the front cover.

Dean Walter was the speaker and the special music was given by the Altoona First church.

The Washington, Pa., church, pastored by Rev. Ellis Rogers, now has the concrete basement unit of its new building under roof.

Bro. Lowell Dimos preached at the Jackson, Mich., church November 30.

Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver, missionaries in Africa, became the parents of a son, Philip Ned, November 24.

It is not too late for many who read this magazine to attend the closing sessions of the winter Bible conference being held at Grace Seminary December 7-14.

Rev. Jesse Hall has accepted the pastorate of the Harrah, Wash., church effective December 7.



Rev. Carl Sisson is interim pastor of the Whittier, Calif., First church following the resignation of Dr. Kenneth Drennon. Brother Sisson lives at 13437 Florence Ave., South Whittier, Calif. (Add his name and address to your Annual, p. 71.)

Jane Celeste was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vulgamore November 13. Brother Vulgamore is assistant to Rev. Glenn O'Neal and superintends the day school sponsored by the Los Angeles, Calif., First church.

On November 14 Marcia Lynne was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffmann, Jr. She is the granddaughter of Rev. Joseph Hoffmann, Brethren minister and chaplain of the Los Angeles Fire Department.

The next Brethren Day of Prayer will be observed throughout the denomination just 2 days after the date appearing on this Herald. Do not let it go by without spending much time in prayer for God's work.

Mrs. Alice Nolan, member of the Los Angeles, Calif., First church, observed her 81st birthday November 17.

Mrs. Josephine Whiteside, member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, died November 17.

The Roanoke, Va., Ghent church's special meetings November 2-16 were attended by an average of 170 people. Rev. Walter Lepp was the preacher and there were 101 public decisions.

At Front Royal, Va., the first Brethren Bible class was held November 13 with 17 people present and 18 present the following week. Rev. Paul Dick, of Winchester, is the teacher.

Mrs. Laura Freedley, of the Washington, D. C., church, died November 17.

Rev. Miles Taber, pastor of the Ashland, Ohio, church, gave a series of Bible studies over the local radio station December 1-5.

The Spokane, Wash., church placed Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Pilger in the office of deacon November 23.

The Tracy, Calif., church observed its homecoming November 30 with Mrs. Rose Foster, deputation missionary, as speaker. Miss Estella Myers spoke recently at this church.

The Bell, Calif., church is redecorating the interior of parts of its building and completing the second floor. Recent speakers there were Rev. Jesse Hall, Rev. Charles Beatty, and Rev. Jerry Yerian. Rev. Harry Sturz began his pastorate of this church November 23.

The Clayton, Ohio, church exceeded its previous high of 109 with 131 people in Sunday school November 23, the first Sunday of services under the leadership of Rev. Lester Pifer. That day there were 124 in morning worship and 125 in evening service.

Rev. John Dilling began his pastorate of the Canton, Ohio, church December 1. He now lives at 1917 Third St. SE., Canton, Ohio. (Add to Annual, p. 68.)

Rev. Charles Bergerson has been called to serve as assistant pastor and director of music at the Hagerstown, Md., church effective December 1. His address is E. Lincoln Avenue Extended, Hagerstown, Md. (Add to Annual, p. 67.)

The Laymen's Page should be in this issue, but Editor Jesse Deloe says, "No news!" (Note, secretaries.)

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Christmas 1952



By Rev. Joseph R. Hoffmann, Chaplain of Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association

(This message was written for and given to the firemen of the Los Angeles, Calif., fire department by Bro. Hoffmann, their chaplain and a member of our Los Angeles First church. —Ed.)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:1-2, 14).

Christmas is a wonderfully blessed season. It is characterized by the giving and receiving of gifts and remembrances, a custom we all love. It was born in the loving heart of God before the foundation of the world. Some gifts bring us great delight because of their value, others because of the thought which prompted the giver to give them.

Christ is the greatest of all Christmas gifts. He, having glory with God before the world was, and loved by the Father before the foundation of the world, was virgin born. Mary, surrendered to the power of the Spirit of God, partook of the mysteries of motherhood and in Bethlehem's stable held close to her breast in loving tenderness the eternal Son of God. Christ's virgin birth endorses the Holy Scriptures and gives understanding to His sinlessness. Our entire Christian faith is builded upon it. Jesus Christ is God's Son. God's thought, God's will, God's purpose, swathed in mortality, is He. Accept this and all other Christian precepts fall into their proper relationship. Reject this and Christianity becomes a falsehood, life a riddle, and the entire record of Jesus assailable.

Jesus, Son of God! Jesus, Son of man! Both in one! As man, He hungered, and as God He fed 5,000 with a lad's lunch. As man, He thirsted, and as God He gave living water.. As man, He sorrowed with His friends, and as God He comforted them and promised never to leave them. As man, He became weary, and as God He invites us with, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." As man, He was tempted in all points like as we are, and as God He was without sin and asked, "Who convinceth me of sin?" As man, He was despised and rejected, and as God, all the angels of heaven worshiped Him.

This priceless, living Gift, given in Bethlehem's manger, is God's Christmas Gift to you and me. It includes the giving of Himself which peculiarly makes the value immeasurable. Jesus Christ was "made of the seed of David according to the flesh . . . to redeem them that are under the law." He came under condemnation because He, "who knew no sin," became sin for us.

The thought that prompted the giving of His Son was the purpose of God to reconcile sinful men unto Himself. Only when we recognize that our sin completely separates us from God do we appreciate the value of God's priceless gift. Only when we recognize that by faith Christ becomes our Redeemer do we truly keep a Christian Christmas.

With our sincere wish for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to every family, we pray God that each may find the Christ of Christmas most precious to his heart.

May the Christ of Christmas

Reach down from heaven above
And fill your heart with happiness
And His own peace and love.

Studies Concerning the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ

II. THE METHOD OF THE INCARNATION

By Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr., New Troy, Mich.

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14).

Throughout the Old Testament Scriptures runs a golden thread of prophecy concerning the coming into the world of the One who was to be the Messiah of Israel and the Saviour of the world. The thread begins in the third chapter of Genesis and runs through the third chapter of Malachi; and as we study these prophecies we are struck with the conviction that His coming into the world was not to be through the natural process of generation but rather that it was to be through a miraculous virgin birth.

The Prophetic Thread

We pick up the thread in Genesis 3, where God promises that Satan's head shall be bruised by "the seed of the woman." In this very first prophecy is the indication that the coming of the One who was to bruise the serpent's head would not be the result of the natural union of man and woman, but rather that He would come miraculously as the seed of the woman only. Then in Isaiah 7 we are told specifically that He shall be born of a virgin. The enemies of Christ have made much ado about this particular passage of Scripture, claiming that it does not necessarily refer to a virgin, but only to a young marriageable woman, or to a young woman of marriageable age without reference to her character at all. Be that as it may, the challenge of Martin Luther still stands: "If any Jew or Christian can prove to me that in any passage of Scripture the word ever means a married woman I shall give him 100 florins, though God alone knows where I shall get them."

Another intimation of the virgin birth is found in Isaiah 53, where we read in verse 2 that He shall come as a root out of dry ground. When a seed is planted in the ground it will never come forth as a plant except there comes the necessary rainfall to water it, unless a miracle takes place to bring it forth. In the case of the One born in the manger in Bethlehem that miracle took place and He came forth from the womb of

a virgin, "as a root out of dry ground," thus fulfilling prophecy.

The Virgin Birth

Let us test these prophecies by examining the actual event. The birth of Jesus Christ is described in detail in 2 books of the New Testament, the Gospel of Luke and the Gospel of Matthew. These books are in complete agreement as to the main facts surrounding His birth. The mother of Jesus was a woman named Mary who was a virgin, that is, according to her very own words, she had never known a man. She was betrothed to a man named Joseph, who is described as a just man. Now after her betrothal and before the consummation of the marriage, Mary is found to be with child. When Joseph becomes aware of this, when there bursts upon his mind the full realization of the situation, when his dream of a blissful life with his beloved is shattered, he being a just man and yet loving her too much to make of her a public example, is minded to put her away privately. Now if Joseph, being already betrothed to Mary, and being a just man, were the father of the child that she was to bear, such a course of action would never have entered his mind. Thus in the action he is about to take Joseph is actually disclaiming any connection with the child whatever, as far as parenthood is concerned. But during a night of troubled, restless sleep an angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream and explains what has taken place. So assured was the mind and heart of Joseph that his beloved had not been unfaithful but that He that should be born of her would be miraculously virgin-born, that he took all legal steps necessary to make Mary his wife before the birth occurred. The remaining incidents surrounding the birth of Jesus form the sweet story of Christmas so well known and loved by young and old the world over.

When we read the accounts of Matthew and Luke concerning the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary our hearts are even more assured of the truth of the virgin birth because of the close agreement of

the 2 accounts with regard to the method of the conception. Each account, written by a different man, with the details received from different sources, nevertheless presents the same explanation. Both record the explanation of the conception as being due to a special creative act of the Holy Spirit.

The Earthly Ministry

Not only do the events connected with His coming into the world prove His virgin birth but so also do the events connected with His life and ministry on earth. It is true that nowhere does He state directly that He was virgin born, but then we would not expect him to publicize so personal and delicate a matter. It is suggested, however, in certain passages that the public in general knew something about the circumstances surrounding His birth. It is most clear that His enemies did, for they took advantage of this very thing in one of their attacks upon Him and His ministry.

The enemies of Jesus who argued with Him in John 8 knew Joseph, the carpenter of Nazareth. But they also knew enough of the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus that they did not recognize Joseph as His father but accused Jesus of being a Samaritan. Notice, however, the answer Jesus made to their accusations. He asked, in verse 46, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" The mere fact that none of them could answer Him is proof He was not born as other men by natural generation, but rather that He was sinless because He was virgin born. Thus were the prophecies of the Old Testament fulfilled in the birth of Jesus in the manger at Bethlehem.

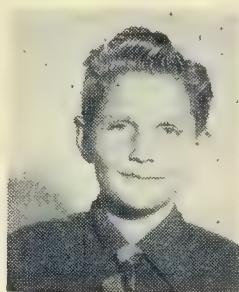
But the world has completely misunderstood that event, for the world recognizes Him only as the "Babe of Bethlehem," the "Manger Child," born to a humble carpenter and his wife, with a martyr's death on a cross as His only destiny. They have failed to recognize Him as He is in truth and fact, the virgin-born Son of God who, sinless and pure, was to die for the sins of the world.

LONG BEACH BOY ATTAINS HIGHEST BOYS CLUB RANK

The Brethren Boys Club of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., is proud to claim the first boy to attain the swordsman rank in BBC. A charter member of the club since its organization nearly 3 years ago, David Hocking is now in the 8th grade in the Brethren High School. Recently he won a neighborhood boy to the Lord, which is one of the prime requirements for this rank. He has also been used as a substitute teacher in his Sunday school class, and has given the devotions on several occasions.

David is following in the footsteps of his older brother, Donald, who is a student at Grace Seminary. He has taken over an assistant counselor's post in the boys club, which

is striving for more member participation. The club has grown from a



David Hocking

membership of 12 to about 25 or 30. Many boys from other churches and from non-Christian homes are being

reached by this testimony to young boys.—Floyd Strawsburg, club chief.

(Note: Swordsman is the fifth and top rank in Brethren Boys Clubs, and to earn it a boy must be faithful in Sunday school, church, and boys club, be a tither, a soul-winner, and capable of leading a meeting or teaching a Sunday school class. He must have learned about 60 Bible verses, know the books of the Bible, and have read all the New Testament, studying certain books. In addition he must have completed a number of different hobby projects in his club life. We congratulate David on the completion of all his requirements—the first boy in clubs anywhere in the U. S. to earn this rank, to our knowledge.)

WHEATON BRETHREN STUDENTS BUSY FOR THE LORD

We have 11 Brethren students at Wheaton College this year and 3 Brethren staff members, and their Christian activity is varied. It was recently my privilege to spend a day with them and visit with almost everyone. Two or three are helping in Sunday schools for Negroes in Chicago. Others are active in various types of gospel-team work. But a recent activity which has involved several of them is the starting of a Brethren Sunday school in a new housing area just west of Wheaton.

Several of these young people spent a Sunday morning canvassing the area recently, and the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Sunday school was started in a model home which was made available. There are a few adults in that area who are vitally interested in the Brethren Church, who are also backing this work. Who knows? this may be a good beginning for a new Brethren church!

Brethren students at Wheaton include Paul Hall, Rolland Hein, Carl Key, Bob Kern, Alice Snider, Jacqueline Helvie, Betty Lou Russell, Colleen Koppert, Connie McBride, Wendell Kent, and Bruce Baker. Staff members include Mrs. Garber, dietitian; Miss Primmer, librarian; and Mr. Stuber, teacher. Mrs. Garber's son is also in Wheaton Academy.

We also have 2 Brethren girls in Wheaton's nurse's training set-up at



West Suburban Hospital. They're on the last year's stretch now—Lois Miller and Mary Ann VanderMolen.

STUDENTS AT MOODY

Four Brethren girls are enjoying work at Moody Bible Institute this year—Doreen Johnson and Frances Eikenberry are advanced students, and Pat Kiplinger and Virginia Landis are new students. All are rabid Moody enthusiasts now, and using every opportunity to witness for the Lord, too. Thank God for Brethren young people like these who have a vision of what needs to be done for the Lord, and a desire to do it for His glory!

STUDENTS AT KING'S COLLEGE

Of 3 Brethren young people attending King's College this year, 2 appear regularly on "Youth on the March" television program. Al Steffler, son of Rev. William Steffler, of Dayton, Ohio, is in the King's Trumpeters, and Dorothy Crees sings in a girls' sextet. Dorothy is daughter of our pastor at Leamersville, Pa., Rev. R. D. Crees. Don Thompson, of

Vicksburg, Pa., is the third Brethren student at King's.

BYF NEWS NOTES

Waterloo Junior BYF visits a convalescent home each month, singing for the patients and leaving cheery tracts and gospel literature.

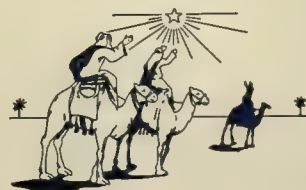
Different members of the Cedar Rapids Junior BYF take turns giving simple object lessons on Sunday nights. It's excellent training and many of them do remarkably well.

Cheyenne, Wyo., has been having the Senior BYF on Sunday nights after church, as do a few of our eastern churches, and it has been working out very well.

BBC PRESIDENT IN ARMY

Arthur Martinez, national Brethren Boys Club president, is now in the U. S. Army, and is stationed at Camp Pickett, Va. He has already located some other Brethren boys there and is busy witnessing for the Lord. His address, if you'd like to drop him a card, is:

Pvt. Arthur Martinez, US54075303, Co. C., 7th Bn., M.R.T.C., Camp Pickett, Va.





Massillon, Ohio

It has been my joy and privilege to be associated with Bro. Richard Grant and the folks at Massillon, Ohio, as evangelist for special meetings November 10-23. From the very first there was an air of expectancy and as the days went by we looked steadfastly to the Lord to pour out His Spirit of revival upon us, but it was not until the latter part of the second week that we felt that revival. Then God poured out His abundant mercies and 19 people made public decisions for Christ, 15 of them being first-time confessions.

Fine special music was enjoyed at every service, and it was an added blessing to welcome delegations from nearby Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Middlebranch, and from Martinsburg, Pa.

These people plan to meet soon with the moderator of the Northern Ohio District for the purpose of creating an actual church organization, following which action they will apply for acceptance into the conference.

Brethren, pray for these folks as they continue to seek for lost souls in that city.—*Richard Jackson, Jr., evangelist.*

Fremont, Ohio

It was our privilege to have another time of revival and ingathering October 28-November 9. Rev. Kenneth Ashman was our evangelist for the Christ for Everyone campaign.

A new plan was inaugurated this year. Monday and Saturday nights were not scheduled for meetings. Mondays were used for visitation. All members were urged to visit the unsaved that night with the intent of getting them out to the services and, where possible, to lead them to a saving knowledge of Christ. This resulted in large attendances on Tuesday evenings and certainly did much to prepare hearts for the meetings. Saturday nights were reserved as youth nights with about 45 young people present each Saturday.

The Lord blessed our hearts with

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

| Church | Dates | Pastor | Speaker |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Dayton, Ohio (1st) | Nov. 30-Dec. 14. | William Steffler.. | Elmer Piper. |
| Chico, Calif..... | Dec. 8-14..... | Ward Tressler.... | Vincent Bennett. |
| M'tinsb'rg, W. Va. | Dec. 8-14..... | Leon Myers..... | O. E. Phillips. |
| Dayton, O. (Beth.) | Dec. 9-21..... | John Evans..... | Ray Cutchin. |
| Ankenytown, Ohio | Dec. 14-17..... | Wesley Haller.... | Ralph Colburn. |
| Sharpville, Ind.. | Dec. 28-Jan. 11. | Scott Weaver..... | Joe Day. |

inspirational messages, much conviction of sin, good attendances, and a goodly number of decisions for Christ. It was a joy to work with Brother Ashman in his tireless efforts to win the lost.—*Lester E. Pifer, pastor.*

Uniontown, Pennsylvania

(The picture on the front cover of this issue of the Herald is of a recent congregation at the Uniontown, Pa., church. Brethren Landrum and Neely are standing in back part of the auditorium.—Ed.)

It was with reluctance that this pastor responded to a call to serve as evangelist, though such was recommended by the Christ for Every-

one directors. The men of the church agreed to assume general leadership and the result was gratifying. The ladies also did their part.

One of the big phases of the campaign was the calling program by which many people were contacted and souls won to the Lord. The attendance at the services increased, with an average of 219 in Sunday school for 7 Sundays and a high of 245.

Rev. John Neely was director of the campaign and of the music, leaving the pastor free to preach. Bro. Neely joined in the decisions concerning the meetings. The people responded to his leadership and it was a joy to work with him.—*Clyde Landrum, pastor.*

It was my privilege to assist Pastor Clyde Landrum in the Christ for Everyone campaign in the Uniontown church October 6-19.

Since Pastor Landrum was the evangelist the men of the church came to his assistance in visitation, prayer, conducting services, and in many other ways. The women were not idle, but joined also in the crusade.

Brother Landrum preached messages that were used by the Holy Spirit to bring about many decisions, some for acceptance of Christ, some for rededication, and some for church membership.—*John Neely, song leader.*

Peru, Indiana

It was a real privilege to work with Bro. John Neely in our Christ for Victory evangelistic crusade October 20-November 2. We have known Brother Neely many years from our connections at the Philadelphia, Pa., First church, but never knew until these meetings that we had lived in the same neighborhood in south Philadelphia. He preached the Word from a heart burdened for

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

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| Berne, Ind. | 142 |
| Glendale, Calif. | 148 |
| South Pasadena, Calif. | 182 |
| Winchester, Va. | 209 |

Public Confessions

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| Ashland, Ohio | 10 |
| Hagerstown, Md. | 2 |
| Jackson, Mich. | 1 |
| Middlebranch, Ohio | 2 |
| South Pasadena, Calif. | 1 |
| Spokane, Wash. | 2 |

Additions to Membership

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| Dayton, Ohio (First) | 1 |
| Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale).. | 2 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (First) | 10 |
| Winchester, Va. | 4 |
| Yakima, Wash. | 2 |

Baptisms Not Included in Additions

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| Middlebranch, Ohio | 7 |
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Dedication of Babies

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| Bellflower, Calif. | 1 |
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souls and used his musical ability with telling effect.

Our church had a revival spirit for 2 months before the crusade. In August we cooperated with the Frankie Collins meetings south of Peru and 4 people of our group made public confessions. Just prior to the crusade with Brother Neely the Lord gave 8 reaffirmations and 1 first-time confession. During the crusade there were 20 rededications and 4 first-time decisions. — *Ronald Robinson, pastor.*

The preeminent factor in the success of these meetings was that the people prayed, there being 108 prayer partners between 6 a. m. and 10 p. m., in 15-minute periods. The Lord answered this avalanche of intercession.

It was a wonderful time of fellowship with hard-working Pastor Robinson. He had the prospects lined up and we traveled close to 100 miles in one afternoon to make calls. — *John S. Neely, evangelist.*

CHRISTMAS MORNING

By Leona D. Cole, Long Beach, Calif.

Christmas morning, long ago,
Mary, favored more than all,
Looked into her baby's face
Beside a lowly cattle stall.

Never had morning dawned like this.
Never before such a hallowed shrine;
The light of heaven shone around
The mother and the child divine.

Wonder filled the Virgin's eyes.
Her soul was luminous with joy,
Holding warm against her heart
The little new-born Jesus Boy.

He had come a long, long way
From gloryland to a cattle stall.
And long was the journey He must take
Back to God, at evenfall.

NEW MOODY FILM

Moody Bible Institute of Chicago recently released a film on the Sunday school entitled, "No Vacant Chairs." The purpose of this film is to encourage teachers in the work of teaching and to help train them for more efficient teaching.

This is a 16-mm. color film with a running time of 15 minutes. It is intended for small groups meeting in a small room.

"NOBODY READS THE BIBLE"

In the "Ask Anybody" column of the New York Sunday News for September 9, 1951, one of the prize questions was, "What is the most popular book in the New York Public Libraries?" The answer was in part as follows:

"To select the one book most constantly in demand from the millions of volumes in the New York Public Library and its 70 branches is not as difficult a task as it seems. The one perennial 'best seller,' which retains its following from generation to generation, is the Bible. Morning, afternoon, and evening, until the main reading room of the Central Building closes at 10 p. m., there is always a group immersed in many translations and editions from our extensive collections of the Holy Scriptures."

When one considers that the Bible is the oldest book most people know anything about, has been translated from languages long out of use, re-

flects a different kind of civilization from our own, and yet remains the most popular and universally beloved Book, has he not evidence of the fact the Bible is the inspired Word of God?—*Bible Society Record.*

CHURCHES CHANGE DISTRICTS

Four Pennsylvania churches were not listed with any district in the 1952 Brethren Annual due to an oversight. These churches—Chambersburg (Pond Bank), Harrisburg, Waynesboro, and York—were recorded in the alphabetical list of churches but they were not identified with any district in the Annual. They had been in the East Fellowship, but following a new geographical arrangement last summer they transferred to the Atlantic Fellowship. Therefore they should have been listed with this Fellowship on page 27 of the Annual. Apologies to these churches for the mistake.

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LOVE'S PROMISE

By Rev. Lester E. Pifer, Fremont, Ohio

The record concerning the coming of Christ should be of intense interest to every member of the human race. Few in this busy world take time to grasp the real meaning of Christ's first advent. The arrival of Christ was the fulfillment of God's promise to lost mankind. It was the manifestation of the love God bestowed upon men. The Apostle Peter reminds us of this: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9). The Apostle Paul adds this thought: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

As Found in Prophecy

God has always been mindful of the activities of men. No sooner had Adam and Eve yielded to the will of Satan than God walked "in the garden in the cool of the day." The first man and his wife had fallen into sin and in guilt had hidden from the countenance of God.

Out of this black background of the utter failure of the federal head of our race comes the glow of the promise of God in redemption: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it [He] shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15). Here is the promise that out of the seed of woman will rise a redeemer who shall bruise the head of Satan. This promise is amplified as we read on in the Old Testament. The Redeemer is to be of the seed of Abraham (Gen. 12:1-4), of the stock of Judah (Gen. 49:10), a son of David (II Sam. 7:5-17), born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14), in position a king (Isa. 9:6-7), born at Bethlehem (Mic. 5:1-3), and even the time of His birth can be determined from Daniel 9:25.

The Jew clung tenaciously to this promise as he knew the Redeemer would be his only hope. Every family waited in hope that this man-child might be born which would bring deliverance from the bondage of sin and oppression and bring deliverance into the Land of Promise. Though the gentile nations did not realize it yet their future destiny depended upon the Deliverer which

was to come out of Zion. Thus the Old Testament prophecies set the scene for the gift of God's Son.

As Fulfilled in Christ

One wonders just what must have come into the hearts of God's chosen people from the end of the Old Testament through those 400 silent years until the beginning of the New Testament. So far as we know God's voice was not heard during that time. Only the ravages of war and desolation and constant degeneration were present. The hope of the promised Redeemer may have grown very dim in those days. The absence of peace, security, blessing, and even hope certainly must have prepared the way for the coming ministry of John the Baptist with the good news of the coming of the Son of God.

The message of the angel which appeared unto Joseph in a dream, near to the time of Mary's deliverance, provides the connecting link between the promise and its fulfillment. "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS" (Matt. 1:20-25).

God is not slack concerning His promises. For in the arrival of the Christ-child we have the fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham concerning the coming of the Messiah. Jesus was the human fulfillment of the prophecy, this is true, but he also was the divine fulfillment as well. The miraculous conception, accomplished by the Holy Spirit, the virgin birth, and the naming of the Child all point to this. Truly He was Emmanuel, "God with us."

God's plan of reconciling the world of lost men unto Himself was now in operation. It was being divinely worked out according to His grace. Jesus, obedient unto His Father's will, laid aside His outward manifestation of glory and took upon Himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of man. When the anxious eyes of Israel and the men from the east looked

Are YOU faithfully reading your Bible every day? Would you like some suggestions for reading in the month of December? Here they are: I, II, and III John, I and II Peter; some chapters in Matthew and Luke which tell of the Saviour's birth.

upon the babe in the manger they saw not merely a child born of the beloved nation, but the incarnate Son of God.

As Finished in Calvary

The story of God's redemption plan can never cease with the arrival and birth of Christ. The virgin birth, sinless life, and wonderful teachings of Christ, though marvelous in themselves, could never save a man from his sin. The penalty of sin is death. The Son of God must die in order to pay that penalty. His blood must be shed to atone for sin.

As we follow the life of Christ in God's Word we are constantly reminded that Christ must go to Jerusalem and then die. This fact must have hung in the mind of Christ continually. On one occasion we read that He said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32). On another occasion He said: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Thus did it come to pass, for Jesus went as a voluntary sacrifice, even bearing His own cross to the Place of the Skull, where He was placed upon that cruel tree for a world of sinners. Herein is seen the depths and fullness of the love of God. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

In the dark hours which surrounded the cross the words which our Lord uttered still linger in the air. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Never for a moment was there any bitterness or guile manifested. Jesus, in love, dying and pleading for lost men. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" A cry of anguish from the lips of our Lord. Why? For the first time in His stay upon earth, the face of the Father was turned away from the Son. God could not look upon His Son who was our sin-bearer now being offered. Then comes the cry, "It is finished." Christ had now finished all that the Father had given Him to do. He had paid the price. He had now made the sacrifice upon which God could bestow righteousness to those who would believe. Finally, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit," and with those words our Lord's life on this earth came to an end. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:9-10). How anyone can look upon this scene and realize its fact and yet not break forth in tears of joy is beyond my comprehension.

The words of the song writer seem appropriate here:

"It was love that sent a Saviour
To this world of sin and woe;

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

Africa—

Rev. William Samarin.....February 7
Allen Bennett Taber.....February 14, 1943

Argentina—

Mrs. Jack B. Churchill.....February 2
Rev. Carson RottlerFebruary 27

Brazil—

Steven Altig.....February 20, 1944
Mrs. J. Keith Altig.....February 26

It was love that left heav'n's portals,
And came down to dwell below;

It was love that stilled the waters
On the stormy Galilee;
It was love that paid sin's ransom,
One dark day on Calvary.

Love so divine, love so sublime,
Love that is deeper than any sea;
Love for us all, O how can it be!

Oh may we rejoice anew that we have a God who never fails, who loves a world of lost men, One who is not willing that any should perish. May we rejoice again in this Christmas season in the Christ who was God's love gift to us and who paid the ransom for our sins and gives eternal life to all who will believe.



By Althea S. Miller

GIVE YOURSELF AWAY

At this writing the city in which I live has gone all out for a Santa Claus parade. A huge parade with floats and bands, noisemakers and treats for the children enticed the people. The crowds milled in restless interest and traffic order was disrupted for hours. My own children were "bitten with the bug" and some shed many a tear in vain attempt to change their mother's mind. "Everyone else is going; why can't we?"

For weeks now all sorts of advertisements, via press and radio, have urged the public to get at Christmas shopping while supplies are fresh and plentiful. (They should add "*while prices are extra high.*") An exhausted woman sat beside me on the city bus the other day. Laden with bundles and adjusting herself to the cramped quarters as best she could, the shopper turned to me and with dull voice said: "This finishes my shopping for Christmas presents. I dread it more every year, but I guess it's one thing a person has to go through with. The thing that gets me is how hard it is to please folks. I try to give what I think or hope my friends will like, on what I can afford, but I'm bound to make wrong selections. I know I get plenty of things I don't want or need or like." Then as though she realized she had been doing all the talking, she suddenly asked: "Is all your shopping done?"

"No," I replied slowly as I prayed for wisdom to say the right thing. "We believe there is more to Christmas than gift exchange. Men have lost sight of God's great gift to men whose birth we are supposed to be celebrating at Christmas. Christmas, as far as shopping is concerned, doesn't 'throw' me. I try to live and teach my children to live as though every day throughout the year were Christmas. I try to give myself away in some way every day."

"Well, I never thought of that, but it sounds good to me. I wish I could be as calm as you seem to be. Wish

I could talk to you more, but I get off here. 'Bye.'

As my nameless friend toiled up the street I lifted my heart to God in her behalf. Two weeks before Thanksgiving she was exercised and worn out over Christmas chores. And her name is Legion. Christmas is a chore to masses of folk who haven't the slightest idea of the true meaning of Christmas. In this so-called Christian land there are countless boys and girls who have never heard of Christ's advent or sacrifice on Calvary. To them, the poor lambs, Christmas is Santa Claus and Santa Claus is Christmas.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we believers in the Lord

Jesus Christ would lead the way back to the real meaning of Christmas? Let's start now by giving ourselves away in service for Christ by leading others to a saving knowledge of Him. And then each day throughout the year let's live with the glow of the Christmas season in our hearts by making Christ known. This takes sacrifice of self—it is giving one's self away. And the gift of self is the *only* gift of lasting worth.

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come."

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

THE SEMINARY SNACK SHOP

By Paul R. Bauman, Vice President, Grace Seminary



The new Snack Shop in operation.

Mr. and Mrs. William Male.

A view of the new equipment.

Little did either the ladies of the Women's Missionary Council or the seminary realize the urgent need they would be meeting when, a year ago, they undertook to furnish the new seminary kitchen. But now that the kitchen has been quite completely furnished the story should be told. It is a story of the foresight and providence of God, for no sooner had the work of furnishing this room begun until notice came that the Westminster Hotel, where the single girls roomed and boarded last year, would not be keeping its dining room open this winter. Thus, the school faced a real emergency, for although the Eskimo Inn is open for the noon and evening meals, there was not one place at Winona Lake where the students could get their breakfast. The opening of the new seminary snack shop, in this case, proved to be the solution to a real problem, and now it is no longer necessary for any student to go without breakfast.

Last year the WMC placed in our hands \$1,120 to furnish the kitchen and we at the seminary are rather proud of the accounting we can give for the expenditure of these funds. A list of the major items follows. The walls of the room, which measures 15 by 30 feet, have been covered with 2 coats of light green paint to conform with the general color scheme of that part of the building. The entire floor was covered with light gray grease-proof asphalt tile. A large sink cabinet was built in and 2 double sinks equipped with a Waste King disposal unit were installed. When the bill arrived from Bro. L. A. Hodson, of the North Riverdale Church in Dayton, Ohio, it was marked "Paid." Thus, with this saving of considerable size your purchaser went to work again. He was able to secure through Bro. Don Vnasdale, a member of our church in Fort Wayne, a lovely

10-cubic-foot Hotpoint refrigerator and a Hotpoint double-oven electric range at a sizeable discount.

A local restaurant supply company has also entered the picture to effect a real saving for us on the rest of the equipment. The principal items here are 10 attractive chrome-plated stools upholstered with bright-red plastic material, candy case, pastry case, high-quality plastic dishes and glasses that are practically unbreakable, stainless-steel silverware, a malted-milk mixer, a soup and cocoa warmer, Cory coffee maker, and a number of gadgets necessary to any well-equipped kitchen. A local ice-cream company has set in for us an attractive freezing cabinet.

Today, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. William Male, first-year students in the seminary, students are able to get a light breakfast in the morning, and sandwiches, soup, or chili and beans, and dessert at noon. At certain scheduled times throughout the day refreshments are available, including ice cream, sundaes, milk shakes, coffee and rolls, pop, and candy.

The snack shop has proved a real help not only to the students, but at times also to the members of the faculty and those who work in the offices of the Foreign Missionary Society, the Home Missions Council, and the Brethren Youth Council. Many expressions of appreciation have come to us, and we would be ungrateful indeed if we failed to pass them along with our own expression of gratitude, to the ladies throughout the National Fellowship. More than once we at the seminary have said, "If you want something done, just give it to the WMC." We are pleased with our new snack shop, and hope every one of you ladies can stop in sometime for at least some ice cream!



ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Greetings, Christian friends, in the name of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ, whose we are and whom we serve.

The Atlantic District Women's Missionary Council is praising Him for the wonderful year just closed under the capable leadership of Mrs. Paul Dick. During the year we have seen 2 new councils added to our number—Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C., Junior. This brings our total to 13. We are happy to say that every church in our district has at least 1 council. They are all working for the honor and glory of the Lord. They have given generously to the national offerings and to the district project, which was the supplying of a folding organ for Mrs. Taber and the supplying of funds for Mrs. Foster for a projector or typewriter, whichever she most desires. These same councils have given approximately \$260 to the Jewish work in Los Angeles. Many of them have had a part in sending clothing to our missions in Kentucky and Taos, and to the Navahos. Some included gifts at Christmas for boys and girls in these mission points. Several have helped their own local churches with purchases of glasses, rugs, towels, table cloths, etc., for the Brethren communion service. All have taken a great interest in visiting missionaries and have made their stay in the local churches more interesting and profitable by special gifts and entertainment. Hagers-town and Washington have been very helpful in sending off the new missionaries from their churches, respectively the Rottlers and Miss Geske.

Our women also received a special blessing in helping with the Sisterhood work, especially in helping to buy the pennants for the girls. Alexandria, Va., has done a great deal for the young people in providing food for several banquets and refreshments for the boys club meetings twice a month. Several groups have had food showers for some of their own members and for folk in their churches who needed some help.

Our rolls show approximately 300 women in our district working for the Lord through our councils. Will you pray with us that we will not only grow in numbers during the coming year, but that each woman will grow in the knowledge and in wisdom of the Lord, that she might be a better witness, more consecrated testimony and a keener discernor of the will of the Lord for her life. Should God answer this prayer in the affirmative, I am sure that the Atlantic Fellowship councils will have a more fruitful time in the vineyard this next year. We will engage in more prayer and soul winning. We will do more for the children through evangelism and more for the unsaved through visitation and tract distribution.

May God bless you and us as we work together for Him through our national offerings and projects.—Miss Mabel Donaldson, president.

EAST DISTRICT

Greetings to you in His name from East District.

The councils of the district have had happy fellowship during the past year. The officers have worked and the women have been cooperative. Our fall and spring rallies and district conference were all times of inspiration. We were fortunate in having missionary speakers of our own denomination on each occasion. All our 32 councils reported. The total membership was 678. Due to geographical conditions, 4 of the councils are entering

We hear that a new Women's Missionary Council has been formed at a very new Brethren work in Parkersburg, W. Va. Bro. Lester Smitley is the pastor. We look for great things from them.

News comes to us that the Winona Lake WMC has divided and a senior council organized. Officers are: president, Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton; vice president, Mrs. Homer Kent; secretary, Mrs. Jesse Deloe; assistant secretary, Mrs. Archie Keffer; treasurer, Mrs. L. L. Grubb; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Cashman. The Lord bless you as you reach out to new horizons for Him.

The Southeast District had its fall rally October 25. Mrs. Hill Maconaghy challenged the hearts of her listeners as she unfolded the results of the preaching of the Gospel to the people in Argentina. Good attendance and sweet fellowship were enjoyed with others of like precious faith at the host church, Hollins, Va.

The Central District WMC had its fall rally October 9 at the Fort Wayne, Ind., church. They report a fine attendance and THAT'S ALL! Isn't there any more news? Also, HOW ABOUT MORE DISTRICT FALL RALLY REPORTS? Isn't any council doing anything worth while? You are? Then how about some word on the activity for the WMC Herald? We want NEWS!

GIVE TO GRACE SEMINARY—December, January, February.

DO YOU KNOW—

That the final total of the WMC General Expense Offering (closing August 31) was \$2,050.35?

That the total offering given at our individual birthday times was \$506.10?

This offering is to go toward the support of our own WMC missionary? We are praying and working for a missionary fund in WMC which will be used solely for the support of a missionary on some foreign field under Brethren direction. Take a look at your September WMC Herald and notice Objective No. 5. Are you and your council working toward the fulfillment of this goal? If we all participate in this wonderful project WMC will soon have a personal representative on the foreign field. EMPHASIZE THIS IN YOUR COUNCIL!

That the prayer warrior pledge cards are now in the hands of Mrs. Conard Sandy, Winona Lake, Ind.? Have you read the message in November's issue of the Herald from Miss Mary Emmert, national prayer chairman? DON'T MISS THIS.

GIVE TO GRACE SEMINARY—December, January, February.

JANUARY DEVOTIONAL TOPICS

Bible Study: The Perplexed Answer.
Mission Study: Jewish Holidays (cont.).

the Atlantic District. So that will make our membership about 600, with 28 councils, as we enter the new year for Christ. We will miss these fine people from our district and pray God's blessing on them.

The councils have given practically 100 percent to the national projects. Our district projects have been interesting and varied. A heating system and refrigerator were given for the work and pastor at Jenners. Gifts were given to Miss Tyson and Mrs. Taber and for the work in Brazil, besides love gifts to all our missionary speakers. Our goal for the coming year is \$200 for Miss Gail Jones, new missionary from our district, and \$100 each for Baja California and France for literature or some other need. We are hoping to receive more than this, and to have the joy of voting it out to some need toward the end of the year.

One of the highlights of the year has been hearing reports at our gatherings of the projects of the local councils. A wide variety of things have been done. They include such things as furnishings and improvements in local churches; gifts and kindnesses to pastors, needy in the communities, members of the groups, and missionaries; and helping in child evangelism and radio work. Much clothing and other things have been sent to Kentucky, Taos, and Counselor Post.

There is a fair fulfilling of the spiritual goals. But we do need constantly to emphasize the need of Bible study, prayer, child evangelism, visitation, and family worship in all our councils. We truly want to be Women Manifesting Christ.—*Mrs. Fred Walter, president.*

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

We are happy to bring greetings from the California District of the Women's Missionary Council.

During the past year we have rejoiced in the splendid spirit of cooperation and fellowship within our district and the decided increase of interest in our national program.

Every church belonging to the district fellowship during the past year has a Women's Missionary Council. Four of our churches have junior councils as well, making a total of 30 councils with a total membership of 701. This is an increase of 56 for the year. Our spring and fall rallies and our summer conference were well-attended, and the splendid programs planned by our vice president, Mrs. J. B. Hoffman, made each program a real inspiration and challenge to our women. The amount given by our district for our national work was \$2,419.04. The amount for the promotion of our district projects and program was approximately \$750.

IOWA DISTRICT

The Scriptures tell us in Proverbs 15:30—"A good report maketh the bones fat." Exodus 23:1 says, "Thou shalt not raise a false report," and Philippians 4:8 says, "Whatsoever things are of good report . . . think on these things."

To be a district WMC president is a golden opportunity of service for Christ the Lord. When the privilege is offered to you, seize it. You will never be sorry for all that you can learn and do for Christ, the church, and your own spiritual good.

The Scriptures yield an ever-ready answer to all our needs. Why should I make a report, thought I to myself;

REMEMBER

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Things NOT to send to the Brethren Navaho Mission:

- Women's silk and dressy dresses.
- High-heeled shoes.
- Silk slippers.
- Pocketbooks.
- Women's suits.
- Silk stockings.
- Hats.

Many of these same items are not needed in Kentucky, either. Especially the high heels, pocketbooks, and hats.

Items very much needed and appreciated both in Kentucky and New Mexico:

- Children's clothing of all kinds (shoes, socks, pajamas, boys' shorts, cotton slippers, etc.).
- Women's coats and low-heeled shoes.
- Cotton stockings.
- Baby clothing.
- Men's shirts, suits, coats, shoes.
- Sweaters.

These mission points have an *oversupply* of bubble gum. Toothbrushes and towels are far more necessary.

and turning to God's Word quickly the reply came in the Scriptures listed above.

At least 90 women meet every month in the 6 Brethren churches of Iowa to fellowship together in studying God's Word, praying for the missionaries, planning for Sisterhood girls, and caring for the needs of the local church and missionaries, needs which only the women can fulfill with their handiwork.

An increase in activity is shown. Missionaries home on furlough were cared for with much sewing done for them, as well as gifts of money, and teas were given in their honor and birthday gifts given to them personally. With the figures at hand statistics are an impossibility, but this increased service and interest encourages each of us shouldering missionary endeavor.

A fall rally was held in Des Moines October 26-27, 1951. A spring rally was held in Cedar Rapids with Mary Emmert as guest speaker. Mrs. Rose Foster ministered to us at the fall rally.

At district conference our first district project selected was the assisting of Miss Marian Thurston in accumulating her outfit for missionary service in Africa.

The Iowa WMC's supply utensils, sports equipment, tea towels, and cooks for the district camps.

All councils send clothing to our home mission fields. Iowa councils sent money to Angie Garber and Christmas toys, candies, and clothing for the children in our Indian mission.

We of the Iowa WMC are thrilled to have a part in taking Christ to our neighbors and the nations of the world.—*Mrs. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, president.*

GIVE TO GRACE SEMINARY—December, January, February.

"Ambassadors for Christ"

Sisterhood of MARY and MARTHA

II COR 5:20



SUE'S SERIOUSNESS

By Mabel Donaldson

Sue had been in Sunday school the day Miss Jones had talked about God being everywhere and knowing everything. She had heard the teacher say that God was like Jesus, for Jesus was God. Now Sue began to think. If this were true, then Jesus could see her now. He didn't have to wait until He walked on the earth again. She thought of the mean things she had said to Jane. If what Miss Jones had said was true, then Jesus heard her say those things. Sue was ashamed, afraid, and concerned. She could hardly wait to get back to Sunday school for more about Jesus.

"Do you really think Jesus is God?" she asked Mary.

"Well," said Mary, "last night my Daddy told me that the Bible calls Him God. And remember what Miss Jones said about people who tell their own thoughts and don't bother to find out what the Bible says. I believe the Bible. John 1:1 says, 'The Word was God.' Titus 2:13 says, 'The great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.' I John 5:20 says, 'His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God.' I learned these last night. Daddy knows a lot more, but he said he'd save them to teach me another time."

After the opening prayer, Miss Jones began her lesson. "John, read Matthew 28:18." He read, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

"Now," said Miss Jones, "who can tell us some of the things over which Jesus had power?"

"I can," said Bill. "He had power over disease and sickness. He had power over death. He had power over nature, for He turned water into wine and He made the storm stop and the waves to quiet down. He had power over the angels and the bad demons. He drove them into pigs. He had all power in heaven and Hebrews says He had power over all things."

"Oh," said Sue, "God had all that power, too. Then Jesus must be God."

"You are right, Sue. Now who can tell us anything to show that Jesus knows everything?"

"I can," said John. "My mother taught me some verses. John 16:30 says, 'Now are we sure that thou knowest all things.' Colossians 2:2-3 says, 'And of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.' My mother says that Jesus told Nathaniel that He knew him while Nathaniel was afar off under a tree before he came near enough to be introduced to the Saviour. She says that many places in the Bible tell how Jesus gave the impression He knew all about places, people, and things before He met them face to face."

Sue again quickly spoke about God having the same knowledge. Sue was really thinking. "Miss Jones," she said, "then Jesus must be God, for He also can be

everywhere, too. Remember in Matthew 18:20 it says, 'For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.' He is with every missionary all the time. He is prayed to by Christians in every place. Ephesians says He fills all things, every place. Truly He is God."

"Sue, you make us all think today," said Miss Jones. We should be extra careful because Jesus, like God, is right here now listening when we talk to Him and when we talk about Him. He will be with each one of us as we go home. Some will walk, some will ride the trolley, some will go in autos, but Jesus will be with each one. He will go with each one to school and work tomorrow. We will have to be careful what we say, what we do, what we think, and where we go. Jesus and God will be happy or sad according to how we each act. I wonder if any of us would want to make Him sad; to hurt His feelings; to act stubborn in His presence; to tell an untruth while He listens."

The children were all very quiet. Each was doing a good bit of thinking. But Sue was brave enough to speak up.

"You know," she said, "I want to please Jesus. I want Him to be proud of me. I don't want to cause Him to be sad or disgusted with me. I don't want Him to ever feel sorry that He went to all the trouble to die on Calvary for me and I show that I don't appreciate it. I am going to try to live like He wants me to every day. I want to be serious for Him."

"I'm sure we all do, Sue," said Miss Jones. "I know we will all be very careful and serious about our Christian life from now on because Jesus, our Saviour, is very God Himself. We will respect Him, love Him, worship Him, adore Him, and introduce others to Him by the way we live and the things we say for Him."

QUIZ

1. Did Jesus know that He was God?
2. Did nature know that He was God?
3. Did angels and demons know who He was?
4. Can we know that He is God?
5. Who can forgive sins—God or man?
6. Who can give everlasting life—God or man?

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SET APART

By Ada M. Etling

If you have traveled across the United States you have seen a marker in the Rockies reading, "The Great Divide." All water west of that divide flows into the Pacific while all east of it flows into the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean.

Turn to the 13th chapter of Acts and you will come to "The Great Divide" in church activity. Up to this point all activity had centered in Jerusalem and Peter had been the prominent figure. Now prominence comes to Antioch and the great Apostle Saul (13:9), whose name was changed to Paul, takes the foreground.

Let us look back upon our hero. He it was who had been on his way to persecute the Christians when a voice called, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" He it was who Christ had called to give the Gospel to the gentiles. We do not read about him again until Acts 11. There are 2 reasons for this. Paul needed to meditate and make adjustments. He had been a blasphemer and a persecutor. Now he was to preach the Gospel. Also the church at Jerusalem needed to be conditioned to accept the conversion of the gentiles.

Meanwhile Peter had won Cornelius and his household to the Lord. Then a great persecution broke out against the church and the disciples went everywhere preaching. Some men of Cyprus and Cyrene came as far as Antioch in Syria, preached to the gentiles, and consequently a great church of gentile believers was established there.

When the church at Jerusalem heard about the church at Antioch they sent Barnabas to supervise the work. Barnabas went to Tarsus and brought Paul to Antioch, where they stayed a year.

The church at Antioch was faced with its growth and how to get the Gospel to the regions beyond.

Personnel of the Church

Let us notice that the church at Antioch was blessed with prophets and teachers. These men were of such high caliber that the Holy Spirit saw fit to record their names: Barnabas, Simeon, Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen. A question comes to mind: What is Christ recording about our leadership? These men did not trust their own minds and thoughts for the answer to the problem, but rather they fasted and waited before the Lord. Is there not a lesson for us? Too often even Christians meet, make plans, and go out to execute *their* plans.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

SINGSPIRATION.

INTERCESSION—Prayer circle, using prayer requests.

SCRIPTURE—Psalms 119:65-80.

TRAINING FOR AMBASSADORS—

Juniors—"Sue's Seriousness."

Middlers—"Set Apart."

Seniors—"Bahaism."

SPECIAL NUMBER.

REPORT ON AMBASSADORS—

Juniors, Middlers—"J. Hudson Taylor."

Seniors—"Set Apart."

BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for our SMM Ambassador, Marybeth Munn.

2. Pray for the work in Dryhill, Ky., as the SMM chapel is being prepared for their use, that many will be saved.

3. Pray for the missionaries who are on their way to the field in Africa but are now studying in France.

4. Pray for the work of all SMM groups that the Lord will guide and bless and use SMM girls to His honor and glory.

having forgotten to consult God. As these men prayed, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate me Barnabas and Paul." To separate means "to set apart for a specific task."

Sisterhood girls, the Holy Spirit still waits and pleads to guide believers today. Do we give Him the chance?

The Holy Spirit spoke and the church obeyed. Consequently they freed Paul and Barnabas from their local services. This thought is vital. When the Lord calls forth His servants it would seem that the church is aware of the call and places its benediction upon the worker. It is true God calls the individual but He also gives the church awareness of the servant's fitness for the task. Not only the church, but the Holy Spirit also, placed the stamp of approval on the servants.

What Are the Results?

When the servant yields to his call and he has a church supporting him by prayer there is bound to be a blessing. Herein is born the great program of foreign missions. On your map trace the first missionary trip to the gentiles. Designate Antioch as the "home base." From here Paul starts and concludes his journey. Paul and Barnabas, you recall, had brought John Mark to Antioch. After the anointing of the workers they left Antioch and went to Seleucia, where they took a ship and sailed to Cyprus. Notice their method of procedure is still to the "Jew first," for verse 5 tells us, "They preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews." At Paphos (13:6), the capital of Cyprus, a very interesting event happened. The governor was anxious to hear the Word of God. He called for Paul and Barnabas, but Elymas the sorcerer withstood them. Paul full of the Holy Ghost turned to Elymas full of mischief and called judgment on him. When this happened the governor, Sergius Paulus, believed. Hereafter (13:13) we find "Paul and Barnabas" rather than the former "Barnabas and Paul," for Paul became the prominent leader.

From Paphos they travel to Perga, then to Antioch of Pisidia, where they turned to the gentiles in a public way. Paul was stoned at Iconium and traveled on to Lystra, where they were taken as gods because they healed an impotent man. Ere long, however, sedition was aroused, Paul was stoned, and taken out of the city as one dead. The next day, however, God had so strengthened him that he went to Derbe.

The return trip was back over the same territory where they ordained elders, preached, prayed, fasted, and exhorted believers to continue in the faith.

Girls, we are ambassadors for Christ. We are temples of the living God. The Holy Spirit is calling us as definitely as He did Paul and Barnabas: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate."

When J. Hudson Taylor's mother returned home from a lengthy visit, he met her with the joyful news that he had been converted in her absence by reading a tract. She smilingly answered that she had known the glad news for 2 weeks, as she had received the assurance after hours of prayer for him.

Later, when he was led to dedicate his life to missionary service in China, his preacher father revealed that he had consecrated him to that work at his birth, in 1832.

So the English lad, Hudson Taylor, prepared himself for his life's work by studying medicine. He did without many things during his school days, so he could give two-thirds of his income to the Lord's work.

In 1854 he began his work in China. There he met and married Maria Dyer, whom he had been obliged to woo and win with a third party always present, so as not to offend the native customs!

On their first furlough he was led to found the China Inland Mission, having been much burdened for the millions of Chinese in the interior of China without Christ. He withdrew from the missionary society which had supported him, deciding to trust God directly to supply all his needs.

In answer to prayer much money was sent in, and he set out with 15 new missionaries. They all dressed like the Chinese and ate with chopsticks, living as simply as they could in order to gain the confidence of the people.

In 1887 Mr. Taylor was led to pray for 100 new missionaries and the means to support them. Everyone gasped at his daring. But at the end of the year an even hundred had reached China. He had chosen just that many out of 600 applicants. By 1911 the China Inland Mission had 968 missionaries, and had received more than 7 million dollars in answer to prayer. He never asked people for funds, but there was always enough sent in for their needs.

After the first 12 years his wife and 3 of their 5 children had died. He then married one whom the Chinese called "Miss Happiness," as she was always joyful and happy. They were blessed with 2 more children. In all, 3 of his children became missionaries.

He himself never forgot that his chief work was preaching the Gospel to lost souls. In addition, he directed the great China Inland Mission which he had organized. This great work of faith was a modern miracle more wonderful in many ways than any since the days of the apostles.

He was a great Bible teacher, firmly believing that it was the infallible Word of God, and putting it to the test in his own life. Although he was a very busy man, yet he never neglected his daily period of prayer and Bible study. He drew all the spiritual resources which he needed for his work of faith from his communion with God.

He wrote: "I never was deeply interested in any object, I never prayed sincerely and earnestly for anything, but it came. At some time, no matter how distant a day, somehow, in some shape, probably the last I should have devised, it came."

Dr. Taylor was obliged to retire from the work in 1900, due to ill health. But in 1905 he again visited the field of his beloved work. There he died and was buried the same year.

I PETER: That's the book you want to memorize this year. Only 105 verses! Twenty-eight memorized Philippians last year. How many will memorize I Peter? Will you?

If you memorize I Peter, fill out this blank and send it to Helen Small, Box 168, Winona Lake, Ind., not later than June 30—that's the deadline!

I have memorized the Book of I Peter and would like to have the following award: ☐ a Sisterhood sweater; ☐ \$7.50 in Christian supplies from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co.; ☐ \$7.50 toward Camp Bethany.

Signed

Address

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I have heard repeat the Book of I Peter and she knows it well enough to say it at one time. (Not learned verse by verse, or chapter by chapter, but the entire book learned.)

Signed (pastor)

Signed (patroness)

MISSIONARIES: Award SMM pin. How do you get it? Just learn the names and fields of all our home and foreign missionaries. That's easy, isn't it? If you think that you can't do it, then learn the names of all the home and only 50 of the foreign (with a representation from all 5 fields). For this you will receive an SMM emblem: These must be repeated at one time to your patroness. Only one of these awards can be earned. If you meet this project have your patroness send a letter stating so to the general secretary.

SMM AMBASSADOR



As we Sisterhood girls give toward the support of Marybeth Munn, we make possible the answering of these questions in Romans 10:13-15 to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

PRAYER WARRIORS WANTED! The SMM is co-operating with the WMC by enlisting as prayer warriors by signing the WMC prayer covenant card. This surely is a wonderful covenant, and we should consider it a privilege to sign those cards. Have you signed a prayer card yet? If not, do it right away!

BAHAISM

By Dr. Homer A. Kent

In Bahaism we have a cult very different from those already considered. This is one of the reasons it has been chosen for study. It is a good thing to get as full a view of the varied character of cultism as possible. This "ism" is Mohammedan in parentage and hence we will expect to find an emphasis upon the oneness of God.

I. *Names and Definitions.* This cult is commonly called by the name "Bahaism," from its founder, Baha'u'llah, whose name means "the glory of God." Bahai means "glory" and the system has to do with a new dispensation of God's glory upon earth. It is also called "The World Faith of Baha'u'llah." The official name for the movement on this continent is The National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahais of the United States and Canada.

The cult may be defined as "a revolt from the fold of Mohammedanism which in recent years has been bidding vigorously for the support of western minds." It has borrowed enough of the ideas of the Christian religion to make it appeal to people of this part of the world. The mission of Bahaism in the world is to bring about unity—unity of all mankind in and through God. It is a system of religious selectivism and unity.

II. *Origin.* Bahaism came into being as a new system May 23, 1844, when "a radiant youth of Persia known as the Bab ('the gate') proclaimed his mission of heralding a mighty "Educator" who would quicken the souls, illumine the minds, harmonize the consciences, and exalt the habits and customs of mankind." He was sort of a John the Baptist of the movement who prepared the way for the coming of Baha'u'llah. The coming of the latter really started the cult upon its way.

III. *History of the Movement.* When Baha'u'llah appeared upon the scene, he built upon the foundation which "the Bab" had made for him. He summoned all peoples to partake of the knowledge of reality uttered by him. Concerning his appearance, his eldest son, Abdul Baha, has said, "The Promised One of all the peoples of the world hath appeared. All peoples and communities have been expecting a revelation, and he, Baha'u'llah, is the foremost teacher and educator of all mankind." As Jesus was in His day, as Mohammed in his, so now Baha'u'llah is the great revelation of God.

"It is not a man-made movement," says one writer; "it is the Cause of God." It is looked upon as the fulfillment of "that which was but partially revealed in previous dispensations," for its 1,000,000 adherents are convinced that "in Baha'u'llah the message of God has been revealed to mankind in its fullness and universality." Only partially was it revealed in Buddha, Zoroaster, Jesus, Mohammed, and Confucius. After the death of Baha'u'llah, his son, Abdul Baha served the cause and became the exemplar and interpreter of the system. It has grown only moderately, failing to appeal to very many in the western world. However, they have an ambitious program with plans and propaganda issuing

from their headquarters in Wilmette, Ill. (suburb of Chicago).

They are just now in the process of completing a beautiful "House of Worship" in Wilmette which they expect to dedicate in the spring of 1953.

IV. *Doctrinal Viewpoint.* What does the system believe? It will be seen that in the cult there is much emphasis upon practical righteousness, but a denial of all the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith.

1. It believes in the *unity* of all religious bodies. This is its outstanding characteristic. The Bahai temple at Wilmette epitomizes their belief. It is a 9-sided structure, each side representing one of the religions of the world, all of which have something to contribute to the welfare of man. Its plan for unification is by (1) forbidding private interpretation, (2) by the adoption of one universal language, (3) by intermarriage of blacks and whites, and (4) by discouraging patriotism for a particular country.

2. It believes in the oneness of God and the oneness of religion. Such belief is the important thing, not other considerations of creed.

3. It believes in universal education. Herein it is shown that by education human nature can be changed. The new birth is ignored.

4. It believes in practical holiness—cleanliness, marriage purity, world peace, sobriety, etc.

V. *Belief Concerning Christ.* The Bahais believe that Christ is one of the collector centers of illumination. He is a prophet like others before Him. He was on the same plane with such men as Buddha and Mohammed. Their conception of Christ is seen in the following statement: "In the teaching of Moses we see the bud; in that of Christ the flower; and in that of Baha'u'llah the fruit" ("Baha'u'llah and the New Era," by Esselmont, p. 152). The work just referred to, by the way, is probably the best book setting forth the beliefs of Bahaism.

VI. *Refutation of Errors.* Some of the more outstanding errors of the cult may be dealt with as follows:

1. Show the fallacy of salvation by works by such passages as John 3:3-5; Ephesians 2:8-12; Hebrews 9:22; and Titus 3:5. Experience also shows man's utter inability to save himself.

2. Show the fallacy of the doctrine of the universal brotherhood of man by such passages as John 8:44; 3:37; and 1:12.

3. Show that there is no place for another Messiah such as they say Baha'u'llah is by showing that Christ is the fullness of God and an all-sufficient revelation. See Colossians 1:19; 2:9-10; and Jude 3. The Bible warns us against looking for another Messiah (Matt. 24:24-26, etc.).

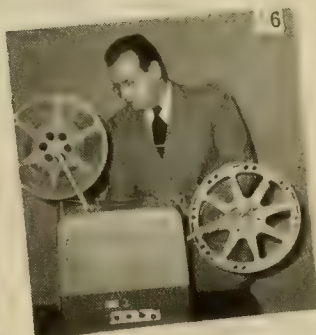
4. The best refutation of the system is the presentation of the pure Gospel to those who are enmeshed in the system, for they are sinners like all others and need a Saviour.

OFFICIAL REPORT

JANUARY 31: This is the deadline for the general fund offering and the writing contest. Don't forget!

POSTCARDS: Do you want to be an honor SMM? One of the goals is that you send in *two* postcard news items a year to the general secretary. Tell us some of the things that you do in *your* SMM. Then maybe other SMM's can use your ideas also.

The Brethren Missionary Herald



EDITORIALS

Alva J. McClain and Paul R. Bauman, Editors

Two Kinds of Christmas Giving

In the story of the birth of our Lord, as recorded in the Book of Matthew, we are told that when the "Wise Men" came into the house where Mary was with her holy child, they first fell down and worshiped Him, and then "*they presented unto him gifts.*" And the gifts were very costly—gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

In sharp contrast to this first Christmas celebration, we find another kind of giving in the last book of the Bible. After the true church has been caught up to be with Christ in the heavens, we are given a picture in Revelation 11 of the days on earth when the false christ will come to the height of awful power over men. For 1,260 days God's own 2 witnesses will bear their testimony against him, but at last they suffer death at his cruel hands. And when they have been killed for their faithfulness to the true Christ, we are told that they which dwell on the earth will rejoice because they are dead and "*shall send gifts to one another*" (11:10).

Certainly there is nothing sinful in Christians giving gifts to their loved ones and friends, but it is just as certain that if we are truly led of the Spirit of God we shall put the Lord Jesus Christ first in all our giving at this season. To do otherwise is the very essence of anti-Christianity.—A. J. M.

Is Christmas the Poorest Time for an Offering?

In planning for the annual offerings taken by our churches, the last Sunday of January has been assigned for Grace Theological Seminary. I do not know how many times I have heard it said, "Well, the seminary has been assigned the poorest possible time in the year—just after Christmas." The assumption is that the people spend all their money at Christmas and there is little or nothing left for the Lord.

But if you are really saved, the longer you think about it the more you will feel that there is something terribly wrong with the above argument. As a matter of fact, around Christmas time *ought* to be the very best season of the whole year to take an offering for the Lord's work—at least the best time for *Christians*. Of course, we need not expect the world to think about the Lord at this season. But how can the saved forget what took place at Bethlehem when God Himself took the form of a servant in order that He might die for our sins? "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." If we gave *all* to Him, reserving nothing for ourselves, it would not even begin to repay the infinite debt of gratitude that we owe to Him. No, I think that the seminary has one of the best dates in the year.—A. J. M.

Doing All They Can!

The cover pages of the Herald this month are devoted to pictures of a large number of our students at the work

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A FACULTY STATEMENT REGARDING THE NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Numerous inquiries have come to members of the faculty of Grace Theological Seminary for an evaluation of the new translation of the Bible named, "The Revised Standard Version," and sponsored by the National Council of Churches. In response we desire to say that the entire faculty is uniting in a thorough examination of this version, and plan to devote a large part of an early issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald to a series of articles dealing with various aspects of this important matter. However, on the basis of our study thus far we are convinced that several things can be said immediately with assurance.

First, while we recognize that the Revised Standard Version does have some values, nevertheless we feel strongly that its demerits far outweigh these values and indicate a gravely serious bias in the direction of modern religious liberalism. This bias is very clearly apparent in the treatment of passages which deal with the deity and virgin birth of our Lord.

Second, we recommend that the churches continue to use the translation commonly known as the "King James Version" in both public worship and private study. Where help is desired in making clearer any obscure passages, we urge the use of the well-known American Standard Version of 1901, and also Biblical notes prepared by men who have a reputation for devout and believing Christian scholarship.

Third, we cannot do other than deplore the manner in which the new version was introduced to the general public, the attempts made to secure its approval before there was opportunity for even a casual examination, and the determined drive to make it an "authorized" translation for Protestant churches. In saying this, we gladly recognize the right of any man or group of men to issue a translation of the Scriptures, but any such translation should win approval in the churches and among Christians on its merits, not by any ecclesiastical mandate.

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OUR NINE PRESIDENTS SPEAK

Public interest was excited recently over the outcome of the national presidential election. We thought it timely to point out to our readers that Grace Seminary has associated with it 9 presidents. In the following brief articles these 9 tell why Grace Seminary is worthy of your liberal and prayerful support.—Ed.

President of the Seminary

ALVA J. McCLAIN



Sometimes I have wondered just why anyone would want to be president of anything. At a distance it looks great—you always stand at the head of the lines; you give the orders; you sit in what is called the "chief seat" in the synagogue. But there is another side to it. One of the well-known characteristics of water is that it always trickles down. But not so with things when you are president—they trickle up. Even in the smoothest operating organization, something sooner or later is bound to go haywire; and then you will find out without delay that *you* are the president.

But with all its tribulations, I have found that it is really a very wonderful thing to be president of a school like Grace Seminary. And the reason for this may be found in the students and colleagues with whom I work. Let me cite an example. As many know who have attended services in the large auditorium of our new building, the ceiling needed to be covered with acoustical tile to make it completely usable for various purposes. During the reception of new students at the beginning of the year, the sound echo was so pronounced that it interfered with our program. And I remarked that the ceiling should be covered as soon as we could find the money. Almost at once several gifts came in from both students and faculty to help. The material alone would cost about \$700, and when we had about \$400 we stepped out on faith and ordered the material at a low figure from a good friend. Then we found it would cost another \$450 for the labor to put it up! In this crisis a couple of students who had done some building came and said that with some helpers they could get it done. And so with about 14 students, 2 members of the faculty, and the youth director, we put the tile up in 3 part-days and nights! The only cost to the seminary was for sandwiches and coffee prepared (by the way) by women of the seminary group. And it was a job well done, if we do say it ourselves. But there was only one shadow in the situation—I was still wondering where the other \$300 was coming from to finish paying for the tile. Well, the other morning the president of the student body came and said he thought he knew where the \$300 might be. He said, "If these 14 students donated their time to put the tile up, perhaps the rest of us can dig up the money to finish paying for it."

As I was saying: it's great to be president—if it's Grace Seminary!

President of the Board of Trustees

W. A. OGDEN

Pastor, First Brethren Church,
Johnstown, Pa.



Since I have nothing to sell I will not try to slip up on you as the "comedians" do in the radio and TV commercials. Very directly, and without apology, we offer you the challenge to invest again in our great school. It may be that very soon we will have the monthly support offerings coming in sufficiently so that we can eliminate this annual appeal—but that time has not yet arrived. It is a great source of satisfaction and comfort to me, and to the members of your seminary board, to know that our people are standing with us in this time of expansion so that the regular payments are being made on our debt, and all operational expenses are being paid on time. Our thanks to you, sincerely. Now will you give us a real boost with a large offering at this time as we bring our annual gifts to the seminary? Every dollar is an investment in the cause of Jesus Christ—the work He assigned unto His church. We cannot forget that we have our largest enrollment of splendid young men and women on the campus this year preparing to go to the ends of the earth with the saving Gospel of Christ. To fail them, and Him, would be tragic indeed. To support them will bring the greatest possible blessing to you and to His cause. I understand that the spirit of fellowship and unity on the campus has never been better. God has indeed entrusted the Brethren Church with a great responsibility and challenge. We dare not fail Him.

President of the Alumni Association

PHILLIP J. SIMMONS

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church,
Altoona, Pa.



It is a joy to support those things which we love. Even so, it is possible to neglect them by forgetfulness or procrastination.

Only an hour ago I stood at the bedside of an ill father whom I had to rebuke because he was bringing to his family added grief in that he felt he was a burden to

them and did not want to live so that they could enjoy his presence.

It is never a burden to care for one we love, nor is it a burden to give to those things which we love. None of us are to think of our seminary as a burden. It's a real joy to support our Bible-training center because it is ours. There is also the added joy of knowing it is the kind of a school which merits our backing.

However, one is not to think for a moment that Grace Seminary is not contributing to the well-being and support of the Brethren family. It has had a tremendous part in supplying us with trained workers, who have in turn had such an important part in building up our ranks in the cause of Christ.

Our school needs our liberality at this time. Let us stand by with our gifts because it is ours, because it is wanted, because it is worthy, and because it is necessary.

President of the Student Body

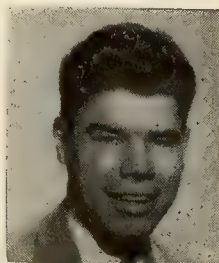
IVAN FRENCH



In a recent student prayer meeting I heard someone pray, "We thank Thee, Lord, for those who by their prayers and gifts make this school possible." Speaking for a class of some 35 Seniors who will this spring be finishing their work at Grace, I can echo a hearty "amen" to such a prayer. For us the people of the Brethren Church have provided a training in the Word of God that will fit us to obey the divine injunction to preach the Word. We have been afforded opportunity time and again to see God work miraculously in answer to our united prayers. Some of us have had the special privilege of being the objects of those answers as our brethren in Christ have gone to the throne of grace on our behalf. We have seen God's Word in action as we labored in our student pastorates, in the hospitals, jails, migrant camps, and on the street corners. The fellowship of the classroom and the social times has developed many sweet friendships that will endure for a lifetime and into eternity. In all these things we have come to know our Lord Jesus Christ better, to love Him more deeply, to trust Him more simply, and to serve Him more faithfully. "We thank Thee, Lord, for those who . . . make this school possible."

President of the Senior Class

WILLIAM SHORT



It is a real joy to express my own gratitude, as well as that of the senior class, for the blessing Grace Seminary

KEEP IN MIND—

THE SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION

**To Be Held at the Seminary Building,
Winona Lake, Indiana**

THE WEEK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 22, 1953

has been in our lives. During the past 2 years we have grown in knowledge of the Word of God, been enriched by the student-body prayer and praise sessions, enjoyed sweet fellowship with many of the individual students and professors, and have greatly enjoyed the facilities and accommodations of the new building.

Now, as we are in the process of completing our senior year, we count our many blessings and realize deeply that Grace Seminary has been made possible, under God, by the gifts, steadfastness, and prayers of Brethren people everywhere. Because of this you have a vital part in aiding and sending forth from this class your future missionaries, pastors, evangelists, teachers, and Christian workers. Your support has made it possible for many of these students to attend Grace Seminary who otherwise would not have been able to do so; others of us would not have been able to enjoy the lovely furnished chapel, nor the prayer tower, nor the facilities of the luncheon counter. Thus for all the practical and spiritual benefits which we have been receiving we are indeed thankful and once again express our gratitude to you for your faithful support.

President of the Middler Class

LEONARD MEZNAR



Our middler class is in the middle of the 3 years of seminary study. By now many of us know why God has brought us here. In this light, these questions were recently asked of the class in a poll: Why did God bring you here? What need of yours has been met to better your ministry?

Eighty-three percent replied that it was the need of a sound, thorough Bible training such as no place but a seminary can offer, a basis for a whole life's study of the Word. Other important helps Grace Seminary offered were found to be fellowship of the highest order, practical experience, and a preparation for foreign missions.

The 83 percent is significant. The motto of the Brethren Church from its dawn in 1882, "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible," has not been lost from view. Not only Brethren students, but Baptists, Presbyterians, Mennonites, Methodists, and other denominational representatives here have found the filling of their need—a Bible education.

The filling of this need for each student means that some day, in turn, the needs of a congregation will be

met. The Word of God which cannot be broken, which is settled forever in the heavens, has been taught carefully and honored supremely before us all.

President of the Junior Class

NATHAN MEYER



As I write it is exactly 1 year to the day that I received an official note which read in part: "... the Elders' body (of Eastern Pennsylvania) regretfully retires Bro. Nathan Meyer from the office and functions of the Christian ministry."

By all odds, that should have put me out of business as far as the Lord was concerned. But my un-Biblical defrockment turned out to be my Biblical debut. The ordination of men was withdrawn, but the ordination of the Lord—never. When men threw me down, the Lord picked me up and did exceeding abundantly above anything I could ask or think. He catapulted me right out of part-time service into a full job for Him. **THE LORD IS GOOD!**

He took away the dreams of my life—my business, my farm, my beautiful horse, even some of my best friends. But He superseded these pleasures with the incorruptible pleasures of heaven that come only to those who are in His will. **THE LORD IS GOOD!**

In response to my desire to serve the Lord, He called me to the pastorate of a splendid church. In response to my heartfelt need for systematic and thorough training for the Lord's work, He directed my path to the finest school in the land. The Lord is using Grace Seminary to meet the need of my life.

I believe every member of the junior class is here in answer to prayer. And I am sure every member of the junior class would join me in saying: Praise the Lord for providing a school that still believes 100 percent in the infallible Book, in the omnipotent God, and in the regenerating power of His sinless Son.

President of the Second-Year Collegiate Class

DONALD F. LOCKE



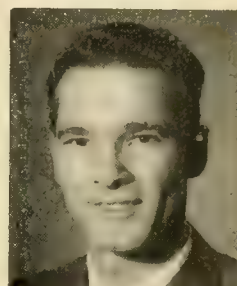
Words cannot express the joy and happiness I have found at Grace while taking part in the daily curriculum. What a thrill it is to sit in class after class and study subjects provided to prepare us for the Lord's service. Oh yes, many long laborious hours are required to prepare our lessons, but the more time spent before the Lord in prayer, seeking help in our times of need and in praise and thanksgiving for His many blessings to us, the less

time it takes to study. Study, not just for some certain grade, but to show ourselves approved unto God.

The second-year collegiate students represent several States, but each with the same burden. A burden that comes only by having experienced the saving grace of our Lord; a burden for the lost. Our class, active in the practical work department, reaches the lost each week in jails, hospitals, work camps, and other services. The Lord is wonderfully blessing the work at Grace, but we need your prayers. "The harvest truly is plenteous," Jesus said, "but the labourers are few; pray we therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Won't you pray for us and with us that the Lord of the harvest will continue to bless both materially and spiritually, and that by leading many new students to Grace He will send forth more laborers into His harvest? Pray also that those who arrive and those who depart may have one burning desire, namely, to win the lost and to bring honor and glory to our great God and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

President of the First-Year Collegiate Class

JAMES ARRINGTON



Indeed we of the first-year collegiate class consider ourselves blessed of God for the privilege of attending Grace Theological Seminary. This institution was dedicated and is living to the glory and honor of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Permit me to enlarge on the word "living."

The academic life is of the highest quality. In the spacious and well-lighted classrooms both professors and students are hard at work. The Brethren Church's motto, "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible," is lived and preached at Grace. Our faculty is dedicated to God and greatly respected for its scholastic and spiritual standing.

The social life at Grace is filled with joy. Each season of the year has its different sports events and special parties. Games are played with vigor and there is enthusiasm in the social events, but through it all Christ is glorified.

The spiritual life of our school vibrates within the heart of every student and teacher. Christianity is practiced both personally and by the student body as a whole. The chapel service each morning is always a time of meditation and refreshing. These services bring us guest speakers from various phases of Christian work including many Brethren pastors. Special Bible conferences also take a highlight in our schedule. Our vital gospel team work has been winning many to Christ. Through it the students tell the "good news" and at the same time apply what they are taught.

Truly, we have a well-rounded course of study and activity here at Grace Theological Seminary which meets our need in preparing for our Lord's work. We praise God for this and urge you to continue to support it with your prayers and gifts.

INTRODUCING THE COLLEGIATE DIVISION STUDENTS



The collegiate division students.

Last month we presented the members of the junior class of the seminary. With this issue we present the members of the collegiate division. Five of them give testimonies concerning the blessings which they have received as students enrolled in this division.—Ed.

GLAD SHE CAME TO COLLEGIATE DIVISION

By Jane Hose, a first-year student, member of Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.



When I felt the Lord calling me into full-time service for Him, I was naturally concerned as to where to acquire the necessary training. I wrote to several schools, but no answer was forthcoming. One day I opened our Brethren Missionary Herald and there was no longer any question. I would apply to the collegiate division of Grace Seminary. God led and blessed and so I am here. What a joy and blessing this place has proved to be!

One cannot help but learn when each class is begun with prayer to our Lord—and how can the day be dreary when 1 hour of each day is spent by the student body in the chapel service, praising God and seeking His guidance?

Permit me to say that God has blessed me with ease in learning my subjects. I have found each professor more than glad to help with any problem and to give extra time to any student who is having difficulty. Each is consecrated to Christ and manifests this in the classroom.

As for extracurricular activities, I have opportunity to go out on gospel teams, thus acquiring practical experience. The Christian fellowship is very sweet both in church and school activities and in social functions. The collegiate division is an all-round grand place and I cannot thank God enough for leading me here.

DIVINELY DIRECTED TO COLLEGIATE DIVISION

By Eddie Smith, a second-year student, member of the First Evangelical and Reformed Church of Xenia, Ohio.



One August morning in 1949 I knelt behind the pulpit of my home church in Xenia, Ohio, and surrendered my life to the Lord Jesus. I told the Lord that day that I would go anywhere and do anything that He asked.

A few weeks later I entered my senior year of high school. As the year progressed I felt more and more the call of the Lord for full-time Christian service. Realizing my lack of knowledge of the Word of God and zealous to have some practical training, I enrolled at the Moody Bible Institute.

I spent one wonderful year at Moody and was looking forward to going back the next fall, but the Lord changed my plans. He showed me very definitely that I should continue my preparation for His service in some good Christian college. I prayed that the Lord would lead me in the choice of schools. After talking to several friends about the collegiate division of Grace Seminary, making a couple of phone calls to the seminary, and writing a few letters, I found myself heading toward Winona Lake.

This is my second year at Grace, and each has been a rich spiritual experience for me. Although I am not a member of the Brethren Church, I deeply appreciate the training I have received here. In these modern days of apostasy, it is encouraging to see a school such as Grace Theological Seminary standing firmly upon the Word of God.

It is my prayer that God will continue to sustain Grace

Seminary as it continues to train men and women for Christian service.

A GOD-GIVEN OPPORTUNITY

By Russell Sarver, a second-year student, member of the Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich.



"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

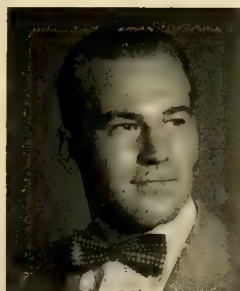
From the time I was saved, in the early 1930's, I have been increasingly conscious that the Lord has a plan for my life. He led me away from the paths of sin and out of a liberal organization to stand only upon faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Then in 4 States and various occupations the Lord has been preparing me for His service.

The Lord has opened the doors of opportunity and closed the avenues that would lead us astray from His will. After being out of school for nearly 10 years and with a family of 5 little ones, well established on a good farm, God led us to Grace Seminary. He also led us to a place of service, an actual mission field, at Claypool, Ind.

God manifested His grace in enabling us to dispose of our property, in supplying a residence for us, and in providing a job for me as town marshal at Claypool. Thus He made it possible for me to be here at Grace to equip myself for a more fruitful service for Him.

GRATEFUL FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO WITNESS

By LeRoy Hawkins, a first-year student, member of the Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Oreg.



This year of school has been one of the greatest years of my Christian experience. So often I have wondered how the Lord could use a person such as I am, but I can surely say with the Apostle Paul, "By the grace of God I am what I am." God has called me from darkness into His marvelous light. Praise His name!

About the second week of school I was appointed leader of the street team. I am very thankful for this because of the blessings I have received from this responsibility. I have seen the Lord work in the hearts of men, even though at times it seemed discouraging because of the hardness of their hearts. We know that God's Word never returns void, but will accomplish that which God pleases and prosper in the thing whereunto He sends it (Isa. 55:11).

Not only have the street meetings been of real blessing but also the opportunity of going with gospel teams

to various churches where I have been privileged to sing the Gospel.

Today this challenge of telling others of our blessed God and Saviour is for every Christian. Pray that Grace Seminary may continue to ground men and women in the Word of God and send them forth to preach the Gospel.

COLLEGE SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN BIBLE LIGHT

By Max Fluke, a second-year student, member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church.



We read in God's Word that we are to study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (II Tim. 2:15). I thank God that He has called me to Grace Seminary where the whole Word of God is taught. I am a married man with a family and I am especially thankful to the Lord that He has provided a place where I can receive some college training before going into seminary. It has been a blessing to sit under the teaching of men who know God's Word, and who teach the secular subjects in the light of God's Word.

Besides the everyday classroom work, we have the privilege of gospel team work where we can put into practice the things that we learn in the classroom. I am thankful for the Christian fellowship that we enjoy here at Grace. I spent 10 weeks at a nearby college where this Christian atmosphere did not exist, and I now appreciate more fully this blessing. I can heartily recommend Grace Seminary and its collegiate division to any person who has been called of the Lord into full-time Christian service. Pray for and give to Grace Seminary that others might enjoy this privilege and these blessings.

EDITORIALS

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they must do in order to support themselves, and in many cases their families, while they attend school. The taking of these pictures proved to be an interesting project and a real eye-opener to the writer. Even those of us who are closely associated with these students little realized the many types of work in which they are engaged. A lack of space and of time to take further pictures forbids the possibility of presenting all the students at their work, but at least it is possible to gain some idea of the wide variety of work they do. We are sure that our Brethren people will realize, as we do, that these young people are doing all they can, often under severe handicaps, to support themselves and their families. Certainly, they should be spared the added expense of having to care for the cost of their training for the Lord's work. That, brethren, is our responsibility. They are doing all they can. Are we?—P. R. B.

CHAPEL MESSAGES

Among the students here at Grace is a "Twentieth-Century Apostle Paul." Chapel speakers come from far and near, but seldom are we as thoroughly challenged as we were when our own fellow student, Florent Toirac, spoke on November 11. Walking the dusty roads of Cuba and Haiti, our brother has known both the sorrows and joys of Paul. He has known stoning and the courtroom, but he has also had the joy of leading thousands to our Lord and of aiding in the establishment of more than 150 churches!

A week later (November 18) it was our privilege to hear the unique speaker known everywhere as "Captain Bundy." His message compared our Christ of the Bible and the modern Christ of liberalism. How thankful we should be to know the truth and how anxious we should be to get the truth to those who are being taught another gospel in the name of Christianity.

THANKSGIVING VACATION . . . AND CRITICAL MONOGRAPHS!

Ah, the time to relax and take to the highways—that is for all but the seniors. (Criticals were due the day after the recess.) Anyone venturing into the library during this week found many of the shelves empty, and



in classrooms in the vicinity of the library industrious seniors with typewriters, paper, and stacks of books. These criticals will be read at special senior meetings during the weeks remaining in the school year.

NEWS FOR THE CENSUS TAKER

Two seminary families had special reason for thanking this season. Mr. and Mrs. John Strom gave thanks for a boy, James Rutledge Strom, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born November 15; and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bartling gave thanks for a girl, Joan Marie Bartling, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born November 18.

SPORTS FOR THE MONTH

Well, it's encouraging to realize that basketball is off to a good start at Grace! In fact, it was 65 to 50 in the first game of the season between the scholars of the seminary and the butter-churners of the Litchfield Creamery. The high point star of the game for the victors was Jim Hoffmeyer.

The next team to challenge the champs (to date, at any rate) is that of the laborers who spend their working hours over the drafting boards at Armstrong Engineers. (The interesting twist in this item is that many of the draftsmen are seminary students who are taking it upon themselves to put the seminary team on the skids.)

WOMEN IN THE NEWS

Those in attendance at the November meeting of the Seminary Women's Fellowship were richly blessed as the speaker, Mrs. Alveretta Bowman, for years teacher of city-wide Bible classes which were held in cities following campaigns by Billy Sunday, drew from her deep knowledge of the Word and her rich experience to speak on the subject, "The Pastor's Wife Looks at Herself." She emphasized the need of the pastor's wife for constant study of the Word as the foundation for service to her husband's congregation as well as for the solution of every home problem. She also discussed the dress of the pastor's wife and her privileges and responsibilities in the home.

Hers was not just a challenging talk but a real course of instruction for those who are just beginning the work in which she has been a laborer for so many years. Mrs. Bowman concluded her talk with the statement that although she knew the difficulties of being a pastor's wife, if she had her life to relive she would choose again to be a pastor's wife because she also knew its joys.

STUDENT PASTORS

During the week of October 19-26 Rev. Conard Sandy held a series of evangelistic meetings in the Pleasant View Community Church, of which Charles Horne, mid-dler at Grace Seminary, is the pastor. Brother Sandy brought soul-stirring messages each evening in addition to showing slides taken during his trip to the Holy Land. The members of the church were deepened spiritually and many sinners from the community heard the Gospel.

WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE IN PROGRESS

As these pages go to press the Winter Bible Conference, jointly sponsored by Grace Theological Seminary and the American Association for Jewish Evangelism, is in progress. Dr. Frank C. Torrey, of Lancaster, Pa., has delivered 2 of his 4 messages on the experiences of the Prophet Jeremiah. These have been rich with spiritual truth and deeply penetrating in their application to the Christian ministry. Dr. Frank J. Neuburg, of Wheaton College, has also spoken twice, being very helpful and instructive on the interpretation of eschatological portions in the Old Testament. Dr. Nathan Stone, of Moody Bible Institute, and Dr. Ralph Stoll, of Altoona, Pa., are yet to be heard on the program.

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

Edited by Rev. Wesley Haller, Vice President of Grace Seminary Alumni Association

SEMINARY OFFERING

Once again it is time to receive an offering for the work of our school. The success of this offering depends in a large measure upon the alumni. Let me urge you to think for a moment concerning the training you received at Grace Seminary. Many of us no doubt are using the knowledge we gained as students to instruct others in the Word of God. How true this is when one considers the great number of alumni who are teaching in Bible institutes, Christian day schools, and other institutions offering definite Christian training. To illustrate:

James Dixon, Jr. ('47), teaches 2 hours each Monday evening in the Washington (D. C.) Bible Institute.

Edward Lewis ('47), *Richard Grant* ('52), *John Dilling* ('52) and former students *Earl Miller* and *Don Kinsley* are instructing in the new Canton, Ohio, Bible Institute.

George L. Lawlor ('44) heads the Bible department of the Greensburg Bible Institute, Greensburg, Pa., as well as teaching second-year Greek.

These are only a few of the many alumni throughout this land of ours who are instructing in Christian institutions. When one adds to this number all of us who are serving the Lord as "pastor-teachers" (Eph. 4:11), there can be little doubt that most of us owe a great debt of gratitude to Grace Seminary for the instruction and inspiration received therein. To repay this debt we can give a sacrificial gift at this time for the work of our school. Since the greater majority of us are leaders in the Lord's work, we can use our place of leadership to urge others also to support the work of Grace Seminary. Let's pray and give as the Lord lays the burden upon each of our hearts.

ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH

The one chosen this month is *Reese Johnson* ('51). Reese has been the pastor of the Cosperville Baptist Church of Wawaka, Ind., since July 1951. His church is located in the village of Cosperville, 2 miles north of Wawaka. This is a farm community, therefore most of his people make their living from the soil. He reports an active membership of 150, with an average Sunday morning attendance of 100. He has a large group of young people and young married couples, for which any pastor is thankful.

In a little over a year the Lord has used Reese to create a spirit of unity among the people. There have been 4 public confessions of Christ, as well as a number of decisions for rededication. A real note of praise is that the church under Reese's leadership has doubled its missionary giving this past year.



Reese Johnson

During this time Reese has assumed the added responsibility of codirector of the Noble County (Indiana) Youth for Christ. This organization held a tent meeting last summer which resulted in 28 first-time decisions for the Lord Jesus Christ.

By the way, the church Reese is now pastoring was formerly pastored by another alumnus of Grace Seminary, *Gordon Cook* ('44). Gordon is now serving as a chaplain in the United States Army. His address: Chaplain Gordon Cook, 140 Sharp Drive, Wherry Housing Project, Ft. Bragg, N. C. We trust this brings you up to date on Gordon's present location.

VITAL STATISTICS

From time to time we plan to give news of births, marriages, etc.

John Rea ('51) is the father of a baby daughter, *Linda Joy*, born October 27, 1952, at Columbia City, Ind. John is an instructor in the collegiate division of the seminary.

David Marshall ('47) is the proud father of twin sons, *Lawrence Wesley* and *John Douglas*. These boys entered this world in Ridgewood, N. J., October 12. Mrs. Marshall is the twin sister of the wife of another alumnus of Grace Seminary, *Ward Miller* ('46).

NEWS OF INTEREST

Jack Mellick ('41) recently assumed the pastorate of the Christian church in Jeromesville, Ohio. For 16 years previous to this he had served as the minister of another Christian church in a little community south of Mansfield, Ohio.

Jack's sister, *Flo Mellick* ('42), teaches Bible in the public schools in the northern portion of Ashland County, Ohio. She is married, has 2 small children, and her husband is pastor of the Christian church of Greenwich, Ohio.

Do you as an alumnus of Grace Seminary know some news that would be of interest to the alumni? If you do, send your item to the seminary or to your editor, *R. R. 1, Bellville, Ohio*. The success of this page depends in a large measure upon news received from you. Help make this page a success; write today.

WESTERN CHURCHES SHOW INTEREST

During November and December the writer spent 5 weeks visiting most of the churches in Washington, Oregon, and California. The evident growth in many of these churches has been a real cause for rejoicing and praise to the Lord. Everywhere also people have shown a growing interest in the work of Grace Seminary, and many have indicated their desire to participate in the monthly plan of giving to the school. Pastors, who usually hold the key to the success of any program, have expressed again and again their approval of the plan and their readiness to boost it in their churches. These expressions of interest are tremendously encouraging to those of us who are endeavoring to carry out the task of training Brethren young people to serve the Lord on fields around the world.—*Paul R. Bauman*.

GOD'S RIGHT TO OUR VERY BEST

By Paul R. Bauman, Vice President

There is in the world today a tendency on the part of the great mass of people to do no more than it is absolutely necessary to do in order to get by. This tendency is not a new one and, unfortunately, it is not confined to those who make no profession of a close relationship to the Lord.

Case after case may be found in the Scriptures to illustrate this fact. For example, the children of Israel, forgetting God's right to the best they had, actually became so self-centered that they were offering "the blind for sacrifice . . . and . . . the lame and sick." They thought they could get by, but they didn't for God had something to say about such audacity (Mal. 1:8, 13-14). The rich of our Lord's day thought they could get by when they came to the temple and "cast in of their abundance," many of them casting in "much." But Jesus "sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury" (Mark 12:41-44). They did not get by! Ananias and Sapphira "sold a possession" and thought they could lie to God, professing to give all of it to the Lord, but at the same time "kept back a part of the price" (Acts 5:1-10). They, too, did not get by!

Over and over again in the Bible we are told that God has a right to the best we have. It is a dangerous thing for a Christian to say or give others the impression that he is giving his best to God when he is not. It would be well for all of us periodically to take our place alongside the Lord "over against the treasury" and watch ourselves "HOW" we give. But someone may ask:

DOES GOD REALLY HAVE A RIGHT TO THE BEST WE HAVE?

Every true Christian should be willing to honestly face this question in the light of God's Word.

1. *God always required the best from Israel.*

Early in their experience this truth had been impressed upon them: "The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God" (Ex. 23:19). Note that it is "the first of the firstfruits"! The firstlings of the flock were always to be set aside for the Lord (Ex. 13:12), and when a sacrifice was offered, it was always to be of the best, "without blemish" (Ex. 12:5, et al.). Why did God demand this? Was it not to impress upon His people His own greatness, and that He was worthy of nothing less than the best they had to offer?

2. *Elijah demanded the best from the widow of Zarephath.*

When this poor widow, living in a famine-struck land, had only enough oil and flour to prepare a bit of bread for herself and her son before they faced actual starvation, the prophet said, "Make me thereof a little cake

first." It was a mighty test of faith for her, but think what she would have missed had she refused (I Ki. 17: 8-24)!

3. *David knew he could offer God nothing less than his best.*

After his grievous sin in numbering the people and the judgment that followed, David sought the threshing floor of Araunah as a place on which to erect his altar. The man graciously offered to give the place to David, together with the oxen and threshing instruments for a sacrifice. Then it was that David manifested, as on other occasions, that spirit that made him a man "after God's own heart." For he said to Araunah: "Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing" (II Sam. 24:24). David was wise enough to know that the material gifts he made spoke eloquently of his conception of the God he professed to worship.

4. *Jesus taught that God has a right to man's best, and He Himself demanded this of those who would follow Him.*

With Christ this was a test of discipleship. He had said to Peter, "Follow me," but Peter "followed afar off," and eventually went "a-fishing." One morning before an open fire Peter found it necessary once and for all to face and answer the Lord's question, "Lovest thou me more than these?" (John 21:15). Jesus had made it plain that if a man would become a true disciple he must be ready to give his best to the Lord, for He had said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23; cf. 24-26, 57-62). One of the saddest illustrations in the ministry of our Lord was the case of the rich young ruler who, though he had many admirable qualities, could not meet this test of his first allegiance, and when the Lord asked for his best, "he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions" (Mark 10: 21-22).

5. *The Apostle Paul believed that God had a right to the best he possessed.*

Note carefully his own testimony in Philippians 3:7-8: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." Let us not forget that Paul had something to give up! He had an enviable reputation as a young man, a splendid education, a good position, and something else which few Jews possessed—Roman citizenship. Paul faced the test of first allegiance and he passed it! Thus his name became great with God!

WHY DOES GOD HAVE A RIGHT TO OUR BEST?

1. *Because everything in this world belongs to Him.*

Has He not said: "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know the fowls



Dr. Bauman

HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE?

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2:3). This question was penned to Hebrew Christians during the early days of peril, poverty, and persecution. Because of their faith in Christ they were thrust out by their relatives, were barred from the society of Jews, their businesses were boycotted, they lost their homes, their goods, their reputations. Poverty-stricken and alone, they fled from the open ways of society into mountain fastnesses and coverts from the persecutions of the world. Lonely, sick, cold, without friends, family, or freedom they began to count the awful cost of their faith in Christ. Misfortune, misunderstanding, and mistreatment caused evil thoughts to arise in their



Dr. Hoyt

minds, and they began to wonder whether the benefits of Christianity were really worth all this privation and suffering. Wonderings grew into cherished ambitions, and many of them expressed openly the fact that they had made a mistake, and the wise thing to do was turn back to old Judaism.

But under the guidance of the Spirit of God the writer of the Book of Hebrews pens to them the mightiest defense of Christianity that has ever been written. In the course of this discussion not only does the writer set forth the glories of Christ and Christianity and the benefits and blessings that will come to the believer in the future, but he confronts them with the brutal realities which await those who turn back in the way. With a frankness, and a fearlessness, and yet the factualness that only a friend would use, he faces this people with a question, the question, this question which is before us just now. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" If they can answer this question, or if anyone can answer this question, he has the answer whether it is wise to turn back or away from Christ. To date no one has dared to venture an answer, except the answer so clearly implied in the question, namely this: there is no hope for anyone outside of Christ. Let us look closely at this question.

THIS QUESTION IMPLIES THAT THERE IS A GREAT TRANSGRESSION. Every soul is involved in this great transgression. It is the transgression of the law of God, the thing that makes and declares men to be sinners. Let no man deceive himself on this point. Sin is no trifling matter. The Psalmist rightfully declared, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned" (Psa. 51:4). All sin is first and always against God. And this makes it infinite in dimension. No distinction is drawn between sins in the Word of God. The smallest sin and the largest sin in the sight of God are the same. The whitest sin in the sight of man when brought into the white light of the holiness of God is Stygian blackness. And since it is against the infinite God, it is just as great in dimension as the blackest sin in the sight of men.

THIS QUESTION IMPLIES THAT THERE IS A GREAT PUNISHMENT. Since sin is so black, so awful

of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine . . . the world is mine, and the fulness thereof" (Psa. 50:10-12)? Is it not also written: "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Hag. 2:8)? Certainly then, the Lord has a right to that which already belongs, in the final analysis, to Him. It is this great truth that a world of unregenerate men, who never lift their faces in thanksgiving to God, fail to realize.

2. *Because the Christian, especially, and everything he possesses belongs to God.*

Observe the force of these words: "Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price . . . your body and . . . your spirit . . . are God's" (I Cor. 6:19-20). It is this right and ownership, therefore, which every Christian must realize if he is ever really to "glorify" God as he should.

3. *Because God Himself gave His best for us.*

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15). It is the very nature of God to give, and those who would be like Him must be possessed of His nature. "God so loved . . . that he gave" (John 3:16). If we possess His nature, we too will give, and like Him, we will give the best we have. Christian, you say that you love God. What have you ever done to really show Him that you love Him?

4. *Because Jesus gave the best He had, and His giving is held up as an example for us to follow.*

Hence we read: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9). But do not stop there, Christian. Read on: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who . . . made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men . . . and . . . he humbled himself" (Phil. 2:5-9).

"Let this mind be in you!" Christian, is this mind in YOU? Can you prove it? Yes you can, but only by doing those things that display the mind of Christ. This is true of your body, of your talents, and of your possessions. Are they dedicated without reservation to Him? Do all of them display the mind of Christ? Jesus said: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21). If you truly love and treasure Christ, you will show it by giving nothing less than your very best to Him.

God wants our best. He in far-off ages
Once claimed the firstling of the flock, the finest of the wheat,

And still He asks His own, with gentlest pleading,
To lay their highest hopes and brightest talents at His feet.

He'll not forget the feeblest service, humblest love;
He asks only that, of our store, we give the best we have.
And is our best too much? O friends, let us remember
How our Lord poured out His soul for us,
And in the prime of His mysterious manhood,
Gave up His precious life upon the cross.

The Lord of lords, by whom the worlds were made,
Through bitter grief and tears, gave us the best He had.

—Author unknown.

to God, the punishment upon sin must be great. It must be a punishment in proportion to its greatness. So solemn is the thought, that to the saved one who is safe, the thought makes him shudder. God had open to Himself just one of two courses of action in pronouncing the sentence upon sinners. He could execute wrath upon him either infinite in force or eternal in time. Since the sinner is finite, he could not suffer a sentence infinite in force and pay the penalty in full. There was therefore only one thing left to God, and that was executing punishment infinite in time. Therefore by the law of God the sinner is destined to suffer torment in hell throughout all eternity. And never will there ever be a time in eternity when that penalty will be paid in full, so he must continue to endure punishment without an end. If anyone doubts the justice of this penalty, let him consider the one whose pronouncements are final and whose infinite reach of love went the full way to rescue men from this incomprehensible loss.

THIS QUESTION STATES CLEARLY THAT THERE IS A GREAT DELIVERANCE. "So great salvation" is the way the writer states it. The two words "so great" translate one word in the original Greek. No adjective other than this would express what he wanted to say. No standard of measure, no yardstick in human speech could measure the length and breadth, the depth and height of this salvation. It reaches up to heaven and beyond, and down to hell and below, and out to the east where there is no end, and to the west where the dimension is the same, and through the unceasing ages of eternity and beyond to rescue the sinner from his just deserts. It is manifested in the Christ of God who laid aside His garments of glory and donned the poverty-stricken rags of flesh, and then humbled Himself to the death of the cross, where the infinite penalty for sin was laid upon Him in a moment of time. And feeling its force as no one else could, He cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46).

BUT THIS QUESTION CLEARLY STATES A GREAT COMPLACENCE. "If we neglect" is the phrase that carries the description of the attitude with which these Hebrew Christians were in danger of regarding this salvation. This is the attitude with which many are regarding this salvation today. It may be that someone reading this article is doing the very same thing, or is in danger of doing so. Let no one imagine that this is a light matter. In the original Greek, this phrase renders a word meaning "not to care for." But going deeper, it means "to hold lightly," and therefore regard of no consequence. But going still deeper, it means that one has estimated the value of this salvation and has come to the conclusion that it is so small and insignificant that it does not deserve any consideration of time, much less the committal of ourselves to it. It should therefore be despised and rejected. But even going still deeper, this attitude is no mere matter of thoughtlessness. This is the positive attitude of one who has thought, who has reached a settled conclusion, who has made his decision, and who deliberately thrusts away from his mind and his heart any further reflection on this salvation. Basically this is moral rebellion against God. It is more than rejection of salvation. It is rejection of the God of salvation and an absolute defiance of His penalty upon sin.

Can there be any hope for one who thrusts aside the only provision for escape from the sentence upon sin? You answer that question. There is no answer to the

question. In fact you know the answer to this question. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (Heb. 2:1).

GRACE SEMINARY OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 1952

| Church | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Albany, Oreg. | \$5.00 |
| Alexandria, Va. | 27.00 |
| Altoona, Pa. (First) | 1.00 |
| Altoona, Pa. (Grace) | 52.00 |
| Ankenytown, Ohio | 15.00 |
| Berrien Springs, Mich. | 6.00 |
| Canton, Ohio | 99.00 |
| Clay City, Ind. | 25.00 |
| Covington, Va. | 27.00 |
| Dallas Center, Iowa | 6.00 |
| Danville, Ohio | 16.00 |
| Dayton, Ohio (First) | 341.50 |
| Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) | 174.50 |
| Dayton, Ohio Special | 400.00 |
| Denver, Colo. | 6.00 |
| Everett, Pa. | 13.00 |
| Fillmore, Calif. | 27.00 |
| Fort Wayne, Ind. | 207.00 |
| Fremont, Ohio | 10.00 |
| Garwin, Iowa | 13.00 |
| Hagerstown, Md. | 2.00 |
| Harrisburg, Pa. | 13.00 |
| Hollidaysburg, Pa. | 4.00 |
| Homerville, Ohio | 25.00 |
| Huntington, Ind. | 5.00 |
| Johnstown, Pa. (First) | 63.00 |
| Lake Odessa, Mich. | 14.00 |
| La Verne, Calif. | 85.00 |
| Leon, Iowa | 41.00 |
| Limestone, Tenn. | 7.00 |
| Listie, Pa. | 2.00 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (First) | 133.50 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (Second) | 14.00 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. (First) | 62.00 |
| Mansfield, Ohio | 5.00 |
| Martinsburg, Pa. | 25.50 |
| Meyersdale, Pa. | 1.00 |
| Middlebranch, Ohio | 9.00 |
| New Troy, Mich. | 38.00 |
| North English, Iowa | 27.00 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. (First), Special | 10.00 |
| Portland, Oreg. | 6.00 |
| Radford, Va. | 10.00 |
| Rittman, Ohio | 30.00 |
| San Bernardino, Calif. | 18.10 |
| Sidney, Ind. | 31.00 |
| South Bend, Ind. | 35.00 |
| South Gate, Calif. | 1.00 |
| South Pasadena, Calif. | 30.50 |
| Summit Mills, Pa. | 18.00 |
| Sunnyside, Wash. | 1.00 |
| Uniontown, Pa. | 9.50 |
| Waterloo, Iowa | 115.50 |
| Waynesboro, Pa. | 92.55 |
| Whittier, Calif. | 13.00 |
| Winchester, Va. | 43.00 |
| Winona Lake, Ind. | 4.00 |
| Winona Lake, Ind., Special | 10.00 |
| Wooster, Ohio | 84.53 |
| Yakima, Wash. | 1.00 |
| Yellow Creek, Pa. | 28.00 |
| Miscellaneous— | |
| Isolated Brethren | 11.00 |
| Non-Brethren | 112.00 |
| Non-Brethren, Special | 25.00 |
| Total | 2,786.68 |

ACTIVITIES OF STUDENTS AT PART-TIME WORK

(Continued From Back Cover)

at Ward's Art Studio. (28) Hubert Sylvester working at Thomas 5-10 store. (29) Gene Witzky prepares soda for Mary Ringler at Eskimo Inn. (30) Bob Griffith dispenses gasoline at Argonne Service Station. (31) Don Ogden, salesman for the Schrader Company, paints, furniture, sporting goods. (32) Dick DeArmey, salesman at Firestone Auto Supply Store. (33) Ruth Ella Williams cooks at Eskimo Inn. (34) Kenneth Sheldon and Frank Brill, Pinkerton guards at Arnolt Corporation. (35) William Kolb operating turret lathe at Arnolt Corporation. (36) Al Tschiegg assembles frames at Arnolt's. (37) Wallace Geiger and Archer Baum stapling boxes at Arnolt's. (38) Paul Harrison operates turbine machine at Arnolt's. (39) Beryl Price working on a milling machine at Arnolt's. (40) Roy Kreimes operates automatic screw machine at Arnolt's. (41) Jesse Humbert in mailing room at Free Methodist Publishing Company. (42) Ross King, teletype operator at Free Methodist Publishing Company. (43) Earl Wagner operates linotype machine at Free Methodist Publishing Company. (44) Russell Sarver, town marshal at Claypool. (45) Dennis Price reporting for the Warsaw Times Union. (46) Gilbert Hawkins repairing a truck engine at Hull's Garage. (47) Leonard Mezner, custodian at the Winona Lake post office. (48) Donald Hocking servicing a car at Dean's Gulf service station. (49) Helen Small sewing gloves at the Jomac Products Corporation. (50) Bill Johnson moving tombstone at Warsaw Monument Works.

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Bro. Ed Smith, member and head usher for many years of the Dayton, Ohio, First church, celebrated his 82d birthday December 11.

Rev. Ulysses L. Gingrich has moved to Felton, Pa. (Change Annual, p. 68.)

Rev. James Hammer, pastor of the Fort Wayne, Ind., church, preached at the Jenners, Pa., church November 28, and at the Johnstown, Pa., First and Riverside churches November 30.

The telephone number of Rev. Clair Brickel, Clayton, Ohio, has been changed to Englewood 2-6247. (Change Annual, p. 67.)

The Ashland, Ohio, church has purchased a lot across the street from the church building for parking space.

Mrs. Alva (Maggie) Pope, member for many years of the North English, Iowa, church, died November 23.

The telephone number for Rev. Charles Bergerson, in his new home at Hagerstown, Md., is 2964-J. (Add to Annual, p. 67.)

Rev. R. I. Humbert spoke recently at the Chicago Evangelistic Institute, University Park, Iowa; at the Temple Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebr.; at Trinity Seminary and Bible College, Chicago; at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago; and at Wheaton Academy, Wheaton, Ill.

The Portis, Kans., church, pastored by Rev. Raymond Kettell, had one of its best communion services in November with 60 people participating.

The Harrisburg, Pa., church had a Sunday school conference December 4-5 under the leadership of Rev. James Dixon, of Washington, D. C.

Rev. Lee Crist resigned as pastor of the Covington, Va., church De-

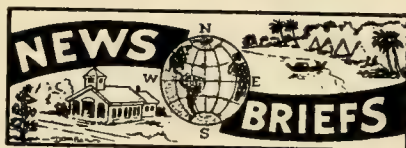
cember 7, resignation to become effective in about 3 months.

The Clay City, Ind., church gave a food shower to Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Burns on November 21.

Mr. Charles Terry, a member of the Clay City, Ind., church died November 28.

Brethren preachers who spoke recently at the Akron Bible Institute were Rev. Richard Burch, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Rev. William Smith, Washington, D. C.; and Rev. Robert Ashman, Winona Lake, Ind.

In a Sunday school contest between the Covington and Roanoke (Ghent) churches in Virginia, the Covington church averaged 249 people present and the Roanoke church averaged 257.



The average attendance at the morning worship service of the Washington, D. C., church during November was 205, which was an increase of more than 45 percent over the 142 average for the corresponding month in 1951.

Rev. Ralph Rambo has resigned as pastor of the Modesto, Calif., Brethren Christian Center effective December 31. The Rambos will move to 8664 E. Grand Ave., Rosemead, Calif. Brother Rambo will be available for supply preaching, but because of his health does not expect to assume another pastorate at the present time.

The Phoenix, Ariz., church, pastored by Rev. J. C. McKillen, bought ground for a church building and Christian day school (if the Lord so leads). Prayers and gifts for this church are appreciated. The membership of the church is now 16, and

there were 73 people in Sunday school and 175 in all the services November 30.

Dr. R. R. Teeter, Brethren minister, died at the home of his daughter at Ashland, Ohio, December 6, following an illness of 3 months. Dr. Teeter was 82 years of age. He was ordained to the ministry January 1, 1893, and served as pastor of several Brethren churches. For a number of years he was business manager of the Brethren Publishing Company, Ashland, Ohio. Rev. Edwin Boardman officiated at the funeral services December 9.

Rev. Walter Lepp, chaplain in the Hagerstown, Md., squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, had part in the observance of the Civil Air Patrol Week in Washington County, Md.

A son, Charles Ray, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Carson Rottler, at Huinca Renanco, Argentina, November 19. Mrs. Loree Sickel is helping in the Rottler home at the present time.

The Hagerstown, Md., church held a surprise food shower for Rev. Charles Bergerson and family December 3. Brother Bergerson is the new assistant pastor of the Hagerstown church.

The Martinsburg, W. Va., church held a surprise food shower for its pastor, Rev. M. Leon Myers, and his family November 26.

The new address of Rev. Jesse Hall is Box 203, Harrah, Wash. The telephone number is 2132. (Change Annual, p. 75.)

Rev. Clyde Flick, member of the San Bernardino, Calif., church, has accepted the pastorate of the Union Church, Hesperia, Calif. He has moved to the field, becoming the first pastor of the church. (Change Annual, p. 74.)

The Radford, Va., church had 118 people in Sunday school, 88 in the morning worship, 80 in the evening service, and 4 people accepted Christ as personal Saviour December 7.

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

| Church | Dates | Pastor | Speaker |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Dayton, O. (Beth.) | Dec. 9-21..... | John Evans..... | Ray Cutchin. |
| Pond Bank, Pa... | Dec. 26-Jan. 4.. | Edward Clark... | Robert Ashman. |
| Sharpville, Ind.. | Dec. 28-Jan. 11.. | Scott Weaver..... | Joe Day. |
| Fort Wayne, Ind. | Jan. 4-11..... | James Hammer... | Herman Centz. |
| Spokane, Wash... | Jan. 4-7..... | William Schaffer.. | Russell Humbert. |

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Editor, Jesse B. Deloe

EDITOR OF LAYMEN'S PAGE REFLECTS ON NEED OF SACRIFICE AND DEDICATION AMONG CHRISTIANS

A meeting of students in one of our Christian colleges recently resulted in an offering of \$460—to help needy faculty members who had not been paid for many weeks. The students also agreed to forego an evening meal and spend the time in prayer for the school, the cost of the meal to be used for the same purpose. When this news came to the attention of the editor of the laymen's page, he was set to thinking in terms of sacrifice as related to the laymen of our church. Here was an example of students—many of them with just a few cents left before leaving for the holidays—digging down for those few pennies and then going without a meal (that would be hardest for me!) for such a worthy purpose.

Knowing nothing of the merits of the case or the reason such a condition could exist in the school, I do know this: those kids have set an example that could very well be followed by those of us who profess our loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I suggest here and now that at this season of the year we reexamine ourselves to see if we have done anywhere near enough for the One who has done all for us. And I needn't go into the things that we could and should do as a token of our love for Him.

I'm not advocating a program of works to be followed if we are to be assured of our salvation. I'm sug-

gesting that we all should get busy for the Lord in response to His great love for us, and get out and win lost men to Christ. Some of you men are doing that very thing in every way you know how, and with every waking moment. Some of you men are remembering to witness only when the opportunity arises, instead of making the opportunities; still others of us are just rocking away in our old rocking chairs and smugly enjoying our salvation, making a mockery of that very salvation and causing our unsaved acquaintances to shun our so-called "reli-

gion" because we do the same things they do and they see no difference.

We ought to get down to brass tacks and say it this way: the need for real fellowship with the Lord is great among our laymen. And the only way to get that fellowship is to listen to Him (as He speaks through the Word), talk to Him (in prayer), and then yield to Him our all in dedication. Then, and only then, will the things of the world grow strangely dim, and we can be used by Him in His own way.

Let's sacrifice self to Him for service.

NEWS OF MEN'S ACTIVITIES GLEANED FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Pastor Edward Lewis, of the Middlebranch, Ohio, church, spoke to the laymen of the Ellet church in Akron, Ohio, on November 14.

Men of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner (with all the fixings) on Tuesday, November 11. Speaker for the occasion was Henry E. Hedrick, D. D., who has just recently returned from a tour of 13 European countries.

At Osceola, Ind., on November 20 the Men's Fellowship met for a potluck meal. Projects for the year were made and officers were elected. (Please send us the names, Osceola.)

A note from Roanoke, Va., tells us that at a recent meeting the group voted to sponsor the Missionary Outfit Club and named Bro. J. W. DuVal as chairman. Brethren Ralph Bell and Mason Cooper were elected gospel team chairmen. Officers of the Roanoke group are: president, William C. Fisher (our national secretary-treasurer); vice president, Wade K. Jefferson; secretary-treasurer, W. V. Findley.

At a men's rally in Wooster, Ohio, November 24, refreshments were served, a business meeting was held, and a talk was given by Dr. Charles H. Ashman.

From the Kittanning, Pa., bulletin: "Calling all men of the Young Married Class and the Men's Bible Class. . . Brethren laymen of this district are going to have a fellowship Turkey Dinner—good music and real Christian fellowship. The date is December 6 (Saturday), 6 p.m., at Baker's Summit Consolidated School, about 5 miles south of Roaring Spring, Pa., on Route 867. Purpose—to better acquaint laymen and pastors of all churches with each other and the work of the Gospel in our district."

The Winona Lake Men's Fellowship has been organized and the following elected to office: president, Don Locke; vice president, Jesse Deloe; secretary, Max Fluke; treasurer, Charles Koontz.

On November 17 at the South Pasadena, Calif., church, a father-son banquet was held. The speaker was Capt. Louis Zamperini, Olympic track star, who was converted under the ministry of Billy Graham. The meal was served by the ladies of the church.

At their meeting on November 28, the men of the Canton, Ohio, church elected the following officers: president, Gerson Laubender; vice president, Frank Marsh; secretary, Paul Guittar; treasurer, Guy Reynolds.

Questions on Personal Evangelism

Q. What should I say when, after witnessing to someone, he tells me to "mind my own business"?

A. "That is just what I am doing. My business as a Christian is to try to get lost men saved and filled with the Holy Spirit." (II Cor. 5:20; John 17:18; John 20:21; Ezek. 3:10-11; Ezek. 33:7-11; Luke 2:49; Luke 5:10.)

(Quoted from personal evangelism course of the Washington Bible Institute)

THIS MONTH . . . THE BEGINNING OF MONTHS

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Chairman of Book Club Review Committee

It is a significant fact that the Old Testament was written to the redeemed people of a former dispensation. And it is no less significant that the New Testament was written to the saints of this dispensation. Careful examination of the New Testament reveals the fact that specific commands for evangelization and missionary endeavor are made conspicuous by the few times they occur. Whereas the many references to the Christian life, with its provisions and responsibilities, its joys and its hopes, in contrast, make one wonder why. It may be that this emphasis on the Christian life is to remind us that when God's people are in right relationship to the Lord it follows as a natural and necessary result that they must be about the task of evangelization and missionary enterprise.

If this is true there is no better place to begin the new year than with a volume which will open up to God's people in a new way something of the bounty and blessing of the Lord and the consequent responsibility toward Him. At least, the opening of a new year is a good time to make a new beginning in the Christian life. The Brethren Book Club Committee would like to help you in this.

Two good books have been selected for the month of January. The first-choice book is not a new one, nor is it by a new author. The high worth of this little volume has called for a new publication. It is "Grace and Power," by W. H. Griffith Thomas. The second-choice book is a Christian novel under the title, "If You Hear a Song," by Lon Woodrum.

The first-choice book will be sent to club members unless they notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company otherwise before January 1. In case members desire the second-choice book or some other book listed previously in these columns, as a substitute for the first-choice book, all you need do is write the Herald Company your desire.

As a premium for joining the club, we offer you your choice of the following books: Dr. Florence Gribble's "Stranger Than Fiction," "Dr. An-

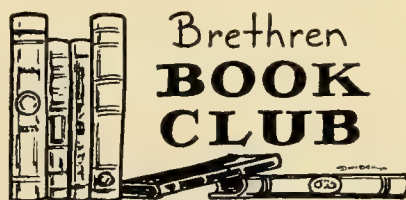
drew Bonar's "The Biography of Robert Murray McCheyne," Dr. John R. Rice's "Prayer: Asking and Receiving." By ordering one of the two books offered for the month of January you become a member and are entitled to one of the above premium books.

To members of the club who will be purchasing books December through March, a new dividend book will be sent—"The Potter and the Shepherd," by J. C. Brumfield.

GRACE AND POWER

By W. H. Griffith Thomas

The late Dr. W. H. Griffith Thomas was one of the foremost theologians of his day. From the principalship of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, he came to this continent to join the faculty of



Wycliffe College, Toronto, Canada. He later moved to the United States and was one of the 3 men of God used to bring Dallas Theological Seminary into existence. His writing ministry has reached far beyond the horizons of his preaching and teaching ministry. One of the precious volumes from his pen is the one selected for January reading.

This volume is designed to encourage the believer in his Christian walk by pointing out to him the possibilities for such a walk in knowledge, power, privilege, and satisfaction; the provisions for such a walk in grace, justification, sanctification, and consecration; and the protection in such a walk in meditation, prayer, faithfulness, and obedience.

This volume moves in a realm in which every true saint of God is living and answers the earnest longings of his heart. What true child of God is there who does not face the problems of sin, Satan, the world, and yearn to rise above all of them

and enjoy the assurance and satisfaction that he is living a life acceptable to God and approved of men (Rom. 14:18)? Here, then, is a book that will help you to find in the Bible the solution to your great problems and the realization of your greatest longings. Price of the book is \$2.—*Herman A. Hoyt.*

IF YOU HEAR A SONG

By Lon Woodrum

This might have been the story of your neighbor's boy, but it happens to be that of Mike Danner, a young and tough lad from the streets of Pittsburgh. His mother had died while Mike was still quite young and his father had met death through a brutal slugging on the city street. This left Mike facing the world alone, disappointed and with a bitter attitude toward life. With money realized from an oil well discovered on a piece of land purchased by his father, and with an abundant strength of will and body, Mike was ready to see what the world had to offer.

One day he was enchanted by a song he heard coming over the radio. The voice was that of Andra Storm, well-known singer of popular love songs. The effect was so powerful that Mike sold his business and started to Hollywood to seek the possessor of the voice. Hollywood, with all its glamour, would be just the place for him, for surely there he would find the contentment and security for which his soul longed.

It was a long time before stubborn Mike would admit that he had been disillusioned by Hollywood. The loss of his fortune, the loss of his best friend, the lonely hours wondering what would happen next were far different from the picture in his mind of life in the stars' city.

But his trip to California was not all in vain, for God providentially overruled the affairs in his life until he found the Lord and Mary Cameron. Here is reading which should be on your "must" list. Rapidly moving action, lively conversation, and a real message make this a book which you will not soon forget. Price of the book is \$2.50.—*Blaine Snyder.*

Studies Concerning the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ

III. THE MEANING OF THE INCARNATION

By Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr., New Troy, Mich.

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7).

These strikingly simple words, penned by Luke and setting forth the birth of the Christ Child, will be dressed up and glamorized by radio and television and "piped" into the homes of millions of people many times over this year, but in spite of this the world will once again, as it has for some 1,950 years, miss the full deep meaning of the event of which they speak. Since the birth of Jesus Christ took place, since God became incarnate in human flesh, the world has misapplied that incarnation. In view of this our greatest Christmas blessing could come from once again examining the record and meditating upon the meaning of the incarnation as that meaning is revealed in the Word of God.

What It Meant to God

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

To the Father it meant the giving of His Son. Oh, the sharp thrust of pain that must have gone through the breast of Abraham when he was instructed to offer up his son, Isaac. And yet there was no wavering, no hesitating, no rebellion. Abraham reacted immediately to the command of God. Neither was there hesitation on the part of God, but when it was determined that the penalty for sin must be paid and that man could not pay it without suffering hell, eternally separated from God, then God reacted immediately and it was determined that He would send His Son into the world to pay that same penalty.

For God it meant the giving of His Son to a lowly birth in a manger, the giving of His Son to a life of poverty and sorrow, the giving of His Son to a life of wandering upon the earth with no home and nowhere to lay His head, the giving of His Son into the hands of cruel men to be beaten and scourged and humiliated and

shamed, the giving of His Son to a criminal's death upon a rugged cross on a little hillock outside the city of Jerusalem, the giving of His spotless, sinless Son to bear the sins of the world, the giving of His Son who knew no sin to become sin for us.

How, in the face of this, we should cry out in our hearts: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

What It Meant to the Son

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:5-8).

To the Son it meant leaving heaven's glory to come down to earth as a servant, obedient unto death. As the Son He shared all the glory and honor and majesty of heaven with the Father, yet all this He thought not a thing to be grasped at but gave it all up that He might come to earth for the express purpose of suffering the death of the cross, obediently and without whimpering, that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly.

Thus it was that when the fullness of time was come the Son took from Himself His robes of glory that He might be clothed upon with the robes of flesh. He took from His brow the crown of honor that He might receive the crown of thorns. He laid aside His scepter of righteousness that He might take up the cross of shame. Thus it was that He could say, "Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me" (Heb. 10:5). A body prepared for sacrifice, a body prepared for death, the death of the cross to purchase redemption for lost mankind. To the Son it meant being born to die.

What It Meant to the World

"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the

city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

To the world it meant the coming of the Saviour. Men from the time of the fall in the Garden of Eden had been separated from God. Here was man, sinful and depraved. There was God, holy, righteous, high and lifted up. Between the two was a great gulf of sin that man could not bridge. There was not even a place of common ground where man and God could meet, where man could seek forgiveness for his sins. God was spirit and man was flesh; there was no contact between the two, no communion, no fellowship.

There welled up in the heart of man an insatiable desire for a go-between, a mediator, an umpire, one who could stand between as the bridge over the great gap. From the heart of the man Job came the expression of this universal desire: "For he is not man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment. Neither is there any daysman [go-between] betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both" (Job 9:32-33). When Jesus was born in Bethlehem's manger, that need was met and man had a Daysman, a Go-Between, a Mediator. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5). Now man had a common meeting ground where he could seek forgiveness of his sins. Now man had one who could save him from his sins. "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15).

When the Lord Jesus Christ was born in the manger in Bethlehem on that night so long ago He opened up a new and living way to God. The greatest marvel of all time was seen on that night by the lowly shepherds, for there before them, wrapped in swaddling clothes and cradled in the manger, was God manifest in the flesh. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. . . . And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world" (1 John 3:9, 14).

A VIRGIN OR A YOUNG WOMAN?

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind.



Clayton, Ohio

On November 30 we closed a revival campaign which was led by Rev. Lester Pifer, of Fremont, Ohio. Our meeting was a clear example of the fact that there is nothing which can take the place of plain gospel preaching to stir up the hearts of God's people and to convict the sinner of the error of his way.

Our meetings were well-attended, with an average attendance the first week of 84, and 87 the second week. There were 19 decisions for Christ, 3 of which were first-time confessions, 3 for church membership, and the rest were rededications. God convicted His people of sin and fellowship was restored.

Our Sunday school record of 109 was broken when 131 persons were counted present on November 23.—*Clair Brickel, pastor.*

Martinsburg, West Virginia

The Rosemont Brethren Church of Martinsburg, W. Va., celebrated the second anniversary of its building October 22. During the past 2 years the Lord has showered many tokens of grace upon us.

The attendances have increased in the morning worship service by 35 percent, in the evening evangelistic service by 52 percent, in the Sunday school by 56 percent, and in the prayer service by 109 percent. During the past 24 months 58 persons have entered the waters of Christian baptism, the building debt has been reduced by some \$8,500, and a 52-passenger church bus has been put into operation. A 30-minute radio broadcast has been aired each Sunday morning for the past year. Three attendance records have been broken during the past few weeks with 167 people present in Sunday school October 5, 108 present in prayer meeting November 12, and 250 present at the evening service November 23.

In October it was the great blessing of the church to have Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, our national mod-



Rev. R. I. Humberd

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son" . . . or, is it just a "young woman"? (Isa. 7:14).

But how am I to know? Am I left to the mercy of men who lay great claim to scholarship and yet who argue pro and con? Am I left to the whim of my own mind to discern between the true and the false, as I listen to their flow of words? After all, does it make any difference what I believe about the virgin birth?

Did our God give us this precious doctrine and then go off to let it be tossed about by violent hands? Has the "new Bible" given us the true translation, or is the King James Version correct when it says that "a virgin shall conceive"?

The Key

Nay, verily. Rather does our God watch over this doctrine with zealous eye and guard it with omnipotent hand, for He has hidden the truth where enemy foot has never trod, and hung the key in the sight of every eye. He who knew what man would do has guarded this doctrine and placed in the very text itself the answer, so that a wayfaring man, though a fool, may not err therein.

Ahaz and the Signs

God said, "Ahaz, ask of me a sign." "Ah," said Ahaz, "I'm not interested in signs."

"But, Ahaz, ask it. Ask it in the height above or the depth beneath. Make it as hard as you can. Ahaz, if you will say the word, I will whirl the moon around the sun like a stone in David's sling. If you will say the word, I will open the earth and show you the various strata and the earth's molten interior."

"But," said Ahaz, "I am not interested."

"All right," said God, "I'll give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son."

Three Signs

Let us notice that God mentions three different signs. To be a sign it must be out of the ordinary, something impossible from our point of view. Verily, a "young woman" is

not a sign. For a young woman to have a child is a natural and a daily occurrence.

God is here speaking of something beyond the ordinary. Either in the sky above, the earth beneath, or in a virgin's womb, and one is as impossible as the other to us.

Verily, it is written, "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son." And "when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman" (Gal. 4:4).

Verily, let mortal man beware lest he be found "denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 4), and thus bring down upon himself severe condemnation from our God.

Brother Humberd has written a very excellent booklet on "The Virgin Birth," which sells for 15c a copy and can be secured from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. He has issued a special edition of this booklet for students which he is giving out personally without cost to hundreds of young people preparing for the Lord's service.—Ed.

PLAN SIXTH BIBLE LANDS CRUISE

Dr. Joseph Free, professor of archaeology at Wheaton College, has announced that the sixth Wheaton Bible Lands Cruise will start from New York February 18, 1953.

The cruise through both Arab and Israeli Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Italy, and other Mediterranean countries is open to all Christians.

Any person interested in more information should contact Dr. Free at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

erator, bring a series of evangelistic messages. His timely true-to-the-Word sermons did much to strengthen the saints at Martinsburg as well as to help open up many new contacts.—*M. Leon Myers, pastor.*

Martinsburg, Pennsylvania

On October 5 this church observed a combined rally day and first anniversary of the ministry of Rev. Gerald Teeter as our pastor. An all-time high of 251 people were present, and since that time the Sunday school attendance has not dropped below 200.

A Thanksgiving fellowship meal was held November 26 with 112 people present in the local high school building.

The special meetings, October 26-November 7, with Rev. Gordon Bracker, of Kittanning, Pa., as the speaker, were well attended and brought spiritual blessing.

Average attendances for the past quarter: prayer meeting, 60; morning worship, 150; evening worship, 110; Brethren Youth Fellowship, 45. A Sunday school bus is now being used for all regular services.

We now have a boys club, a children's meeting, a junior Sisterhood, and a cherub choir.

During the year there were 8 first-time confessions in regular services and 6 in special meetings. There were 12 baptisms, 18 rededications, and 17 persons received into church membership.—*Martinsburg reporter.*

Tracy, California

We rejoice in the victories from the Lord November 30. Our Sunday school attendance reached 120, and almost \$1,000 was given against our indebtedness. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed by 60 people.

An afternoon service was held. This was closed by a baptismal service for a Portuguese man who had formerly been a Roman Catholic.

The speakers for the day were Mrs. Rose Foster, deputation missionary, and Rev. Harold Painter, pastor of the Modesto, La Loma church.—*William Clough, pastor.*

Portland, Oregon

The Portland Grace Brethren Church enjoyed a time of spiritual refreshing in its Christ for Everyone campaign with Bro. Harold Painter,

of Modesto, Calif., as the evangelist November 12-23. Brother Painter is a zealous servant of the Lord.

The average attendance for the meeting was 42, and a number of decisions were made publicly.—*Ver-non J. Harris, pastor.*

Meyersdale, Pennsylvania

People can't believe it, but it is true—the Meyersdale Brethren Church had 154 people at its evening service November 30. During October and November the average attendance in Sunday school was 148, ranging from a low of 90 to a high of 233. For the same period the attendance in the morning service averaged 126, ranging from 113 to 147.—*H. Leslie Moore, pastor.*

SONG WRITER DIES

Dr. Ernest O. Sellers, writer of songs with the message of the Word of God in them, died October 19. His 2 best-known songs were "Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus," and "Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart." Mr. Sellers, during his active ministry, was professor of sacred music at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

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| Clay City, Ind. | 63 |
| Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale) .. | 260 |
| Kittanning, Pa. | 171 |
| Paramount, Calif. | 97 |
| Portland, Oreg. | 132 |
| Radford, Va. | 118 |
| San Bernardino, Calif. | 143 |

Public Confessions

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| Fort Wayne, Ind. | 2 |
| Radford, Va. | 4 |
| San Bernardino, Calif. | 1 |

Additions to Membership

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| Spokane, Wash. | 2 |
| Uniontown, Pa. | 4 |

Baptisms Not Included in Additions

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| New Troy, Mich. | 3 |
| Long Beach, Calif. (First) | 1 |

Dedication of Babies

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| Alexandria, Va. | 5 |
| Winchester, Va. | 1 |

Rev. Marvin Goodman, Jr., was the preacher at the San Bernardino, Calif., church December 7.

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3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing weight, Your forms are bend - ing low, Who toil a - lor
4. For lo, the days are hast'ning on, And 'neath their wings fore - told, When with the ev

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Pictures Show Activities of Students Who Work Part-Time After Classes



(1) Richard Anderson teaches at Beaver Dam Junior High School and trains the school chorus. (2) Rosella Cochran nurses at McDonald Hospital. (3) Ruth Clough, nurse at McDonald Hospital, attends Mrs. Lutie Koontz, mother of Rev. Herman Koontz, pastor of Winona Lake Brethren Church. (4) Audrey Byers, nurse, cares for one of the younger patients at McDonald Hospital. (5) Bill Burk announcing at Radio Station WRSW in Warsaw. Bill also serves part time as engineer for the station. (6) Wayne Snider shows Moody films in churches, youth groups, and schools. (7) Charles Koontz printing at F. B. Miller's Christian Cards Company. (8) Dean Fetterhoff working at Mellencamp's Furniture Store. (9) Mary Dukeshire, desk clerk at Westminster Hotel. (10) Jack Peters operating addressograph at Brethren Missionary Herald Company. (11) Nancy Bry rolls Brethren Missionary Heralds for mailing. (12) Bob Fetter, salesman at Shine Shoe Store. (13) John Harper and R. Paul Miller, Jr., operate Milnot canning machine at Litchfield Creamery. (14) Alvin Showalter making butter at Litchfield Creamery in one of the large churns which turns out 2,400 pounds

of butter at a time. (15) Bill Short, timekeeper at Armstrong Associates, sulting Engineers. (16) Dean Risser, Earle Peere, Bill Short, Don Bisho, Armstrong Associates, Consulting Engineers. Three are draftsmen. Sho timekeeper. (17) Paul Gingrich filling tube with plastic cement at Arms Associates. (18) Max Fluke builds houses from foundation to roof. Archie Keffer, carpenter. Note seminary building in background. (20) Miller operating acetylene welding machine for local contractor, George I cott. (21) Russell Konves, assistant caretaker at seminary building. (22) riet Hutchings operating dishwasher at Eskimo Inn. (23) Mary Ringler s Dr. McKee, business manager of Winona Lake Christian Assembly, at Es Inn. (24) Betty Flora serving students at Eskimo Inn. (25) Jim Hoffn washing pans at Eskimo Inn. (26) Bob Coon buffs Christian mottoes at W Art Studio. (27) Joel Kettenring painting flannelgraph materials with air

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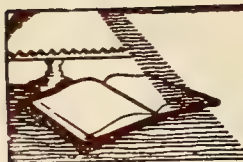
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As the Editor Sees It

By L. L. GRUBB



"MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD"

With these words the Virgin Mary began her song of adoration to God for announcing the birth of Christ and for the choice of this handmaid through whom the royal Son of God should come.

Mary's heart was suffused with praise to God because of His greatness and the manifestation of His mercy to sinful Israel through Christ. It is certain that she was giving Him all the glory and had no idea of the later Romanist doctrine of her immaculate conception. Her heart was rejoicing in the fact that now Israel would have a King and a Saviour.

Especially at this Christmas season Mary is our blessed example in this.

The first purpose of Christmas is to magnify the Lord. Again our hearts should be reminded of the great love of God manifested in the giving of His Son as the Lamb slain for the sins of men. Great praise should well up in our souls for the resultant salvation of thousands who have come to know Christ as Saviour.

Let us magnify the Lord at this Christmas season in our lives, our emphasis, our testimonies, and let us remember that all the commercialism, revelry, dissipation, and sin connected with the season is utterly foreign to its true meaning, and is dishonoring to God.

The directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council bring Christian greetings to our many friends and hearty wishes for God's blessings during the new year.

AMERICA'S PERIL—THE WORLD NARCOTICS CARTEL

Unregulated over 10,000,000 square miles, the growers of opium, heroin, and marihuana are defeating every law agency in the United States in the war on drugs.

For example, one night early this year agents of the Federal Narcotics Bureau swooped down on nearly 550 major merchants of marihuana, heroin, and cocaine. They were not fooling with the small dope peddlers, but were concerned with the "big shots."

Within 2 months 500 of these criminals, including many of America's most dangerous narcotics salesmen, were convicted and behind the bars.

But less than 3 weeks after this mass raid which cost our taxpayers between 3 and 4 million dollars, the narcotics cartel was working and operating just as efficiently as ever.

The stark and alarming truth is that even if not one law enforcement officer would accept a bribe, our law enforcement agencies are inadequate to stop this wholesale traffic in dope.

The world's "opium belt," a strip of fertile soil reaching 11,500 miles across Europe and Asia, from the Blue Danube to the Yellow Sea, is the source of the trouble.

Such countries as Albania, Greece, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Iran, etc., are in this narcotic belt. Hundreds of thousands of farmers in these areas have never grown any other crop.

Attempts have been made by the League of Nations and now by the United Nations to control the tremendous flow of these narcotics into America, but have been of little avail.

America is by far the best market for the abundant surplus of dope produced by foreign nations. Americans have the cash to pay the bill. So about 2½ pounds of heroin, which sells for \$1,500 wholesale, brings \$25,000 to the peddler here.

At the heart of the narcotics cartel is the international crime organization known as Mafia. The Senate Crime Investigating Committee said of Mafia: "World-wide in its scope, the Mafia is believed to derive the major source of its income from the distribution and smuggling of narcotics." This is just one angle of the Mafia's program, which program extends to murder, robbery, white slavery, etc. International headquarters are in Italy, with subheadquarters at various world spots, including some in America.

AMERICAN YOUTH TARGETS OF DOPE PEDDLERS

Almost any night of the year you can find a "tea" or dope party in full swing in most large American cities. Approximately 90 percent of the immoral jitterbugs are American young people 14 to 19 years of age.

These boys and girls have developed the insane desire for drugs, most likely by buying a little from some peddler in their city high school. Gradually they have become addicts and will resort to anything, including selling their bodies, robbery, and even murder to secure more dope to satisfy that intense craving. Here is the great reason why more major crimes are committed each year in the lower age brackets.

There are at least 200,000 drug addicts in America and many of these are young people living in homes of unsuspecting parents, until the habit spurs them to crime.

The peddlers, miserable wretches of humanity, know well that if they get the young people started on dope at an early age their business will gradually increase to phenomenal proportions.

HOW SHALL WE MEET THIS PERIL?

We cannot and must not wait for the United Nations to solve the problem. Russia, a part of the UN organization, does not want the problem solved for us, for we are constantly weakened as an international power by the inroads of drugs.

We must do more about getting the Gospel into the schools, colleges, and universities of our land. Our

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HOME MISSION OFFICE SECRETARY TAKES NEW JOB



Mrs. Taylor

The former Miss Cashel Heckman, our office secretary for over 6½ years, has resigned to assume the new duties of a housewife. She began her new role on December 14, when she became Mrs. Oren Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor performed a real service to the Lord through the home mission office and our directors regret losing the services of this faithful employee, but we certainly congratulate her and wish her Godspeed for the future.

NEW SECRETARY COMES TO HOME MISSION OFFICE

Replacing Miss Cashel Heckman as office secretary is Miss Louise Blankenship, of Wooster, Ohio. Miss Blankenship is a member of the First Brethren Church of Wooster. She dedicated her life to full-time Christian service while that church was a home mission church and now has seen her prayers answered by accepting the call to serve in the Brethren Home Missions Council office. Please remember this change of personnel in corresponding with our office.



Miss Blankenship

youth organizations must step up the tempo of their evangelistic and personal witness. We must build more houses of worship in places where youth can be reached for God before Satan claims them.

Remember, the narcotics business is on the increase! Until we defeat this devilish business by wielding the Word of God, our own America presents a greater missionary challenge day by day!

MASS HYSTERIA AMONG AMERICAN YOUTH

Nightly approximately 2,500 teen-agers crowd into the Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium to scream in mass hysteria and excitement as Big Jay McNeely plays jazz on his tortured saxophone.

Often for 45 minutes this colored saxophonist plays wierd jungle music and tunes in minor chords calculated to arouse emotional excitement. So exhausted does he become at times that he stretches out flat on the stage floor and continues to play. All the while the multitude of young people cry in rhythm, "Go! Go! Go!" When it appears that the music might stop a great howl goes up from the crowd. Pictures of these youngsters show them in a frenzy of hysterical excitement with all caution and soberness gone.

We have seen Indian squaw dances on the reservation and have heard medicine men chant their demon-inspired minor tones. There is little difference, if any. What these young people are doing comes dangerously close to demon possession, at least to a complete abandonment of themselves to Satan and the flesh. It is typical of the increasing tendency of our nation to shun God and righteousness and find pleasure in sinful pursuits.

How wonderful it would be if each night these 2,500 teen-agers could hear a Christian musician playing gospel songs and then a faithful preacher unfolding the Word of God. This is the America of tomorrow! We must rescue at least a percentage of this young life for Christ or else face certain national disaster.

Of course it would be difficult to secure the attention of this many young people each night—perhaps impossible. But unless the church arouses to a sense of the need of American youth, nothing further will be done to meet this spiritual challenge.

WE LIVE SHELTERED LIVES

Most folks who read this magazine live sheltered lives. They do not sit behind closed doors with criminals who are planning their vicious crimes against society. They do not frequent houses of ill fame. They are not approached by dope peddlers in our modern high schools and on the streets of our nation. Their contact with sin is often a rather superficial thing. It may consist of a little trouble in the church or in connection with the daily job.

Thus it is difficult for the only people who can do anything about the sinful situation in our nation to fully see the spiritual need. Actually the complacency of the American church knows no bounds. This is the most dangerous aspect of the whole picture. If the children of God in America would see this country as one of the world's neediest mission fields—more would be done immediately about meeting that need!

Let us arouse ourselves and face the stark reality that America is not a Christian nation in any sense, but that she desperately needs Christ!

GRACE SEMINARY HELPING TO MEET THIS NEED

How can they hear without a preacher?

Grace Seminary is helping to meet America's need by providing trained and qualified young men and women to enter into the home mission field and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Many seminary graduates are now in Brethren home mission churches and also in other Brethren pulpits across the nation. These men and women are giving a good account of their stewardship because they know the Word and faithfully teach it.

We could not grow adequately without Grace Seminary. We need more young men and women in its classrooms who are dedicated to our Lord.

At this time of the year we honor the Lord and promote His testimony by laying our voluntary gifts on the altar for the seminary's support. Each child of God who believes the Bible to be the inspired Word of God should have some part in supporting this fine school, realizing that it is indispensable to the accurate teaching of God's Word.



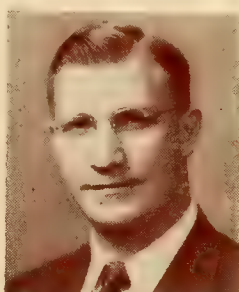
THERE IS NO SHORT CUT OR EASY WAY TO SUCCESS

By Rev. Bernard N. Schneider, Mansfield, Ohio

(Editor's Note: On the opposite page is some of the evidence that the Mansfield, Ohio, church is on the spiritual beam. Especially when you remember that 33 young people meeting in a store building greeted Brother Schneider on his first Sunday as pastor back in 1944. In over a year there have been decisions for Christ every week with few exceptions, and so the writer of the following article has experienced that there are no short cuts in God's program.)

"In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of" (John 4:31-32).

It was time for lunch. Jesus was hungry and weary. The disciples urged Him to eat. But Jesus had more important business just then. He had just led a sinful woman into salvation, and in her excitement she had run to town to tell her acquaintances about the Christ she had found. They were coming to see Him now, and Jesus could not eat while there were souls to be led into salvation. His own needs could wait—His own comfort was put aside for the salvation of souls. This kind of sacrificial spirit is the very basis of all success in the business of winning souls. Without the readiness to pay a great price, souls will never be saved. There is no short cut, no easy way.



Rev. Bernard Schneider

There Was No Short Cut With God

God "spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all" (Rom. 8:32). Of course we can never understand the mystery of God's sacrifice, when He delivered up His Son to be made sin for us. We can only wonder at what it must have meant to God when His Son sweat drops of blood and prayed, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me" (Matt. 26:39). We stand in awe as we hear the Son cry from the cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34). But one thing is certain: there was no easy way for God by which to reconcile man, and He made the sacrifice of His own dear Son that man might be saved.

← Fourteen different Sunday school classes are shown here with the following teachers: (left top down) Mr. Willis Witzky, Mrs. Nelda Dekker, Mrs. Howard Lehnhart, Mrs. John Guthrie, Mr. Harold Witzky, Mrs. Martha Harnagel, and Mr. Sam Korodi. (Right top down) Mr. John Brown, Mrs. Kenneth McConkie and Mrs. Paul Cook, Mr. Blake Mishey, Mrs. George Shields, Mrs. Blair Donley and Mrs. Willis Witzky, Rev. Bernard Schneider, Rev. James Cook.

There Was No Short Cut for Christ

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9). From the moment Christ left the glory of heaven to be born into this world, He knew nothing but sacrifice. Born in a stable, though the very Creator of the universe, He took the beating, the spitting, the insults of sinful men, permitted Himself to be nailed to the cross, with His clothes taken from Him, to die there forsaken of man and of God. But there was no other way to save man from sin, there was no short cut, and Christ was willing to pay the price. Hallelujah!

There Was No Short Cut for the Early Christians

"And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judæa and Samaria, except the apostles. . . . Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:1, 4). I have been preaching through the Book of Acts on Sunday mornings for some time, and my heart has been thrilled and challenged by the unbelievable sacrifice of laymen and preachers in the early church. They simply counted no sacrifice too great to get the Gospel out, even when it meant losing their own lives. They knew no short cut, they found no easy way by which to bring the world to Christ. They were willing to pay the price, and God was able to honor that spirit of sacrifice. Yes, the early church grew by leaps and bounds, but no faster than the testimony of God would grow today if we had the same spirit and willingness to pay the price.

There Is No Short Cut in Brethren Home Missions

There has never been in the history of man a time of greater opportunity for real effective gospel testimony than that which confronts the Brethren people today right here in America. The field is large and ripe unto harvest. The people of America are sick of sham religion, but many will respond to the real thing when they see and hear it. We have the whole Gospel without the burden of liberalism in our ranks. We have the young recruits for Christ, more than ever before, and eager to serve the Lord.

The one factor which holds the whole program down to a so-so pace is the lack of a real sacrificial spirit, measured not by the sacrifice of other churches, but by the sacrifice of God, of Christ, and of the people of the early church. Just how much do we want to see 100 new testimonies for Christ in the next year? Have we missed any meals for them? Not many, have we? But there is no short cut! There is no easy way! Only a willingness to pay the price, no matter how great, will bring success on a large scale. Let us seriously think about these facts as we present our gifts to home missions this year.



Home Missions Travelog

BY THE SECRETARY

SIDNEY, IND., CHURCH SERVING CHRIST

Just a few miles from Winona Lake in the small town of Sidney is a Brethren church where Christ is being increasingly honored in an aggressive gospel program. The pastor, Bro. Richard DeArmey, a student in Grace Seminary, has been effectively used by the Lord in leading this church in a fine testimony for Christ in this small town and rural community. Sunday school attendance has increased and souls have been saved.

A fine group witnessed our home mission pictures during a recent visit.

Certainly there is no reason why a small town church should be any less militant for Christ than the large city church.

PLANS DEVELOPING FOR WASHINGTON HEIGHTS CHURCH

After a recent meeting with the building committee of our Washington Heights, Roanoke, Va., church we were again rejoicing at the possibilities for an effective Christian witness enjoyed by this church. The pastor, Bro. Carl Miller, told us of the blessings of God in increased attendance until the walls of the little meeting place are bulging. As we looked at prospective sketches for the new building and made tentative plans for starting the new building in the spring, we again realized the urgent need for new church buildings in our home mission fields all over the nation.

MONEY-RAISING CAMPAIGN IN ROANOKE

During our visit in the Roanoke area we participated in a money-raising campaign in the Ghent church with the pastor, Bro. Robert Miller, and our many other friends there, and the Lord graciously gave us a large sum in cash and pledges. This church purposes to add a large section to the present building to provide Sunday school and other meeting facilities to house the growing congregation.

SPLENDID BUILDING ADDITION AT BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA

On Sunday afternoon we pointed the nose of the *Grace Ambassador* north from Roanoke and over the mountains to Buena Vista, where we also received a blessing in seeing the growth of this Brethren church.

A large new masonry addition is being constructed and is well on its way to completion in order to house the growing Sunday school. The pastor, Bro. Galen Lingenfelter, has experienced the blessing of God on his ministry.

We showed pictures of God's blessing on our home mission work to a large crowd.

MEETING IN COVINGTON, VIRGINIA

From Buena Vista we flew to Covington, where we enjoyed 2 weeks of fellowship with the pastor, Bro. Lee Crist, and the congregation in a revival and evangelistic

effort. We were met at the airport by a news photographer and quite a few of the church members, which gave us an excellent start in publicity.

The 2 weeks were filled with blessing in many ways. Brother Crist kept us busy visiting in the homes of needy souls, of which there are hundreds in the community surrounding the church. We had the joy of seeing souls saved and believers restored to fellowship with their Lord. In spite of some bad weather the attendance at the meetings held up well. All in all we believe that God was honored in this effort.

VISITS TO TWO FORMER HOME MISSION CHURCHES

In Flora, Ind., and Osceola, Ind., are 2 former home mission churches where the Lord is certainly honored and from which an excellent testimony is proceeding for Christ.

Bro. Charles Turner, a recent graduate of Grace Seminary, and now pastor at Flora, tells of God's blessing on the work and the recent salvation of several souls.

Bro. Ward Miller, pastor at Osceola, which church became self-supporting a little over a year ago, also reports God's favor upon the work.

In each of these places we found a splendid response to the home mission challenge.

FELLOWSHIP AT ASHLAND, OHIO

Recently we spoke to a large congregation in the Ashland West Tenth Street Church, where Bro. Miles Taber is pastor. Both during the Sunday school hour and the church service we had the privilege of emphasizing the home mission work. This church, which grew out of a mission, is indeed a growing institution and having a very effective testimony in the community.

HOMECOMING SERVICE AT RITTMAN, OHIO

It is always nice to go back home. Since we had a former pastorate at Rittman, it was nice to have the opportunity of fellowship again with our friends in Christ. The pastor, Bro. Charles Ashman, Jr., gave us a warm welcome.

A very novel home mission service was enjoyed here with Bro. Russell Barnard, Bro. Forest Lance, and others bringing home mission emphasis.

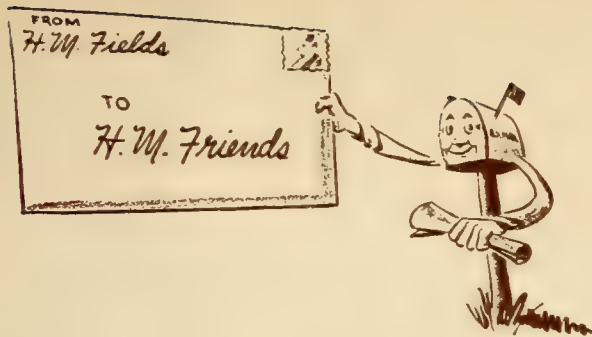
MANSFIELD, OHIO, STILL ON SPIRITUAL BEAM

The Mansfield church and a message on home missions completed our triple circuit for this Lord's Day.

The blessing of God is certainly manifest in this former home mission church. Bro. Bernard Schneider, the pastor, and his assistant, Bro. James Cook, are in business for Christ and as a result of an intensive calling program souls are being saved constantly.

In spite of heavy indebtedness this church is one of the largest contributors to home mission work.

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made decisions for Christ in these 2 days. Pray for us as we serve the Lord at Clayhole.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. (Gene Farrell, pastor)—

Praise God for a teacher training class which is attracting between 25 and 30 teachers and cadets each Monday night. This is preparing the way for our growing Sunday school, which had 189 in attendance recently, 64 more than the average for last year. We also praise the Lord for a couple in our church who have felt burdened to open their house for a Tuesday night prayer meeting in addition to our regular prayer service.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. (M. L. Myers, pastor)—

We celebrated our second anniversary on October 26 and here are a few of the statistics and blessings:

| | Oct. 1950 | Oct. 1952 | Pct. Increase |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Sunday school | 80 | 125 | 51% |
| Morning service . . . | 83 | 112 | 36% |
| Evening service . . . | 72 | 110 | 53% |
| Prayer meeting | 38 | 79 | 109% |

In the 2-year period there have been 55 baptisms and 36 additions to the church. A church bus is in operation 3 times a week. The "Gospel Truth" program has been on the air weekly for the past year. The basement and 4 Sunday school rooms have been completed. The building debt was reduced \$7,100. To God be the glory!

DAYTON, OHIO (C. S. Zimmerman, pastor)—

Patterson Park wishes to advise you that we have set a new high in attendance in our Sunday school. There were 74 in attendance yesterday, which was 7 more than the previous record, and 64 were in the worship service. Our 6 weeks of contest in conjunction with Christian Life magazine netted a 27 percent increase in Sunday school attendance. Many new families who live in our community are visiting us.

ARTESIA, CALIF. (Adam H. Rager, pastor)—

The Lord is blessing in His work here. Yesterday we observed homecoming and rally day and our hearts were made to rejoice again because of God's goodness to us. The total attendance for all services exceeded 400 and there were 14 public decisions, most of them first time and during the Sunday school session. A boys club was recently organized and at the second meeting there were 15 boys and 5 men present. The club is meeting in the parsonage garage.

CLAYHOLE, KY. (Sewell Landrum, pastor)—

Things have been happening here since September 20. On that date Rev. Ralph Colburn began 2 weeks of special meetings and immediately following this we started 6 weeks of Sunday school emphasis in the Christian Life magazine Sunday school contest. At the close of this contest Rev. John Neely was the speaker for 4 nights of special services. One high school girl accepted Christ during Brother Neely's ministry with us. The contest ended with an average attendance equal to 3 times the regular attendance. Following this, Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy were here 2 days and brought some real inspirational missionary messages. Two young people dedicated their lives to the Lord and 2 other youngsters

BRETHREN NAVAHO MISSION (Evan Adams, missionary)—

We have been in the midst of a measles epidemic for the past few weeks. They saturated the area and found their way into our school. About 15 of the children have been stricken, but all are recovering. Besides caring for our own children we have had the burden of many people in the area. Some families had all their children sick at one time. Now we are busy caring for the after-effects, such as bad colds, pneumonia, etc. There were 4 deaths in the area as a result of the epidemic. We buried one 2-year-old boy Saturday afternoon who died from pneumonia. His 2 sisters were very sick and we had them under our care for 5 days. One of them was taken to the hospital yesterday nearing pneumonia.

Juan Augustine, the Navaho tribal representative from this area, had 7 of his children sick at once with the measles. One of them died, and with another very sick, he finally brought her to our mission. He had never had anything to do with us before, but he was at the end of his rope. He had had the medicine man working on this daughter, I know, because she had black ashes over her body when she came to us. We gave her penicillin and aspirin, plus all the juice she could drink, and by night she was feeling better. She slept some this night for the first time in 3 nights. The next day she was eating some, but still very sick. A nurse from the Blanco mission came by and administered some medicine which helped very much, and the father was pleased to see his daughter recovering. When the government nurse arrived, she took this girl and another one with her to the Shiprock hospital.

In visiting the hogan of Mr. Augustine a few days later we found 4 of his children still very ill. We gave them some first-aid treatment and went on our way. This morning he came and said that the medicine had helped all of them and that he was very grateful for all the help we gave to his family. He said, "You are my brother, for you have helped me so much." He also said, "I will tell all the Navaho people that you have good medicine." He was referring to kapectate and penicillin, the wonder drug. The Lord used this epidemic to bring us in contact with this man who is a power in this area and to show him that we Christians are here to help the people in many ways. Pray that our testimony may lead him to the Lord as another power in the area, this time as a Christian. Mr. Augustine stated that he would like for all his children to attend our school next year, but how will we meet the demands for the increase in enrollment? I am sure we could easily have 75 to 100 children if we had the facilities and personnel.

WHOSOEVER WILL MAY COME

By Bruce L. Button

Thursday afternoon. I am in the study for a last-minute review of the message to be given before our Thursday evening adult Bible class here at the mission. I have just completed a morning of calling on Jewish homes. The morning was anything but encouraging. Many people were not home and those that were home were either disinterested in, or openly antagonistic toward the gospel message concerning the Lord Jesus, the Saviour of the world and the Messiah of Israel. I put the thoughts of the morning's work from my mind and looked to the work of the afternoon.

First, prayer for the mind of the Lord as I study again this passage from His Word. Also prayer for Mrs. Button as she spends the afternoon calling in Jewish homes. (She spends several afternoons each week contacting Jewish homes concerning the Gospel of Grace, and the response she has had has been very gratifying.) Finally a quick peek at little Diane to ascertain if she is still asleep and then to the desk and study.

Half an hour passes. Suddenly my deliberation is interrupted by the persistent ringing of the doorbell. I open the door and greet Mrs. F. "It is so good to see you again. Come in. Mrs. Button and I have been thinking of you and planned to visit you this week. What brings you to this neighborhood?"

Mrs. F. is an unsaved Jewish lady that we have contacted before. As she settles herself in a comfortable chair she tells me she has been in good health, she has been thinking of our last conversation about the Lord, and her reason for the present visit is need of advice about a family problem.

"Mr. Button, my son-in-law is separating my daughter from me. Won't you talk to him about this matter? He is such a sinner and he needs the Lord to deal with him." Then before I can answer, she plunges into the story of her "troubles." She is not permitted to see her daughter and grandson. She has been warned not to phone them. She is sick over the whole arrangement. What should she do? And she continues on and on while I try to collect my thoughts.

I know both sides of this situation. We dealt with her daughter (a Jewish lady) last spring and she had accepted the Lord at that time. I knew the daughter was concerned for the spiritual welfare of her mother. This then seemed like a God-sent opportunity to deal with the mother, and I break in on her conversation: "Mrs. F., I know you're lonely for your loved ones and I realize what it must mean not to be able to see or talk with them. But before you can settle this problem satisfactorily, you have another problem that must be settled—your relationship to the Lord. When you face the Lord He will not question you as to whether or not your son-in-law has received Jesus as Saviour, Messiah, and God. The question He will ask you is, 'What think ye of Christ? Did you accept Jesus as your offering for sin? Did you recognize and confess Him as your Messiah, Saviour, and God?' What answer can you give Him?"

"But, Mr. Button, I'm not at fault here. All I want is

to see my loved ones. It's my son-in-law. He's a sinner; I'm not."

I break in again: "Mrs. F., not only is he a sinner, but you're a sinner also. We are all sinners. God's Word says so. 'If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar' (I John 1:10). 'We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags' (Isa. 64:6). 'There is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not' (Eccl. 7:20). 'The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked' (Jer. 17:9). That, Mrs. F., is a description of the condition of everyone. It is a description of your condition. It is a description of your son-in-law's condition. This condition is the cause of the differences that exist between you and your son-in-law. I cannot remedy this situation nor do I have the answer that will solve the differences between you and your son-in-law. But I know Someone who does have the remedy you so sorely need, and who can dissolve the differences as they exist between you and your loved ones!"

With that I opened God's Word to Genesis 6:5-6, Isaiah 1:1-18, 6:1-5, 53:6, Jeremiah 7:25-26, and after she reads the passages I ask her, "How does God regard men?" There is no answer. I continue, "He certainly does not think of them as good. To Him they are workers of evil and He cannot fellowship with them. In fact, He says, 'The wicked shall be turned into hell' (Psa. 9:17). But God is a loving God. Read this for me." I hand her the Bible opened to Isaiah 53. When she finishes there are tears in her eyes. I speak of Jesus and the cross. I read Isaiah 9:6-7 and Psalm 2:12. Then I speak of the Son of God. I read the passage in Jeremiah 31:13-33 and speak of the new covenant or testament and of the changed hearts, the willing hearts, that God promises to His people. Then I have her read John 3:1-21 and we talk of the Lord Jesus and the new birth.

The patio door opens and I hear Mrs. Button returning from her visitation work. I know it is late in the afternoon. The clock shows 4:45. Mrs. F. is saying she must return home and is thanking me for the time I have spent with her. I tell her of the class we will have in the evening and ask her if she would care to attend. "I would like to attend," is her response. I arrange to pick her up in the car at 7:30 and she says good-bye and leaves.

Suddenly I realize I did not press her for a decision. Did I err in not doing so? Or was I right in leaving this in the hands of the Lord? Did I spend 3 hours speaking of the Lord and fail at the invitation? My mind is in a turmoil for the next 2½ hours because of these questions. Mrs. Button and I discuss the matter as we drive to Mrs. F.'s to pick her up for the evening class. And our hearts are thrilled as we greet her and hear her say, "I have had such peace of heart since I accepted Jesus as Lord this afternoon." We were again thrilled when she made confession before the class later in the evening.

Since then a month has passed and we have watched her grow in the Lord; she never misses the class and she always is ready to talk of Him. Pray that the Lord will use her in reaching her own people for Him.

BRETHREN, PLEASE HELP ME!

By Evan Adams

The following are the proper addresses and means of sending packages to the Navaho mission:

Our mail address is: Brethren Navaho Mission, Cuba, N. Mex. (Any parcel under 70 pounds may be sent by regular mail and is delivered to us at the trading post across the highway.)

Our freight address is: Brethren Navaho Mission, Star Route, Cuba, N. Mex., c/o San Juan Basin Lines, Albuquerque, N. Mex. (They do not bring freight to us free any longer when it is marked, "Free goods for the Navaho Indians." If it is not prepaid, we pay the charges on arrival.)

Any parcels sent by rail freight should have the San Juan Basin Lines named as the carrier from Albuquerque to here. Otherwise we must drive to Bernallilo, N. Mex. (100 miles), to pick up our freight. It will not be consigned to another carrier by the railroad unless so stated by the shipper. We are willing to pick up any freight sent to us at Bernallilo, but we are short-handed and are short of time for all the other jobs that need to be done at the mission. Hence, if the sender would just add the San Juan Basin Lines as the deliverer from Albuquerque to here, it would save us extra trips.

Because one package was not properly addressed, it cost a trucking company one man's labor for a day plus the expense of driving 240 miles and they could collect only \$1.20. **THE CORRECT ADDRESS IS IMPORTANT!**

The following items are needed in the way of clothing:

Babies—all kinds of baby clothing, quilts, diapers, etc.

Boys—jackets, caps, socks, shoes, overshoes, pajamas, shirts, levis.

Girls (5-14 years)—dresses, underslips, underwear, socks, shoes, overshoes, coats and jackets, pajamas.

Men—levis, shirts, jackets, overcoats, winter caps.

Women—shoes (flat heel only), stockings (cotton), coats, jackets, blouses, head scarfs.

YES, WE STILL WANT AND NEED USABLE CLOTHING.

HOME MISSIONS TRAVELOG

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WESTERN TRIP TAKES US TO 23 BRETHREN CHURCHES

Preparatory to Thanksgiving and emphasizing our offering for home missions and in order to care for home mission administration and investigation of new points we spent almost a month on the west coast.

It would be impossible for us to take sufficient space to tell you of the blessings enjoyed in the various churches. But we saw the blessing of our Lord repeatedly manifested.

Home mission opportunities are tremendous. Brethren families are scattered in many cities along the Pacific coast and are asking for new Brethren churches. The great northwest area is rapidly developing and a half-dozen new churches could be started there immediately. In the Southwest the same situation prevails. There is practically no end to the possibilities. This certainly gives point and emphasis to the need for an increased Thanksgiving offering to meet these great challenges which are ahead.

GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF DENVER GOING UP



The home mission issue of the Herald for November carried the story of the ground-breaking service on October 5, 1952. Your home missions secretary visited the Denver church and took the above picture on November 28, 1952. A telegram was received on December 9, 1952, from the pastor, Lowell Hoyt, saying: "The bricklayers will finish tomorrow and our building is expected to be closed in by January 15, 1953. The reason for the telegram: We need \$5,000 by the end of the week." In the last few weeks we received the above amount from Brethren, who had made personal loans to the Brethren Home Missions Council, to help in building Brethren churches and therefore we praise God that we could grant this request from Denver. We also praise God for the many Brethren who are assisting in His work through the avenue of loans. Would you like to help in this way?

A SEQUEL TO "NEEDED, ONE MORE BED"

Here is another recent victory at the Brethren Navaho Mission. One of the young men who brought the liquor to the 2 boys and got them drunk in last month's article entitled, "Needed, One More Bed," has come seeking the Lord and has professed Him as Saviour. This young man became very sick, and with his family came to the mission seeking help. We took him to the hospital and upon his release he stopped by and stayed over night in our hogan. The Antones testified to him, and when I returned from Albuquerque they said Charlie Pinto said he wanted to be saved. "We told him to come back on Sunday afternoon when you would be here." Sure enough, Charlie showed up and again said he wanted to be saved. We dealt with him again and explained the meaning of becoming a Christian to him and his family. I am sure the Lord heard his prayers, for Charlie Pinto is a different fellow. Formerly he was a source of trouble in the area, shiftless, and a drunkard. Now he is no longer afraid to come to the mission and face the missionaries. He joined in prayer for other Navahos the following Sunday, after being saved only 1 week. We did not have a service at the mission because of the measles epidemic, so we took Charlie along on hogan visitation and he joined us in singing and praying. He is leaving for a month's work on the railroad, and we are sending a portable record player, our "mechanical missionary," and 20 records for him to use while away. He wants to take the gospel message to other Navaho people.—Evan Adams, missionary.

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Winona Lake, Ind.

The Canton, Ohio, church sponsored an "open house" at the parsonage December 14 so the members and friends of the church could meet their new pastor, Rev. John Dilling, and family.

The National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church has designated the months of January and February as the time for special emphasis on personal visitation and evangelism. The goal is 50,000 calls during the 2 months. Each reader of this paper can have a part in this program by starting now.

Rev. James Beatty was ordained to the Christian ministry December 5 at the Los Angeles, Calif., Third church, where he is now pastor. Dr. Paul Bauman, vice president of Grace Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., was the preacher of the ordination sermon. Others participating in the service were Rev. Robert Kliewer, Rev. Wendell Price, Rev. Jerry Yerian, and Rev. Glenn O'Neal.

The Waynesboro, Pa., church surprised its pastor, Rev. Dennis Holliday, with a birthday party and generous gift. He used the gift money to buy a tape recorder.

Prayer has been requested for the North Buffalo church at Kittanning, Pa., during this period of time it is without a pastor.

At the Los Angeles, Calif., Third church, of which Rev. James Beatty is the pastor, Rev. Harold Etter spoke December 14.

An overnight youth rally is scheduled for the Southeast District January 9-10 at the Limestone, Tenn., church.

The Uniontown, Pa., church, pastored by Rev. Clyde Landrum, adopted the unified service for Sunday mornings, beginning December

14. Rev. William Gray, of Allentown, Pa., preached at the Uniontown church December 14.

The address of Rev. Norman H. Uphouse, effective January 1, 1953, will be 129 Sutherland Avenue Village Apts., Knoxville, Tenn. (Change Annual, p. 78.)

Speakers at the Waterloo, Iowa, church December 7 were Bro. Vernon Schrock and Dr. W. E. Pietsch. This church is pastored by Rev. Lewis Hohenstein.

A youth retreat for the California District is planned for Acorn Lodge January 16-18. Louis Zamperini, former athlete, is to be the special speaker.

The Los Angeles, Calif., First church, of which Rev. Glenn O'Neal is pastor, has planned a watch night service for December 31, with Rev. J. R. Killman as speaker.



Rev. Jack Brown, of the Bear Track Mountain Mission in Kentucky, spoke at the Long Beach, Calif., Second church December 10. Rev. George Peek is pastor of this church.

Rev. Harold Etter spoke at the Modesto, Calif., La Loma church, pastored by Rev. Harold Painter, December 7.

Speakers at the Bellflower, Calif., church November 30 and December 7, while Pastor George Richardson was on vacation, were Rev. Jesse Hall and Rev. Alan Pearce.

Rev. George Kinzie, retired Brethren minister, preached at the Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church December 7. Rev. Clyde Balyo is pastor of this church.

During the Bible conference Dr. Charles Ashman conducted for his son, Rev. Kenneth Ashman, at the Wooster, Ohio, church November 23-28, the attendance averaged 74 at each service.

The Harrisburg, Pa., church, pastored by Rev. Russell Weber, heard Dr. William Mierop December 14.

Rev. Caleb Zimmerman, of the Patterson Park church at Dayton, Ohio, preached at the Waynesboro,

Pa., church, a former pastorate of his, November 16. Rev. Dennis Holliday is now pastor at Waynesboro.

The communion service at the Whittier, Calif., First church, was held December 10 with 115 people present. Rev. Paul Miller and Rev. Carl E. Sisson were in charge.

Miss Edith Knaus, of the Clayton, Ohio, church, was selected as the best junior citizen of the local high school.

Mrs. Retta Virginia Bauman is spending the winter in California, staying with Mrs. Myranna Coon, 1017 Obispo Ave., Long Beach 4, Calif.

The Phoenix, Ariz., church, pastored by Rev. J. C. McKillen, reached a new record in Sunday school December 14 with 79 people present. On the same day 4 people were baptized.

The Sunday school attendance at the San Bernardino, Calif., church reached 145 on December 14, with 89 people in the morning worship service. The congregation has made plans to broadcast from the church auditorium each Sunday evening, 7:30-8:00, during 1953. The cost of the broadcast is underwritten by local pledges.

The church at Everett, Pa., continues to grow, with 78 people in Sunday school December 7 and 89 present the following Sunday. On the corresponding Sundays there were 87 and 80 people in the morning worship services. On December 7 there were 2 public confessions of faith.

The Philadelphia, Pa., First church had a 12-week Sunday school attendance contest which ended December 7. The average attendance was 208, an increase of 20 percent over the corresponding weeks in 1951. Rev. John Neely spoke at the church December 17.

"The Names of the Lord," a series of devotional articles on the various names of our Lord, will be printed in the Herald, beginning with the next issue. These short messages are being written by Rev. Charles Ashman, Rittman, Ohio.

Biographical sketches of "Brethren of Today" will be renewed, beginning next week. These biographies will appear either biweekly or monthly. The first sketch in the new series will be of Dr. Alva J. McClain.

Studies Concerning the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ

IV. THE MESSAGE OF THE INCARNATION

By Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr., New Troy, Mich.

On Christmas Day gaily decorated trees are brightly lighted with many colored bulbs and lights. Nut bowls and candy dishes are in abundance. Homes and buildings are beautifully decorated and good will and good feeling are abundantly evident in the whirl of celebration; but after Christmas—what? Christmas trees are cast away, nut bowls and candy dishes are carefully washed and put away on the top shelf of cupboards for another year, decorations and trimmings are wrapped and stored in attics or storerooms, and along with them are stored the good will and good feeling, reserved until another appropriate season comes along.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day nations have ceased from their warring and an aura of peace has settled over the battlefield, and at least a semblance of good will has existed; but after Christmas—what? The big guns boom, the machine guns rattle, the rifles and pistols bark out, and peace and good will once again have fled from the hearts of men and have been replaced by fear and hate.

Superabundance of Replicas

During the Christmas season replicas of the brilliant star that shone in the heavens over Bethlehem are in superabundance. Models, pictures, and pageant dramatizations of the manger experience are on every hand. The message of the incarnation and the blessings connected with it are to be found in some form or another in almost every newspaper and magazine and on radio and television; but after Christmas—what? The replicas are gone, the models have disappeared, the pageants are forgotten, and the name of that One who was born is rarely seen or heard in the secular press or on the air waves. From all appearances it would seem that mankind had never heard of the Christ and His miraculous birth in the manger of Bethlehem.

In the face of all this we, whose lives have been touched and changed by this message, should carefully ponder the question: after Christmas—what?

Basis of Our Devotion

After Christmas the message of the mystery of the incarnation should become the basis of our devotion. Our destiny, our future is not in the hands of a mere man, not in the hands of a Buddha nor a Ghandi nor a Mohammed, but our future is in the hands of God Himself. Our future is in the hands of the One who existed before the worlds were formed, in the hands of the One who created all things, in whom is life, by whom all things consist, in whom we live and move and have our being. Our future is



Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr.

in the hands of the One for whom a body was prepared. Our future is in the hands of the One who became incarnate in human flesh that He might be the Daysman that man so earnestly and universally desired to bridge the gulf that existed between man and God.

Oh, how there ought to well up in our souls songs and hymns and prayers of praise, how there ought to spring from the depths of our beings complete and unashamed devotion to Him who is the answer to the mystery of godliness, to Him who is God manifest in the flesh.

Basis of Our Confidence

After Christmas the message of the method of the incarnation should become the basis of our confidence and our assurance.

God's Word sets forth some specific requirements with regard to the birth of the One who was to be the Saviour of the world. Those requirements began to be met shortly after Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden of Eden and continued to

be met and narrowed until only 2 remained yet to be fulfilled; the One who was to come was to be born in the little town of Bethlehem and He was to be born of a virgin.

Let us look now to the record of God's Word and see if the birth of the One whom we call Lord and Master meets those requirements. In the account in Luke's Gospel we read that a decree went forth for a taxation of the people and that the people to be taxed were to return to the city of their family origin. This required a man by the name of Joseph and his espoused wife to go to the town of Bethlehem. While they were there a son was born to the wife. This birth at least met the requirement—born in Bethlehem. But what of the other requirement?

The record of Matthew in 1:18-25 of his Gospel answers our question. In clear and unmistakable terms he declares that the woman Mary, while yet a virgin, brought forth her first-born Son and called His name Jesus. Thus the method which God used in coming into the world, the method which God used in becoming incarnate in human flesh becomes the basis of our confidence that the One in whom we put our trust and hope of eternity is verily God manifest in the flesh.

Basis of Our Service

After Christmas the message of the meaning of the incarnation should become the basis of our service for God.

Once again we recall to our memories that to God the incarnation meant the sending of His Son from the glory of heaven to the poverty of earth. He sent His Son "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

To the Son the incarnation meant taking the form of a servant and being found in the fashion of a man to be obedient even unto the death of the cross; it meant being born to die; it meant taking upon His own shoulders the sin of the whole world.

To the world the incarnation meant the coming of the One who was to redeem mankind from the curse of sin; the coming of the One who was to be the propitiation for

the sins of the whole world; the coming of the One who was to give life and give it more abundantly; the coming of the One who was able to save to the uttermost those who would come to Him. How the world needs this message!

And to the *saints* whose lives it has touched and changed and to whom has been committed this word of reconciliation, this message should be the basis of our service, it should be a compelling force that drives us out into the highways and byways with the glad tidings that Jesus is the Saviour, which is Christ the Lord; that He is God manifest in the flesh.

After Christmas—what? Why after Christmas we should fill the world with the message of the atoning death of the One whose birthday we have remembered.

Browsing Among The Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

THE TWELVE MINOR PROPHETS,
by George L. Robinson, Baker
Book House. 1952. Cloth. 203
pp. \$2.50.

This little handbook has been prepared particularly to assist Bible study classes desirous of becoming better acquainted with this portion of Scripture. The style of writing makes it especially helpful for use as a textbook.

Each of the prophets is studied under some or all of these headings: the writer (personality, time of writing, etc.), outline and content, literary style, and permanent value. The work is useful in that one can quickly grasp a general survey of the particular prophet in which one is interested.

The final section of the book deals with some of the more important critical problems connected with the minor prophets. There are a few statements which we would not endorse, but as a whole it is a conservative and accurate analysis of the minor prophets.—*Blaine Snyder.*

Public Confessions

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| Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) | 8 |
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LESSON HELPS AVAILABLE

The lessons in Brethren Sunday schools during the first quarter of 1953 will deal with the Book of Job. For the teachers and students who desire more help than is to be found in the Brethren quarterlies the following books are suggested.

"The Book of Job—An Exposition," by Samuel Ridout, is one of the best. This exposition was written in Dr. Ridout's devotional, reverent, and understandable style. It will be of great help in getting the most from the Book of Job. Price of the book is \$1.75.

"Notes on Job," by Albert Barnes. This is a set of 2 volumes and sells for \$3.50 a volume. This is much more exhaustive than the previous book.

"The Answers of Jesus to Job," by G. Campbell Morgan, sells for \$2 a copy. As the title suggests this book deals with only selected passages (10 of them).

"Sermons from Job," by John Cal-



Alexandria, Virginia

Our revival services, held November 23-30 under the leadership of Bro. William Smith, of Washington, D. C., proved to be a great inspiration and blessing to this church.

Our average attendance for these services was 95. There were 10 public decisions—7 rededications, 2 first-time confessions, and 1 for full-time service. We thank God for these victories.

The average attendances here during November were 136 in Sunday school, 121 in the morning worship, 31 in Brethren Youth Fellowship, 89 in the Sunday evening services, and 27 in the midweek prayer meeting.

The people gave \$665 during November to the building fund, which was used to finish paying for the ceiling and the electrical fixtures and wiring. We are finishing our building as the money is available.—*Kenneth Teague, pastor.*

vin. Here are 20 of Calvin's selected sermons from texts in the Book of Job. There is much valuable material in this volume, but it treats only 20 selected passages. This book sells for \$4.50.

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

| Dates | Church | Pastor | Speaker |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Pond Bank, Pa. ... | Dec. 26-Jan. 4. | Edward Clark... | Robert Ashman. |
| Sharpsville, Ind. . | Dec. 28-Jan. 11. | Scott Weaver.... | Joe Day. |
| Sidney, Ind. | Dec. 28-Jan. 11. | Richard DeArmey | Ding Teuling. |
| Middlebranch, O. . | Dec. 31-Jan. 4... | Edward Lewis.... | Joseph Dombek. |
| Fort Wayne, Ind. . | Jan. 4-11..... | James Hammer... | Herman Centz. |
| Roanoke, Va. | | | |
| (Ghent) | Jan. 4-7..... | Robert Miller.... | |
| Spokane, Wash. . | Jan. 4-7..... | William Schaffer.. | Russell Humberd. |
| Chico, Calif. | Jan. 11-16..... | Ward Tressler.... | Russell Humberd. |
| Modesto, Calif. | | | |
| (La Loma).... | Jan. 12-18..... | Harold Painter... | Vincent Bennett. |
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